

March 15, 2010

The REGULAR Meeting of the Woodland City Council was held on the above date at the Woodland City Hall, Council Chambers, 100 Davidson Avenue, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blum. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Councilmember John Burke
Councilmember Marilee McCall
Councilmember Aaron Christopherson
Councilmember Susan Humbyrd
Councilmember Benjamin Fredricks
Councilmember Tom Mattison
Councilmember Al Swindell

Absent: None

Also Present: Clerk-Treasurer Mari Ripp
Police Chief Rob Stephenson
Fire Chief Mike Jackson
Community Development Planner Keiichiro Zushi
Public Works Director Steve Branz
City Attorney Bill Eling

RECOGNITION OF NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

1. Melton Sledge III
2. Nick Huesties

CITIZEN INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mike Curry, Horseshoe Lake Management Committee – presented a letter to the council which addressed selection and placement of trees at Horseshoe Lake Park. Discussion followed.

Joyce Raney, 415 Robinson Road-spoke on the high water that occurs on the road at Columbia Street near the Community Garden. Also spoke on the Dike Road high water that occurs during heavy rain. She asked why they have not been fixed?

Steve Branz, Public Works Director addressed her questions. They are hoping to address the Columbia Street drainage this summer as budget allows.

Walter Church, Jr., 124 Truth Street-1) spoke on the history of the Horseshoe Lake Project Phase II. He recommends that any deciduous trees should not be planted near Horseshoe Lake within 30 feet of the lake. 2) Spoke on the Mower bid ad.

Jeff Sullivan, 130 S. Pekin Road-Spoke on the gang tagging at Fleetwood Homes, Moose Lodge, Grange, and other various buildings. He has contacted Todd Uleck, Fleetwood properties 951-351-3865spoke to him. He is urging a graffiti nuisance ordinance be passed. He is also volunteering his time for tagging removal. Councilmember Fredricks inquired if it should be referred to the Public Works Committee? Also possibly to the Public Safety Committee.

Brent Shelton, Public Works-laid off in September, 2009 for a temporary workforce reduction. He spoke of the 2 laborers that are to be hired in 2010. He has kept his certifications up and is ready to come back to work.

Noel Johnson, PO Box 1955, Woodland-the Woodland Fire Dept had their Annual Banquet. Firefighter of the Year was Battalion Chief Justin Gordon.

PROCLAMATION

Arbor Day- will be observed Saturday, April 10, 2010

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember McCall moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Christopherson seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison, Swindell No: None
Abstain: None. (7-0)

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REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

- Mayor
 - Gambling License/Raffle: Fish First
 - Liquor License renewal-AM/PM Mini Market and Quikway Market
 - Fund 225 CLID early bond call for 2011 & 2012
 - Clerk/Treasurer
 - Monthly website status report
 - Special Meeting/Workshop 2010/2011 Council goals & priorities, Saturday April 17th 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at a location TBD
 - Grant submittal for FVRL for Cowlitz Co. Rural County Public Facilities funds due March 19th
 - 4th Quarter 2009 reports (all departments)
 - Wellness event-March of Dimes Walk on April 24th
 - Resolution No. 585-declaring surplus handed out (Action M)
 - Invitation to host a Chamber After Hours event
- Councilmember Swindell commended the Clerk Treasurer and Public Works Director for their work on the FVRL grant for facilities.
- Police
 - 4th Quarter 2009 report
 - Council commended the Police Department for their work in 2009
 - Fire
 - 4th Quarter 2009 report
 - Reported on the 3rd floor renovations
 - Public Works
 - 4th Quarter 2009 report
 - Public Works Director is advocating for future hiring of a Code Enforcement Officer
 - Inquiry about broken down parked vehicle on Woodside Terrace
 - No truck parking signs on Pacific Avenue
 - Building Planning
 - 4th Quarter 2009 report
 - 4th Quarter 2009 report
 - Planning Commission met March 10th at the Community Center
 - Workshop March 23rd Council Chambers 10:00 am to 11:30 am re: Makers
 - Public Meeting/Open House, Saturday, April 3, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Council Chambers with the Downtown District property owners
 - Attorney
 - Memos passed out tonight re: Ord 1180 Council Rules & Procedures

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- Human Resources/
Government
 - Susan Humbyrd
 - Next meeting March 24th 5:00 p.m.; Discussion on 2010 schedule; Save the Date-Employee/Volunteer Recognition picnic August 4, 2010 at Horseshoe Lake Park
- Finance
 - Benjamin Fredricks
 - Next meeting March 22nd 5:30 p.m.; Discussion on 2010 schedule
- Public Safety
 - Marilee McCall
 - Met March 15th 5pm Discussed Police facility needs; update on Fire grants applied for
- Public Utilities
 - Tom Mattison
 - Met March 9th 5:30 p.m. discussed Walt's Meats, SR503 funding issues, and Horseshoe Lake pump status
- Facilities
 - Marilee McCall
 - Update (Police and Fire); Financing options, etc.; meeting March 29th 6pm at the council chambers
- Horseshoe Lake Mgmt
 - Mike Curry
 - Pump still out for repairs; lake is down to July levels; Fish & Wildlife rep will be back in May to review status of carp; future washing station possible to wash boats to prevent zebra mussels ;

Councilmember McCall clarified that any items that affect the lake should be referred through the Horseshoe Lake Committee. Discussion followed.

Parks/Recreation - Aaron Christopherson - Next meeting March 17th 5pm at the Community Center; officially invited the Horseshoe Lake Committee

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Comprehensive Plan Review Marilee McCall - Legislators have continued the deadline for Comp Plan 2 additional years
 - Attended a meeting on providing food to the community. It involved the youth as well. They commended the Community Garden effort.

Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments Susan Humbyrd - Annual meeting/luncheon March 24, 2010 11:45 a.m. at LCC Student Center Conference room

AWC/Legislative Aaron Christopherson - Extended the session for approximately 1 week

Chamber of Commerce Downtown Revitalization Walt Hansen - Discussed the Gateway District and Historical preservation. The DWR is supporting the CPAT report.

Woodland Quality Community Coalition Marilee McCall - Small group has not met. The next meeting is April 21st 6pm at the Port
 Community Garden - Aaron Christopherson - Sites are being rented. It has been rototilled.

Water Sewer Advisory Committee - John Burke or Tom Mattison -

The Council recessed at 8:54 p.m. to 9:02 p.m.

CITIZEN INPUT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Item B, D, E and F were removed.

A) Approve Claims voucher warrants number 39320 through 39375 for the first half of the month of March, 2010 in the amount of \$145,048.93.

C) Authorize replacement of bullet proof vests for police department in the amount of \$4,000 (as budgeted).

Councilmember McCall moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Burke seconded the motion.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison, Swindell No: None Abstain: None. (7-0)

M/S/C

ACTION AGENDA

Action B) Approve Minutes of February 10th, February 22nd as corrected and continue March 1st minute approval to next council meeting

Councilmember Fredricks moved to approve the February 10th minutes, approve the pending changes to February 22nd last on adjournment and Action V March 1st to add verbatim the motion made by Councilmember Swindell. Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion.

Amendment: Councilmember Burke moved to approve the February 10th, approve February 22nd meeting as corrected and continue the approval of the March 1st to the next council meeting. Councilmember McCall seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Mattison, Swindell No: Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks Abstain: None. (4-3)

M/S/C

Main motion: moved to approve the February 10th minutes, approve the pending changes to February 22nd last section on adjournment and continue the approval of the March 1st to the next council meeting.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison, Swindell No: None

Abstain: None. (7-0)

M/S/C

Action D) VFW Memorial Day Event May 31, 2010 at Hoffman Plaza

Action E) VFW Veteran's Day Event November 11, 2010 at Hoffman Plaza

Action F) Moose Lodge Easter Egg Hunt April 3, 2010 at Horseshoe Lake Park; and have staff provide a fee exemption policy for future events

Councilmember McCall moved to authorize VFW Memorial Day event Monday, May 31st at Hoffman Plaza, Street closure and waiver of fees per request; and subject to insurance as required by the Clerk Treasurer. Councilmember Swindell seconded the motion. Discussion ensued about waiver of fees and how they are determined.

Amendment Councilmember Fredricks moved to additionally approve Action E and F and have staff provide a fee exemption policy for future events. Councilmember Christopherson seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison, Swindell No: None

Abstain: None. (7-0)

M/S/C

Main motion

Action D) to authorize VFW Memorial Day event Monday, May 31st at Hoffman Plaza, Street closure and waiver of fees per request; and subject to insurance as required by the Clerk Treasurer; and

Action E) Authorize VFW Veteran's Day event Thursday, November 11th at Hoffman Plaza, Street closure and waiver of fees per request; and subject to insurance as required by the Clerk Treasurer; and

Action F) Authorize use of the east end Horseshoe Lake Park by the Woodland Moose for an Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 3rd and waiver of fees; and insurance as required by the Clerk Treasurer; and

have staff provide a fee exemption policy for future events.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison, Swindell No: None

Abstain: None. (7-0)

M/S/C

Action G) Authorize purchase of service truck (cab & chassis only) from Columbia Ford per State bid

Councilmember Swindell moved to authorize purchase of service truck (cab & chassis only) from Columbia Ford per State bid in the amount of \$39,171 plus tax (as budgeted).

Councilmember Christopherson seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison, Swindell No: None

Abstain: None. (7-0)

M/S/C

Action H) Authorize adopt Resolution No. 584-concerning the Downtown and Gateway Districts Action Plans

Councilmember Christopherson moved to adopt Resolution No. 584-concerning the Downtown and Gateway Districts Action Plans. Councilmember Mattison seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison, Swindell No: None

Abstain: None. (7-0)

M/S/C

Action I) Ordinance No. 1180-Council Rules & Procedures (rescinding Resolution No. 292, 366 and 378) (Tabled to April 5, 2010)

Councilmember Fredricks moved to table to April 5, 2010 and incorporate the Attorney changes from tonight's memo and strike anything that conflicts. (Ordinance No. 1180-Council Rules & Procedures (rescinding Resolution No. 292, 366 and 378). Councilmember Christopherson seconded the motion.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison, Swindell No: None
Abstain: None. (7-0)

M/S/C

Action J) Adopt Ordinance No. 1184 – Personnel Policy (Tabled to April 5th or 19th)

Discussion followed. Councilmember Burke moved to table to April 5th or 19th council agenda. Councilmember Swindell seconded the motion.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison, Swindell No: None
Abstain: None. (7-0)

M/S/C

Action K) Adopt Ordinance No. 1183 – Sewer discharge (FINAL READING)

Councilmember McCall moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1183 – Sewer discharge (FINAL READING). Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison, Swindell No: None
Abstain: None. (7-0)

M/S/C

Action L) Adopt Ordinance No. 1185 – 2009 Final Budget Amendments (FIRST & FINAL READING)

Councilmember Burke moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1185 – 2009 Final Budget Amendments (FIRST & FINAL READING). Councilmember Fredricks seconded the motion.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison, Swindell No: None
Abstain: None. (7-0)

M/S/C

Action M) Authorize adopt Resolution No. 585- Declare as surplus one 1965 Ford Pickup and one 2002 Chevrolet Impala and authorize sale

Councilmember Burke moved to adopt Resolution No. 585- Declare as surplus one 1965 Ford Pickup and one 2002 Chevrolet Impala and authorize sale. Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison, Swindell No: None
Abstain: None. (7-0)

M/S/C

Action N) Schedule workshop on April 26th for Council discussion on Facilities

Councilmember McCall moved to schedule workshop on April 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. for Council discussion on Facilities. Councilmember Christopherson seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Councilmember McCall requested the information be distributed one week prior to the meeting.

Yes: McCall, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison, Swindell No: Burke Abstain: None. (6-1)

M/S/C

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Charles E. Blum, Mayor

Minutes approved: April 5, 2010

Attest: _____

Mari E. Ripp, Clerk-Treasurer

These minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings.

A recording is available in the office of the Clerk-Treasurer.