

February 21, 2012

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

Present: Councilmember John Burke
Councilmember Benjamin Fredricks
Councilmember Al Swindell
Councilmember Marshall Allen
Councilmember Scott Perry

Absent: Councilmember Marilee McCall (excused)
Councilmember Susan Humbyrd (excused)

Also Present: Clerk-Treasurer Mari Ripp
Police Chief Rob Stephenson
City Attorney Bill Eling
Fire Chief Mike Jackson
Community Development Planner Carolyn Johnson
Interim Public Works Director Ken Alexander

Excuse Councilmember McCall from tonight's meeting

Clerk-Treasurer Ripp announced that Councilmember McCall sent a message she would not be present at tonight's meeting as her son is here from Arizona. She had not heard from Councilmember Humbyrd. (Update: Mayor Laseke and Deputy Clerk Anderson were contacted prior to the meeting and Councilmember Humbyrd was out of town on family matters.) Councilmember Burke moved to excuse Councilmember McCall. Councilmember Swindell seconded the motion.

Yes: Burke, Fredricks, Swindell, Allen, Perry No: None Abstain: None. (5-0)

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CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Noel Johnson, PO Box 1955, - welcomed Jim Irish, City of La Center and his wife Candy to tonight's meeting.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Jim Irish, Mayor of La Center, 214 E. 4th Street, La Center WA – supports the hiring of Bart Stepp as Woodland's Public Works Director with a happy heart for Woodland and a sad heart for La Center. He is very knowledgeable and experienced person with a good background. He is dedicated to the city and the community.

Candy Irish, 1615 E. Heritage Loop, La Center – spoke in support of Bart Stepp. She spoke highly of his skills and experience and what he will bring to the City of Woodland.

OATH OF OFFICE – DAVID YARNELL, VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER

Chief Stephenson introduced candidate David Yarnell and administered the Oath of Office for Volunteer Community Service Officer for the Police Department.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Burke moved to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of Action item H. Councilmember Swindell seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, Fredricks, Swindell, Allen, Perry No: None Abstain: None. (5-0)

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REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Clerk-Treasurer - Revised 2012 Boards and Committee meeting schedule

Planning - Special Meeting / Joint meeting of Planning Commission and City Council, Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss 1) 2012 Goals and Priorities and 2) For the Council and Commission to hear a presentation by the Clark County Aging Readiness Task Force

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve Claims Voucher warrants 42890 through 42940 for the first half of the month of February, 2012 in the amount of \$111,987.83.

B. Approval of minutes of February 4, 6 and 13, 2012.

C. Authorize Mayor to sign Request and Agreement for Reimbursable work by Cowlitz County for annual chip seal, street striping, and end line flushing in the amount not to exceed \$107,200.

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

Yes: Burke, Fredricks, Swindell, Allen, Perry No: None Abstain: None. (5-0)

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ACTION AGENDA

Action D) Confirm appointment of Bart Stepp as Public Works Director

Mayor Laseke introduced Bart Stepp who was in the audience. Councilmember Swindell moved to confirm appointment of Bart Stepp as Public Works Director. Councilmember Perry seconded the motion. Discussion ensued.

Yes: Burke, Fredricks, Swindell, Allen, Perry No: None Abstain: None. (5-0)

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Action E) Authorize Mayor to sign Employment Agreement with Bart Stepp for Public Works Director

Councilmember Swindell moved to authorize Mayor to sign Employment contract with Bart Stepp for Public Works Director. Councilmember Fredricks seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The City Attorney Bill Eling commented on the contract and it's purpose.

Yes: Burke, Fredricks, Swindell, Allen, Perry No: None Abstain: None. (5-0)

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Action F) Authorize Mayor to sign Labor Agreement with IAFF- Firefighters

Councilmember Allen moved to authorize Mayor to sign Labor Agreement with IAFF (International Association of Firefighters) for a term of three (3) years commencing on January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2013. Councilmember Swindell seconded the motion. Discussion followed relating to furlough days, health insurance and higher future contributions from bargaining members.

Yes: Burke, Fredricks, Swindell, Allen, Perry No: None Abstain: None. (5-0)

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Action G) Authorize replacement of 2 bay doors at Station 91 and budget amendment

Chief Jackson gave a report about this action item and is recommending replacement of the 2 original doors. Councilmember Fredricks moved to authorize expenditure for replacement of two (2) bay doors to Station 91 in the amount not to exceed \$15,000 in cost and to prepare the appropriate budget amendment. Councilmember Swindell seconded the motion.

Yes: Burke, Fredricks, Swindell, Allen, Perry No: None Abstain: None. (5-0)

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Action H) Authorize grant application for Horseshoe Lake with Washington Fish and Wildlife for 2012-2013 ALEA grant program

Councilmember Burke moved to authorize Mayor to apply for Horseshoe Lake grant funding through the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife for 2012-2013 Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) grant program and submit by February 29, 2012.

Councilmember Fredricks seconded the motion.

Yes: Burke, Fredricks, Swindell, Allen, Perry No: None Abstain: None. (5-0)

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ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Burke moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Swindell seconded the motion.

Yes: Burke, Fredricks, Swindell, Allen, Perry No: None Abstain: None. (5-0)

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Grover B. Laseke, Mayor

Minutes approved: March 5, 2012

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