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CITY OF WHITE SALMON
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Poucher called the Council Meeting of January 16, 2008 to order at 6:10 p.m. Council members Roberts, Keene, Marx, Johnson and Landgren were present. Staff members present: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Judi Culp, Deputy PWD Tom Smith, PWD Mike Wellman, Police Chief Bruce Brending, Fire Chief Bill Hunsaker and Attorney Kenneth Woodrich. Public Representatives included Donna Marx, Sandi Dickey, Clyde Knowles, Wayne Carlock, Clara Carlock, Mark Peppel, Loren VanWagner, Andrew Jones, Susan Gookin, Mike Zitur, Jim Kacena, Stan Horack, Val Parish, Helga Burkhardt, Ruth Winner, Jane Poucher, Jerry Anson, Rex Johnston, Donna Johnston, Lori Kreps, Shelley Baxter, Don Tackley, and Jesse Burkhardt, The Enterprise.

II. TOWN HALL

Rex Johnston, 560 Country View newly appointed Klickitat County Commissioner introduced himself to City Council.

III. PUBLIC MEETING

Business License Ordinance – Public Meeting opened at 6:11pm. No public input, meeting closed at 6:12pm

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes, City Council Meeting – January 2, 2008. C Johnson made a *motion* to approve the City Council meeting minutes of January 2, 2008 as corrected, C. Roberts *seconded* the motion, *Approved 5-0.*

2. Minutes, Roundtable Meeting – December 5, 2007. C. Roberts made a *motion* to approve the Roundtable Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2007. C. Landgren *seconded* the motion. *Approved 5-0.*

3. Minutes, Roundtable Meeting – December 19, 2007. C. Roberts made a *motion* to approve the Roundtable Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2007. C. Marx *seconded* the motion. *Approved 5-0.*

4. Minutes, Roundtable Meeting – January 2, 2007. C. Roberts made a *motion* to approve the Roundtable Meeting Minutes of January 2, 2007. C. Johnson *seconded* the motion. *Approved 5-0.*

V. ACTION ITEMS (Deferred)

1. Approval of Business License Ordinance 2008-01-811. (An Ordinance of the City of White Salmon, Washington amending Chapter 5.04 of the White Salmon Municipal Code and establishing businesses license fees for business activities in the city, repealing ordinances in conflict, establishing penalties for non-compliance and providing for severability and effective date.) C. Marx made a *motion* to approve Ordinance 2008-01-808 with one correction 5-04-060 D. *striking Out of town* and Ordinance to state Business license renewals issued on or after July 1st of a calendar year shall pay a prorated license fee of twenty-five dollars for licensing through December 31st of the year of licensing. C. Roberts *seconded* the motion. *Approved 5-0.*

VI. ACTION ITEMS (New)

1. Set the date of February 6, 2008 for Public Meeting to review WSMC Title 13 Public Services, Water/Wastewater Rates. PWD Wellman reviewed the current rates for Water and Wastewater Customers. Wellman stated customers who are dormant should be charged the base rate minus any usage. Wellman said the rates need to be reviewed every year.

Attorney Woodrich said Council will start with the present ordinance and how it is interpreted. It will be posted on the Web site and copies can be obtained at City Hall.

Attorney Woodrich said there is no guarantee that Department of Health will allow the City to re issue meters that have been returned to the city.

VII. DEPARTMENT HEAD/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Hunsaker said he has been in contact with the property owners of 228 Wyers through the Yakama Nation. The property owners said she could not afford to demolish it and the City could tear it down. Hunsaker said Roosevelt Landfill will allow the City to dump the materials and provide a trailer. He is looking for a truck to haul the trailer and has asked for a quote for the cost if Allied were to remove the trailer. Also a letter will be provided by the property owner giving the City permission to remove the house.

PWD Wellman said SR14 project is not hooked up yet but is functional.

C. Landgren said at the joint Bingen/White Salmon Police Committee meeting of January 14, 2008 they discussed an audit, trailing and coverage. The Civil Service Commission was not budgeted their legal percentage in the budget. Landgren said the next meeting for the Bingen/White Salmon Police Committee is scheduled for March 3, 2008, 6pm at Bingen City Hall. Other Meetings scheduled, Annexation Committee, January 24, 2008, 6pm at Fire Hall; Human Resources, January 31, 2008, 6pm at Fire Hall. The Pool Fund set up at Riverview Bank has to date \$13,140. The Committee will meet January 21, 2008, 6pm at Beneventes in Bingen.

C. Roberts and C Landgren presented the Pool request for EDA monies in Goldendale. He told the board that the Pool services a large area of people not just White Salmon and is in great need of repairs.

C. Johnson said the Finance Committee met on January 14, 2008. It was suggested that a calendar of events be posted on the website. Monthly or Quarterly Financial Statements were discussed. The Budget Committee will meet the fourth Monday of every month. January 28, 2008, 6pm at the Fire Hall.

C. Marx said the Public Works Committee met on Tuesday January 15, 2008. Items discussed were water hookups, residents parking on sidewalks, 4th Street repairs and the Wyers End Project appearing to encroach in the right-away. It was determined that 4th Street is the #1 Street to be repaired. Cars that are blocking crosswalk between Riverview and Mayo Design are a problem. The Washington State Model Traffic Ordinance states no parking within 20 feet in both directions of a crosswalk. The Committee would like to see the Finding of Facts that allowed Wyers End project to in crouch into the city street right of way. PWD Wellman will look into it. Marx said Public Works Committee Meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday, 6pm at the Fire Hall.

C. Roberts said the Business Committee had talked with Robin Hale regarding the railroad quiet zone. A survey for businesses asking for input regarding signage directing people to White Salmon is being done. The next Business Partners Committee meeting will be noon February 4, 2008 at La Playita.

Police Chief Brending said the police department is almost moved into the old Health Department. Brending said he is encouraged about the police audit, no cost has yet been determined.

Jaci Dietsch Budget Committee Vice Chair said the next Budget Committee Meeting is January 28, 2008, 6pm, at the Fire Hall.

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 January 16, 2008. C. Johnson made a *motion* to approve Claim Checks 36449-36495; in the amount of \$112,103.52 for 2007 and Claim Checks 36496-36510 in the amount of \$7,575.88 for 2008; Payroll Checks 20527-20540 in the amount of \$8,625.00; *seconded* by C. Roberts, *Approved 5-0*.

IX. PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Donna Marx, 360 NW Lincoln asked if a group of outside city limits residents is going to be established to give them a voice in what goes on in the City. Mayor Poucher said this has not been established yet.

C. Landgren said the Annexation Committee will meet January 24, 2008, 6pm at the Fire Hall. Landgren said a calendar of events should be posted on the website and in area businesses. A Calendar should also be sent to the Enterprise.

Shelly Baxter, 1006 Cherry Hill Lane asked what kind of revenue impact there will be with increased business license fees. No answer was given. Baxter said construction on Spring Street has caused traffic problems due to the road being narrower. Mayor Poucher said he is meeting with Dotty DeVaney regarding the comprehensive plan. Public input will be gathered as to how White Salmon residents would like the city to look.

PWD Wellman said he will be meeting with the County Engineer regarding Spring Street since the County owns part of the road.

Clyde Knowles, 279 NE Wauna about 5th Street access to the Wyers End Project. PWD Wellman said he will look into it.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation at 7:30pm. Mayor Poucher announced the executive session would take 20 minutes. Mayor Poucher informed the public that 10 more minutes were needed. Executive Session was closed at 8:00pm. The meeting reconvened at 8:01pm and was adjourned into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation at 8:02pm. Mayor Poucher announced the executive session would take 10 minutes. Mayor Poucher informed the public that 10 more minutes were needed. Executive Session was closed at 8:22pm. The City Council meeting reconvened at 8:23pm. Mayor Poucher said no decisions were made. C. Marx made a *motion* to adjourn the meeting, C. Keene *seconded* the motion, *Approved 5-0*.

David R. Poucher
Mayor

Judi Culp
Deputy Clerk Treasurer