

May 17, 2010

Mayor Blum introduced Keith Locke, Council President and Dave Morten, Police Commissioner from St Helens Oregon.

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: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Gina Anderson
Police Chief Rob Stephenson
Public Works Director Steve Branz
City Attorney Bill Eling
Fire Chief Mike Jackson
Community Development Planner Kei Zushi

CITIZEN INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Stephanie Scott, distributed a handout and addressed Council regarding her business license application for a preschool in an existing building. Community Planner Zushi will do further research.

Noel Johnson, PO Box 1955, stated that Beaver Boosters had a wonderful fundraising event, Pomeroy Living History Farm Herb Festival pictures will be on his website this week, thanked Benno Dobbe for truck to deliver the hanging baskets, tomorrow is the 30th anniversary of Mt St Helens and urged the Council that the hateful signs in town be taken down. A handout titled "Elephant in the Living Room" was distributed to the Council.

PRESENTATION

- a. St Helens Fireworks request for support/funding by Keith Locke and Dave Morten

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Burke 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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PUBLIC HEARING

a. Water Sewer Rate Modification

Public Works Director Branz gave an overview of the current situation. In February 2009 we changed the rates and are now losing money in sewer fund. A second issue is citizen complaints on paying sewer for watering their gardens. City is currently considering averaging summer water bills.

Public hearing opened at 7:36 p.m.

Pete Grace, 1945 Whitetail Lane, looked into possibility of a sandpoint well but not an option at his residence. He commented it sounds good to average for the summer. It would give everyone a break.

Public hearing closed at 7:38 p.m.

Council and staff discussion followed.

ACTION (K) Hire Consultant to review our sewer rate structure

Councilmember McCall moved to hire a consultant to review our sewer rate structure in an amount not to exceed \$8,500 and receive information as rapidly as possible. Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Council would like staff to generate numbers at the same time as the consultant.

Councilmember Fredricks moved to refer to committee. Motion died due to lack of a second.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Mattison No: Fredricks, Swindell Abstain: None. (5-2)

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REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Mayor

- Liquor license renewals 1) Woodland Moose 2) Toad's Express Mart
- Gambling License – Planters Days Raffle
- Applications for Horseshoe Lake Management Committee - appointing Darwin Rounds, Neal Van Horn and Terry Jones

Councilmember Burke voiced frustration over receiving the applications this evening.

Councilmember McCall wanted to make sure that the committee was diverse and not just citizens who live on the lake.

Clerk/Treasurer

- Special Meeting/Workshop on May 24, 2010 7:00 p.m. regarding Goal – Public Involvement
- Cowlitz County Summit, May 26th at 6:00 p.m. at Cowlitz Event Center

Police

- Judges at Convalescent Center Chili Cook Off

Fire

- Successful save of Cardiac Arrest at High School

Planning

- Met May 12th and discussed permit extension request
- Next meeting, June 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Mattison inquired about the levy recertification and 208 Buckeye.

- Attorney - Two nonconforming issues: 208 Buckeye & 1773 Goerig Street
- Municipal Attorneys met in Vancouver last week Recertification is a statewide problem

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- Human Resources/
Government - Susan Humbyrd - May 26th meeting cancelled due to conflict with Cowlitz Summit, Next meeting June 23rd at 5:00 p.m.
- Jobs: Laborer/Parks – filled; Clerk III interviews on May 27th; Summer Laborers (x2) closes May 24th; Laborer closes June 14th
- Finance - Benjamin Fredricks - Next meeting May 27th at 5:00 p.m.
- Public Safety - Marilee McCall - No items for agenda on May 17th; Next meeting June 21st at 5:30 p.m.
- Public Utilities - Tom Mattison (reported by Al Swindell) - Met May 11th and discussed the water sewer rates, vehicle gross weight, Pacific Seafood request, Cascade Natural Gas request for pressure reducing station, 503 Design, sandpoint wells, Walt’s Meats impact and property sale offer
- Next meeting June 8th at 5:30 p.m.
- Facilities - Marilee McCall - USDA Loan Application pending
- Horseshoe Lake Mgmt - Tom Golik - Fish & Wildlife here June 7th to due test
- netting for grass carp
- Met May 13th, Next meeting May 19th at 7:00 p.m.
- Parks/Recreation - Aaron Christopherson - Next meeting May 19th at 5:00 p.m. at the Community Center

Councilmember McCall inquired about park land acquisition.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments - Susan Humbyrd - Next meeting, May 27th in Longview
- AWC/Legislative - Aaron Christopherson - Registration for AWC Annual Conference in Vancouver June 23-25
- Chamber of Commerce - After Hours, May 20th at Woodland Museum
- Downtown Revitalization - Tom Golik - Hanging Baskets to be hanged this week

Recessed at 8:34 p.m. and reconvened at 8:43 p.m.

CITIZEN INPUT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Pete Grace, 1945 Whitetail Lane, distributed pictures and voiced concern about problem of a commercial vehicle causing friction between neighbors. The vehicle is over weight limit and shouldn't be in the neighborhood.

Kurt Snead, 295 Hillshire Drive, talked about the cost of moving his truck in these hard economic times. He just wants to park his truck in his driveway.

Ross Musgrove, 1920 Whitetail Lane, stated his truck weighs 16, 000 lbs and is licensed for 26,000 pounds to pull a trailer. Weight should be raised.

CONSENT AGENDA

A) Approve claims voucher warrants number 39642 through 39707 for the first half of the month of May, 2010 in the amount of \$142,958.34.

B) Approve minutes of April 17 and May 5, 2010 as presented.

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

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

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Action C) Adopt Resolution 586 – Buy local and use local businesses and local businesses and services whenever practical and possible

Mayor Blum gave the background for this resolution.

Councilmember Christopherson moved to adopt Resolution 586 – Buy local and use local businesses and local businesses and services whenever practical and possible. Councilmember McCall seconded the motion. Discussion ensued.

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

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Action D) Authorize City Attorney to prepare ordinance to amend WMC 10.56.030 -Truck tractors and trailers in residential areas

Councilmember Swindell moved to authorize City Attorney to prepare ordinance to amend WMC 10.56.030 – Truck tractors and trailers in residential areas. Councilmember Fredricks seconded the motion. Discussion ensued.

Yes: Burke, Swindell No: McCall, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison Abstain: None. (2-5)

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Councilmember Fredericks moved to refer WMC 1.56.030 – Truck tractors and trailers in residential areas back to the Public Works Committee with action to the Council by June 21st. Councilmember Humbyrd seconded. Discussion ensued.

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

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Action E) Ordinance No. 1184 – Personnel Policy (SECOND READING)

Councilmember McCall moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1184 – Personnel Policy amending Ordinance 1001 (SECOND READING). Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Burke moved to refer Ordinance No 1184 to the Human Resources Committee. Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion.

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

M/S/C

Action F) Authorize Mayor to sign Woodland Police Officers Association (WPOA) Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2010 to 2012

Councilmember Burke moved to authorize Mayor to sign Woodland Police Officers Association (WPOA) Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2010 to 2012..Councilmember McCall seconded the motion. Discussion ensued.

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

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Action G) Adopt Ordinance No. 1136 – Allowable Industrial Uses (FIRST READING)

Councilmember Fredricks moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1136 – Allowable Industrial Uses (FIRST READING). Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion. Discussion ensued.

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

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Action H) Authorize Mayor to sign Reimbursable Services Agreement with Clark Regional Wastewater District for sewer cleaning and TV work

Councilmemembr Burke moved to authorize Mayor to sign Reimbursable Services Agreement with Clark Regional Wastewater District for sewer cleaning and TV work. Councilmember Fredricks seconded the motion. Discussion ensued.

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

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Action I) Authorize Mayor to sign Product and Equipment Agreement with Northstar Chemical for Water Treatment Plant chemicals

Councilmember Burke moved to authorize Mayor to sign Product and Equipment Agreement with Northstar Chemical for Water Treatment Plant chemicals. Councilmember Swindell seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

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

M/S/C

Action J) Authorize expenditure in the amount of \$26,375.00 for Schurman Way round-about design modifications and bidding

Councilmember Fredricks moved to authorize expenditure in the amount of \$26,375.00 for Schurman Way round-about design modifications and bidding. Councilmember McCall seconded the motion. Discussion ensued.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Christopherson, Fredricks, Swindell No: Humbyrd, Mattison Abstain: None. (5-2)

M/S/C

Action L) Human Resources Committee look into funding for a part-time code enforcement officer

Councilmember Burke moved to have the Human Resources Committee look into funding a part-time Code Enforcement Officer. Councilmember Swindell seconded the motion. Discussion ensued.

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

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The meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Charles E. Blum, Mayor

Minutes approved: 6/7/2010

Attest: _____
Georgina D. Anderson, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer