

October 15, 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. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Councilmember John Burke
Councilmember Marilee McCall
Councilmember Susan Humbyrd
Councilmember Benjamin Fredricks
Councilmember Al Swindell
Councilmember Marshall Allen
Councilmember Scott Perry

Absent: None

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

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Noel Johnson, PO Box 1955, Woodland WA – this past weekend in Ridgefield was Bird Fest. It was a wonderful event. The second item is the Friends of the Library are raising funds for a new library. They are looking for volunteers for the fundraising committee.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Noel Johnson, PO Box 1955, Woodland – Re: Street vacation on Park Road. It is time to get it done. Also for the upcoming Make a Difference Day, he will be photographing the event. Go to LewisRiver.com to see the event info and pictures.

Jim Johnson, 39106 NW Goose Hill Avenue, Woodland – spoke in favor of the pool and the road change (item E).

PROCLAMATION

Make A Difference Day – October 27, 2012. Mayor Laseke read the proclamation into the record.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

Yes: Burke, McCall, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Swindell, Allen, Perry No: None Abstain: None. (7-0)
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PUBLIC HEARING(S)

1. Community Development Block Grant 2013 Application.

Bart Stepp, Public Works Director, gave a summary of the CDBG grant application process for 2013. The Public Hearing was opened at 7:10 p.m.

No comments were received.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:11 p.m.

The City Council discussed some ideas for possible application that included adding a trail (with ADA accessibility) at Horseshoe Lake around the entire lake, add markings, handicap access and a ramp, water trail markings and coordinate with Clark County for markings that match theirs.

2. Street Vacation of a Portion of Park Road.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:16 p.m.

Walter Hansen, Sr., PO Box 2000, Woodland-representing Friends of Horseshoe Lake. He is against a pool in the Park, so vacating the road is in violation of rules and it should not be granted. He stated the State of Washington was not notified of the Public Hearing and they would like to be heard. He gave information on aquatic lands. He said the vote should be delayed until the State has the opportunity to be heard.

Benno Dobbe, 1066 S. Pekin Road, Woodland – spoke in favor of the proposed vacation of a portion of Park Road. He stated the council took action on Resolution No. 617 supporting the vacation of the street. He and his wife Klazina will donate their land to the city as previously pledged. He asks the council to vote in favor of ordinance tonight.

Bob Hall, President of YMCA of Columbia Willamette, 23233 S. Ridge Road, Beaver Creek, OR – He has been working with Benno Dobbe and the Woodland Swimming Pool Community over the past years and worked on their dream to build a swimming pool in the community. The YMCA thinks the location is great for a facility; it will be used by kids and families. It will be a major community hub for the city. He urges passage of the ordinance tonight.

Paul Huddleston, PO Box 973, Woodland – supports the idea of a pool in this community. He admires Benno for his persistence in this project and commends him for this. Mr. Huddleston is the Athletic Director at Woodland High School and has not heard from one person that is not in favor of it at/near Horseshoe Lake Park. He believes the location makes perfect sense and makes it a better situation for the Park. It is time to move forward on this project. WHS has a swim team

and they have to travel out of the community to swim. They would be committed to swimming in Woodland when it happens!

Karen Huddleston, 141 MacKenzie Road, Woodland-also is on the Park Board. She gives her personal support for a pool in the park. Kids need to be taught to swim. Senior citizens need to swim too and in the community. The city needs to have a vision to promote business, revitalize the downtown and take advantage of the natural beauty in Woodland. We need to be a city that plans for the future.

Pasqual Mansy, 306 Hillsdale Drive, spoke in favor of the street vacation. He uses the YMCA in Longview and supports it coming to Woodland. The YMCA brings a lot to the kids. The opportunity should be taken advantage of now. Swimming is a fantastic sport for all ages and the city should support this project.

Linda Wall, 40400 NW Brown Drive, Woodland - is on the Board of the Woodland Swimming Pool Committee. They came in 1992 (her and her husband Fred Wall.) This would be a dream come true after 20 years. Urges all, 100%, to vote yes on the ordinance.

Casey Wycoff, LSW Architects, 2300 Main Street, Vancouver - urges support of the ordinance. Echoed comments before him. With the passage of the Woodland School District bond, there is a positive momentum in the city. Gave kudos to the City staff and they have been exceptional to work with.

Shannon Tracy, 556 Sommerset Road, Woodland – is here speaking on behalf of the kids. They have been praying for a pool in Woodland. They are avid users of water and water sports. Kids need to know how to swim. There are a lot of people that can't drive to other communities to learn to swim. The YMCA is the place for them to learn to swim. Asking on behalf of the children in the community to vote yes on this project and street vacation tonight.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:40 p.m.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS (Limited)

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| Mayor | - Downtown Woodland Revitalization letter – Centennial Art feature - the Mascot. Walter Hansen, Sr. presented the letter to the City. |
| | - Coal webinar by AWC on October 31 st , info to follow. |
| | - Aging Well Forum on Nov 2 nd at LCC, sign up required |
| | - Liquefied natural gas pipeline that is coming through Woodland. A meeting will be held on October 16 th in Woodland |
| Clerk-Treasurer | - Gambling license renewal-Oak Tree Restaurant & Card room |
| | - Special meeting October 22, 2012 7:00 p.m. re: 2013 budget workshop |

CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. Approval of October 15, 2012 claims voucher warrants number 43935 through 44005 for the first half of the month of October, 2012 in the amount of \$828,681.72.

B. Approval of minutes of October 1 and 8, 2012.

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

Yes: Burke, McCall, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Swindell, Allen, Perry No: None Abstain: None. (7-0)
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ACTION ITEMS:

Action C) Authorize to take from the table and authorize purchase of a new phone system, related equipment and installation

Councilmember Fredricks moved to take from the table and authorize purchase of a new phone system, related equipment and installation in the amount not to exceed \$14,300 plus tax.

Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Swindell, Allen, Perry No: None Abstain: None. (7-0)
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Action D) Authorize Mayor to sign policy #2012-001 Council Travel and Training Budget

Councilmember Swindell moved to authorize Mayor to sign policy #2012-001 Council Travel and Training Budget. Councilmember Burke seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Swindell, Allen, Perry No: None Abstain: None. (7-0)
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Action E) Adopt Ordinance No. 1252 – to vacate a portion of Park Road (FIRST READING)

Councilmember Fredricks moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1252 – to vacate a portion of Park Road (FIRST READING). Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion. Discussion ensued.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Swindell, Allen, Perry No: None Abstain: None. (7-0)
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ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Humbyrd moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Fredricks seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Grover B. Laseke, Mayor

Minutes approved: November 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*