

CITY OF WHITE SALMON
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes – March 7, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Gaddis called the Council Meeting of March 7, 2007 to order at 6:00 P.M. Council members C. Marx, C. Benedict, C. Roberts, C. Keene and C. Mayo were present. Staff members present were: Clerk Treasurer – Eric Greene, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer – Judi Culp, Sergeant – Bruce Breeding, Deputy PW Director – Tom Smith, Special Projects Engineer - Mike Wellman. Police Officer – Jim Andring, and City Attorney – Deborah Phillips. Public Representatives included, Donna Marx, Bob Stanwicki, Hillary Demary, Clyde G. Knowles, Judy Farrell, Wayne Wooster, Ruth Winner, Wayne Carlock, Ron Armstrong, Voncille Armstrong, Michael Morneault, Bob Landgren, Kari Abken, Patsy Baumgarden, and The Enterprise – Jesse Burkhart.

II. TOWN HALL

Bob Stanwicki owner of Lot 12 on Panorama Point, White Salmon asked at the February 21, 2007 Council meeting when the 36 available water hookups would be released. Special Projects Engineer Wellman said the Council will be discussing the matter later in the meeting. C. Roberts said a Water/Sewer Committee draft proposal to amend the Ordinance will be reviewed tonight. Roberts said Council will not take action on the proposal tonight. Stanwicki asked if there is a proposed time for taking action on the 36 available water hookups. C. Keene said it would be at an open public meeting. She said Council may have a work session that will be publicly posted to discuss this further.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

No Public Hearing

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) **Minutes of City Council Regular Meeting February 21, 2007.** C. Keene made a *motion* to approve the Minutes of City Council Regular Meeting February 21, 2007 as corrected, C. Roberts *seconded* the motion *Approved 5-0.*

V. ACTION ITEMS (Deferred)

C. Keene said the Proposed Resolution for the Centennial Committee was deferred. Clerk treasurer Greene drafted the Resolution which is being reviewed by Attorney Phillips.

VI. ACTION ITEMS (New)

- 1) **Authorization for request for proposals for ground water source study.**

Special Projects Engineer Wellman asked Council for permission to prepare an RFP for a Ground Water Hydrologist to prepare a Ground Water Study for additional water source needed. Wellman would like to meet with the Water/Wastewater Committee and give to full Council recommendations with a proposed contract to approve. C. Keene asked how many hours the project would take. Wellman said it would be 60 to 100 hours at an estimated amount of \$10,000. C. Roberts made a *motion* to authorize a request for proposals for a

Ground Water Hydrologist to study and recommend potential new groundwater sources. C. Keene *seconded* the motion, *Approved 5-0*.

VII. DEPARTMENT HEAD/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Hunsaker said the contract for the Pierce fire tender has been approved by Attorney Phillips. Any additional funds needed to fund the project will come from the Fire Department Reserve. Chief Hunsaker said presently there is a bill before the state Senate that would exempt Volunteer Departments from paying sales tax. If this goes through it would save the Fire Department money.

Fire Chief Hunsaker said there is a Firewise Presentation scheduled for March 15, 2007 to educate Residents of the dangers that wildland fires pose to people, property, and our natural resources.

Water/Wastewater Committee – C. Roberts said the Committee has met with Wellman and Attorney Phillips regarding needed revisions to the City Ordinances pertaining to future water connection applications. A goal of the committee is to develop and effectuate a policy, which proactively provides for the financing of water related facilities in anticipation of growth, so that existing water customers do not bear a disproportionate share of the cost of new facilities. Attorney Phillips recommended a work session for Council and staff to review the Proposed Ordinance Revisions.

Deputy PWD Smith said several projects are in the works, they are:

- 1) Preparing a RFP for Painting the Fire Hall. He would like to send out the RFP's in April and start work in May.
- 2) Preparing a RFP for replacing the roof at City Hall. He would like to send out the RFP's in April and start work in May.
- 3) Preparing a RFP for Jewett Streetscape and Firemen's Park. He would like to send out the RFP's in March and start work in April.
- 4) Preparing a RFP for the Shop Lift. He would like to send out the RFP's in March and start work in April.
- 5) City Crew is building a meter bench for the calibration of water meters. Testing in-house would save the City money rather than sending meters out.
- 6) SPE Wellman said City Crew tested the main well meter and discovered it was losing water. Deputy PWD Smith said the SCADA system is being updated.
- 7) Discussion of No Parking signs on Vine Street –Deputy PWD Smith said signs were put up because of a parking complaint on the West end of Vine. C. Marx said if the Ordinance could not be enforced the City should pull all the No parking signs. C. Marx said he would like the Street Committee to meet to discuss changing the Ordinance enforcing no parking signs within the City.

C. Marx asked if all of the water meters for the BBK (White Salmon Run Project) were in the ground. Deputy PWD said yes, they have all been placed.

Wellman said over the last 20 years the LA Reservoir has leaked at a rate of 4-5 gallons per minute an average of 10% water loss per year

VIII. APPROVAL OF CHECKS

Vouchers audited and certified as required by RCW 42.24.080 and expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 as of this date February 21, 2007. C.

Benedict made a *motion* to approve Claims Checks #35435 to 35488 in the amount of

\$63,624.86; Payroll Checks #19871 – 19906, and 889816-889824 in the amount of \$92,481.82; *seconded* by C. Roberts, *Approved, 4-1. Opposed, C. Marx*

IX. PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Donna Marx, White Salmon asked where there is a copy of the Municipal Code. She was told she could get a copy of the Municipal Code at City Hall.

Clyde Knowles, White Salmon asked if the Cemetery was still on record as being a Cemetery. C. Keene said to the best of her knowledge it is a Cemetery.

Bob Stanwicki said he would like to see Council resolve the 39 water hookups quickly. He said Council should look at what other Cities processes are for water meter applications.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

Francis Gaddis
Mayor

Judi Culp
Deputy Clerk Treasurer