

**CITY OF WHITE SALMON**  
Council Regular Meeting Minutes – February 15, 2006

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mayor Holen called the council meeting of February 15, 2006 to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Benedict, Gaddis, Roberts, Marx and Keene were present. Staff members present were: Wil Keyser, Public Works Director; Margie Ziegler, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer; Tom Smith, Crew Supervisor; Ron and Voncille Armstrong, Mary Voigt, Tim Hearn, Betty Barnes, Ben Harvey, Linda Jones, Donna Zitur, Randy Anderson, Doyle VanDeventer, Gene & Pat Baumgarden, Kari Abken, Don Smith, Angie Clark, David Clark, Jeff Cooper, Dan Jenson, Chris Connolly, Don Tackley, Bob Landgren, Steve Gussick, Judy Farrell, Sandi & Stan Dickey, Kathryn Landgren, Susan and Ron Gookin, Brian Prigel, John Mann, Carl Coolidge, Roy Barnes, Kim Schalk, Rick Shinn, Mike Strain, Roger Miller, Ryan Kreps, Rich Cortese, Jerry Jones, Mike Morris, Wayne Wooster, Ruth Winner.

**II. TOWN HALL**

- 1) Domestic Violence Training – Programs for Peaceful Living  
Chris Connolly, Program Director for Programs for Peaceful Living, informed council of an upcoming Domestic Violence training that will be held March 9-10 at the Grace Baptist Church. She encourages all city employees and council members to attend. She knows budgets are tight and requested a contribution of \$50 to \$100. She thanked the City for their \$500 annual contribution that is earmarked for the emergency shelter. Mayor Holen asked the Health & Safety Committee to discuss a contribution.
- 2) Presentation regarding Planning – Dotty DeVaney.  
Dotty Devaney, DeVaney Consulting, Inc, gave a presentation on land use planning proposed for the City of White Salmon.

**III. PUBLIC HEARING**

Betty Barnes, City of Bingen Council member, said that the resolution to exempt Chief Cortese from the civil service should have been done by ordinance. She presented Mayor Holen with another petition for the reinstatement of Chief Cortese.

Don Smith, 175 Palos Verdes, WS Planning Commissioner, stated the Planning Commission endorses the contract with DeVaney Consulting, Inc. The city ordinances need to be updated. Dotty is a very qualified local person.

Mayor Holen stated a letter was presented to council stating his support for DeVaney Consulting, Inc.

Randy Anderson, Citizen of Bingen, said WS council need to take direction from what the citizens want.

Bob Landgren, White Salmon, He said a lot of people are concerned with the decision to replace Chief Cortese.

Jerry Bertichi, Lyle WA, asked how council could allow the replacement Chief Cortese.

Roy Barnes, Bingen, WA, asked for the truth of the release of Chief Cortese.

#### IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of City Council Regular Meeting February 1, 2006. Under Town Hall, Randy Anderson spoke as a Citizen of Bingen not a Bingen City Council Member. Ricky Marx added that he asked where expenses of Dock Grade Road were paid. PWD Keyser responded from the street department. Ricky Marx wanted the minutes to show that he did request an audit of 2005 to be placed on the next agenda. Mayor Holen said a request for an audit needs to come from the Council Finance Committee. The Mayor declared the Consent Agenda approved with changes.

#### V. ACTION ITEMS (Deferred)

##### 1) City Attorney Deborah Phillips proposed Legal Services Options for 2006.

- a) 2006 City Attorney Agreement (Retainer plus Hourly)
- b) City Attorney Agreement (First Quarter 2006 Retainer plus Hourly)
- c) 2006 City Attorney Agreement (Hourly-No Retainer).

C. Keene made a *motion* to approve the Retainer plus Hourly agreement, *seconded* by C. Gaddis, passed 5-0.

##### 2) City Prosecutor Ronald Reynier proposed City Prosecutor Agreement.

C. Gaddis made a *motion* to approve agreement, *seconded* by C. Roberts, passed 5-0.

#### VI. ACTION ITEMS (New)

##### 1) Final approval of White Salmon Short Plat WS-SP-2006-001, amending WS-SP-2005-12, Jennifer Linck, Applicant.

C. Roberts made a *motion* to approve Short Plat WS-SP-2006-001, *seconded* by C. Benedict, passed 5-0.

##### 2) Final Approval of White Salmon Short Plat WS-SP-2006-002, Marcus & Karol Cameron, Applicants.

C. Roberts made a *motion* to approve Short Plat WS-SP-2006-002, *seconded* by C. Keene, passed 5-0.

##### 3) Final Approval of White Salmon WS-SP-2006-003, David & Janice Clark, Applicants.

C. Gaddis made a *motion* to approve Short Plat WS-SP-2006-003, *seconded* by C. Keene, passed 5-0.

##### 4) Fee Recovery Agreement with Smart Development

C. Roberts made a *motion* to approve Fee Recovery Agreement, *seconded* by C. Marx, passed 5-0.

##### 5) Approved Ordinance 2006-02-770, Amending the 2006 Budget for the City of White Salmon, Washington, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2006.

C. Benedict made a *motion* to table Ordinance 2006-02-770. She would like to have a work session and also hear from the council committees regarding this ordinance, *seconded* C. Roberts, Tabled 5-0.

C. Marx made a *motion* to reconsider Ordinance 2006-02-770, *seconded* by C. Roberts. C. Marx and C. Roberts voted to reconsider and C. Benedict, C. Gaddis, and C. Keene voted not to reconsider. Ordinance 2006-02-770 remains tabled.

**VII. DEPARTMENT HEAD/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**1) Budget Committee Member Appointments – Mayor Holen.**

Mayor Holen appointed Jaci Dietch, Shirley Cox, and Linda Schnieder. C. Benedict made a motion to confirm Mayor Holen’s appointments, seconded by C. Gaddis, passed 5-0. A budget committee meeting was set for February 23, 2006 and a new chairperson and vice chairperson will be elected.

PWD Keyser reminded council of the water rate analysis work session with Ray Bartlett on February 21, 2006 at the Fire Hall at 6:00pm.

**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 15, 2006. C. Benedict made a *motion* to approve Claims Checks #34152-34215 in the amount of \$45,263.16; Payroll Checks #19107-19109, #889605-889607 in the amount of \$611.34, and Payroll Checks #19110-19126, #889614-889615, in the amount of \$15,170.74, and Manual Claims Checks #34151-34151 in the amount of \$308.48; *seconded* by C. Gaddis, passed 5-0.

**XV. PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

C. Marx said he wants to know why the ordinance that was passed to adopt the 2006 budget was so much higher than the 2005 Budget. A meeting was set for C. Marx and C. Roberts to come to City Hall and review the 2005 and 2006 ordinance.

C. Keene proposed a meeting of the Legislative and Executive Departments on February 25, 2006 at the Fire Hall at 9am to 3pm.

C. Marx questioned the City’s meeting with a proposed water right holder. Mayor Holen informed C. Marx of his duties as a council member.

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Roger Holen  
Mayor

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Margie Ziegler  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer