

**April 19, 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 Al Swindell

**Absent:** Councilmember Tom Mattison

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

**Action G) To Excuse Councilmember Mattison's absence tonight**

Mayor Blum announced that Councilmember Mattison was absent due to a family matter. Councilmember Fredricks moved to excuse Councilmember Mattison from tonight's meeting. Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Swindell No: None Abstain: None.  
(6-0)

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**CITIZEN INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**Mike Benjamin**, 351 Fir Street-spoke on his utility bill and how the bills are determined. He provided a timeline. He is concerned that the Water Sewer Rate Advisory Committee is not making much progress. Discussion followed.

Staff will report back to the council with a possible rate recommendation by the June 7<sup>th</sup> council meeting for the August 25<sup>th</sup> and October 25<sup>th</sup> billing.

**Marshall Allen**, 320 Fir Street-also spoke on the water and sewer billing. He requested that the council pass an ordinance to allow citizens to put in sandpoint wells for irrigation. Discussion followed.

**Darlene Johnson**, PO Box 1808 - spoke on the proposed round-about on Schurman Way, the process and issues. She stated the process that they had to go through is completely unacceptable. The only way they got input was for her to call the state legislators (Ed Orcutt) to

the City and WA State Dept. of Transportation. Starting tomorrow their company is going to be using Exit 21 truck route. Their concern is the ridge, islands and size of the round-about.

**Anders Johnson**, Woodland Truck Line, spoke on the proposed round-about. He outlined size, lengths, loads, the inner-island, grades, etc. Discussion followed.

**Jim Johnson**, Woodland Truck Line, 39016 NW Goosehill Road, Woodland, spoke on the proposed round-about. He outlined the process of when they built their new facility in the 1990's on Schurman Way vs. today's process. He questioned why the City is using the expert testimony when it is not correct. He invited a ride-along to test the turns today. He stated that accidents will occur with the current design. They need to get the experts involved with the users (trucking companies.) Discussion followed.

**Sam Wallin**, Woodland Community Librarian, spoke on the grant application to purchase the Centennial Building. He outlined the Library's outcomes if a new library is built. He is supportive of the grant application for Cowlitz County Rural Public Facilities grant.

**Bill Raybell**, PDM Steel, PO Box 2023, Woodland, spoke on the proposed round-about. He has spoke to his drivers and corporate and his company will be taking Exit 21 truck route starting tomorrow. He invited the council and staff to discuss it with them as no one has come yet. Discussion followed.

**Jeff Sullivan**, 130 S. Pekin Rd., Woodland, thanked the City for their attendance at the meeting held with the Clark County Commissioners relating to jurisdiction of Horseshoe Lake. Mayor Blum responded. Cowlitz Co. Commissioners have since been re-contacted to get on their agenda for this jurisdiction issue. Mr. Sullivan stated that his point is that as a property owner of the City, he hopes to enjoy the same protection of living within a no wake zone.

**Scott Perry**, 180 S. Pekin Rd., Woodland, thanked the City for their attendance at the Clark Co. Commissioners meeting relating to jurisdiction. He recalled that the lake committee has met 3-4 times and consistently recommended a 5 m.p.h. speed on the entire lake. He followed with history of enforcement. He referenced modified rules that he proposes (in a written draft document.) He is looking for direction from the City on how to proceed with new revised rules. Mayor Blum requested he turn it into the Clerk Treasurer and it will be distributed.

**Nelson Holmberg**, Executive Director, Port of Woodland, spoke on the Industrial Park and Schurman Way. He cited freight mobility is needed. Marketing potential can be affected if freight mobility is affected.

Councilmember Fredricks asked if the Port is supporting the current 20 year transportation plan. It was stated it was between the City of Woodland, WADOT, Port and Cowlitz County.

## AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Burke moved to approve the agenda. Humbyrd seconded the motion.  
Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Swindell No: None Abstain: None.  
(6-0)

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## REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

- Mayor
  - Gambling licenses 1) Raffle-Fish First 2) VFW 3) Merwin Tap
  - Liquor license renewals 1) Lewis River Shell & Mart 2) Old Town Grill & Back Alley Bar 3) Oak Tree Restaurant 4) Josiah's
- Clerk/Treasurer
  - Special Meeting/Workshop on April 26, 2010 7:00 p.m. for Council Facilities discussion
  - Training-Jurassic Parliament May 10<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm or 7pm-9:30 pm at Council Chambers
  - Website Status Report
  - Cowlitz Co. Summit May 26<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. at Cowlitz Event Center
  - Announced Clerk III vacancy in Clerk Treasurer Dept. on April 30<sup>th</sup>
- Police
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- Fire
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- Public Works
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- Building
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- Planning
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- Attorney
  - Report on Sherry Stewart, 208 Buckeye St.
  - March 2010 to current Activity Report

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- Human Resources/
  - Susan Humbyrd
  - Next meeting April 28<sup>th</sup> 5pm
- Government
- Finance
  - Benjamin Fredricks
  - Next meeting April 29<sup>th</sup> 5pm
- Public Safety
  - Marilee McCall
  - Meeting April 19<sup>th</sup>; Discussed COPS hiring grant 2010, options for Fire Chief vehicle, 3 Fire grant opportunities, Opticon and signal lights, Parental Responsibility draft ordinance; Next meeting May 17<sup>th</sup>
- Public Utilities
  - Al Swindell
  - Met April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Farmers Market has been cancelled, CWCOG grants, Walt's Meats sewer charges, working with Pacific Seafood for waste disposal, subdivision phasing is complete, HS Lake outfall pump is being installed/pumping capacity, 503 design is proceeding August and complete in October, Cowlitz Co. grant prioritization; Next meeting May 11<sup>th</sup>

- Facilities - Marilee McCall - Workshop next Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>
- Horseshoe Lake Mgmt - Tom Golik - Next meeting May 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm
- Parks/Recreation - Aaron - Next meeting April 21<sup>st</sup> 5pm
- Christopherson

**AD HOC COMMITTEES**

- Comprehensive Plan Review Marilee McCall -
- Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Susan Humbyrd - Meet April 22<sup>nd</sup> at noon
- Governments
- AWC/Legislative Aaron - Upcoming conference in Vancouver
- Christopherson June 23-25
- Chamber of Commerce - After Hours April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Holland
- America Bulb Farm
- Downtown Revitalization Tom Golik -
- Woodland Quality Community Marilee McCall - Next Joint meeting April 21<sup>st</sup> 6pm
- Coalition sponsored by the Port at the Woodland
- School Commons
- Community Garden - Aaron - Inquired how many spots have been
- Christopherson rented
- Water Sewer Advisory - John Burke - Met April 15<sup>th</sup> ; Report of last meeting;
- Committee sandpoint wells were discussed

Recessed at 8:43 p.m. to 8:52 p.m.

**CITIZEN INPUT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

**Al Swindell**, 1167 Glennwood Street, (moved to the floor to address the council) spoke in support of the FVRL grant application for the Cowlitz County Rural Public Facilities grant. He stated that a library in the downtown would benefit the City of Woodland. Read a letter from the Columbian editorials, from today, relating to the Ridgefield Library and a patron. He stated that we need to remember what we are about and the vision for the community.

**Dan Freedman**, Longview Housing Authority, 1207 Commerce Avenue, Longview, spoke on the LHA project to build and operate a new facility on Glennwood Street (across from the Community Garden.) The site is adequately served by utilities. However it is zoned light industrial and would require a rezone to medium density multi-family residential zone and Comprehensive Plan change. Tonight’s request is to get assistance from the Document Recording Fee fund to assist with their project costs. They have received a \$200,000 grant from Clark County for the acquisition of the land. He spoke on the use of the 2008 and 2009 Document Recording Fees through the LHA and Woodland Community Service Center (WCSC).

**Kathie Griffin**, 5400 Meeker Drive, Kalama, Chair of the Board of the Woodland Community Service Center, request for the next \$10,000 for emergency housing. Thanked the City for support and also for the LHA help in administering the program.

Spoke on the Library grant project and supports it. Her firm, Children's Place, recently came to Woodland to celebrate Dr. Seuss and reading at the La Casa San Juan Diego apartments with assistance of FVRL.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A) Approve claims voucher warrants number 39486 through 39561 for the first half of the month of April, 2010 in the amount of \$166,440.56.

B) Approve minutes of April 5, 2010 as presented.

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

Yes: Burke, McCall, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Swindell No: None Abstain: None.  
(6-0)

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### **ACTION**

#### **Action C) Authorize payment from Fund 105 Document Recording Fees to Longview Housing Authority for 2 items**

Councilmember Burke moved Councilmember Swindell seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Councilmember Swindell announced that his wife sits on the Board for the WCSC.

Motion withdrawn by Councilmember Burke.

Councilmember Burke moved to authorize payment from Document Recording Fees to Longview Housing Authority (LHA) for affordable housing project in the amount of \$6,500; and to Woodland Community Service Center/LHA for emergency housing in the amount of \$10,000 (per Agreement). Councilmember McCall seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks No: None Abstain: Swindell. (5-0)

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#### **Action D) Ordinance No. 1184 – Personnel Policy (FIRST READING) – TABLED to May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 Council meeting**

Councilmember McCall moved to table to May 3, 2020 council meeting (to adopt Ordinance No. 1184 – Personnel Policy amending Ordinance 1001 (FIRST READING).) Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Swindell No: None Abstain: None.  
(6-0)

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#### **Action E) Motion to Reconsider Action of March 1, 2010 relating to Cowlitz Co. Rural Facilities Grant submittal for Fort Vancouver Regional Library to fund Centennial Building purchase and renovation -- MOTION AND SECOND WITHDRAWN**

Councilmember Fredricks moved to reconsider Action item (V) of March 1, 2010 meeting: Fort Vancouver Regional Library Grant application for Cowlitz Co. Rural Facilities grant. Councilmember Christopherson seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Motion and second withdrawn.

Councilmember Fredricks moved to suspend the rules and allow the council to reconsider Action item (V) of March 1, 2010 meeting: Fort Vancouver Regional Library Grant application for Cowlitz Co. Rural Facilities grant. Councilmember McCall seconded the motion. Discussion followed. It was determined under direction of the City Attorney that a motion to reconsider is not needed for this item.

Motion and second withdrawn.

**Action F) Authorize staff to prepare a letter to Cowlitz Co. Commissioners outlining the Cowlitz Co. Rural Facilities grant request priorities**

Councilmember McCall moved to instruct staff to prepare a letter to Cowlitz County Commissioners outlining Cowlitz Co. Rural Facilities grant request priorities as determined by a majority vote of the City Council. Councilmember Burke seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Amended Motion:

Councilmember Christopherson moved to amend the motion to write a letter with the Library is the #1 priority and if that is not a viable project to be funded, then a second letter with the #1 priority would be SR503 left turn lane. Councilmember Swindell seconded the motion.

Yes: Swindell No: Burke, McCall, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks Abstain: None. (1-5)

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Main motion:

Motion and second withdrawn.

Councilmember Fredricks moved to have the City draft a letter with the funding #1 priority Dike Access Round-about and remove consideration of the other two items.

No second was received.

Motion:

Councilmember Burke moved to prepare a letter with priority #1) SR503/Left turn lane #2) Library #3) Schurman Way Round-About No second was received.

Motion:

Councilmember McCall moved to instruct staff to prepare a letter to Cowlitz County Commissioners outlining Cowlitz Co. Rural Facilities grant request as priority #1) Dike Rd/Schurman Round-about #2) Library facility #3) SR503 widening and turn lanes . Councilmember Christopherson seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Christopherson, Swindell No: Humbyrd, Fredricks Abstain: None. (4-2)

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The meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

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Charles E. Blum, Mayor

Minutes approved: 5/3/10

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.