

**November 22, 2010**

The SPECIAL 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.

**Present:** Councilmember John Burke  
Councilmember Aaron Christopherson  
Councilmember Benjamin Fredricks  
Councilmember Tom Mattison  
Councilmember Al Swindell

**Absent:** Councilmember Marilee McCall  
Councilmember Susan Humbyrd

**Also Present:** Clerk-Treasurer Mari Ripp  
Sergeant Robb Lipp  
Public Works Director Steve Branz  
Fire Chief Mike Jackson

#### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Councilmember Burke moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Swindell seconded the motion.

Yes: Burke, Christopherson, Fredricks, Mattison, Swindell No: None Abstain: None. (5-0)  
M/S/C

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

##### 1. 2011 Final Budget

The public hearing was opened at 7:03 p.m. Mari Ripp, Clerk Treasurer presented information on the 2011 Final Budget.

**Rebecca Roberts**-on the Board for the Lilac Gardens. Had 15,000 people in a 3 week period during the 2010 Lilac Days. For 2010 they spent \$4,054 for publicity for Garden Time, ads, etc. They appeared on AM Northwest and they received a free public service announcement. Their publicity runs from Bellingham to Eugene. They receive over 100 tour groups at the Gardens. The Klager house is over 120 years old. The person who grew the lilac starts announced her retirement thus resulting in the Lilac Gardens having to purchase the remaining stock, which was a huge expenditure.

**Becky Bjur**, 959 Hoffman, 1015 Pacific Avenue, spoke on public safety and it's importance for residents and for businesses. Encourages the city to not go back for coverage. Supports the fire department and police department. Does not want layoffs, other positions could be laid off like operations, clerks, etc. Opposes water and sewer rate increases. She likes to keep a green yard and her bill was over \$300 due to the charges on the sewer. In her business she has public

restrooms and pays for all customers inside and outside city limits. Questioned if the council could raise the sales tax rate?

Mari Ripp, Clerk Treasurer responded that the city is looking into a voter approved public safety sales tax for 2011. Mayor Blum also mentioned that if the city forms a Transportation Benefit District an additional sales tax could be implemented.

Bjur also asked about a change in form of government such as a city manager which she feels is needed due to the growth in the budget and finances over the past years.

Mayor commented that this matter was defeated in the election a year ago. Discussion followed.

**Darlene Johnson**, PO Box 1808, Woodland- encourages the council to accept the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee recommendation for the 2011 Hotel Motel tax funding for the agency requests.

The public hearing was closed at 7:33 p.m.

Mayor Blum turned the discussion over to council for questions.

## **ACTION AGENDA**

### **Action A) Ordinance No. 1203-setting the 2011 Final Budget (FIRST READING)**

Councilmember Burke moved to approve Ordinance No. 1203-setting the 2011 Final Budget (FIRST READING). Councilmember Fredricks seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

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

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The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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Charles E Blum, Mayor

Minutes approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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