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CITY OF WHITE SALMON
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Poucher called the Council Meeting of February 20, 2008 to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members Roberts, Keene, Marx, Johnson and Landgren were present. Staff members present: Clerk Treasurer Lori Kreps, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Judi Culp, Deputy PWD Tom Smith, PWD Mike Wellman, Police Chief Bruce Brending, Fire Chief Bill Hunsaker, Attorney Ken Woodrich and members of the public attended.

II. TOWN HALL

State of Washington Excise Tax – Erin Moore, Washington State Dept. of Revenue. The City was audited for January 2004 through June 2007. The current audit assessment identifies that the City owes a total of \$21,463 in back excise taxes. This is based largely from a 3.6% refuse tax that the City was not collecting from customers, nor were they informing customers of the tax which is mandated by State Law. The City Pool also did not have a visible sign stating Open Swim Fees include applicable tax. All changes and corrections have been made and the current spreadsheet is corrected. July 2007 through January 2008 reports have been corrected and are submitted as such.

Creating a new Fire District – Jim Hulbert, 325 El Camino Real presented a proposal to create a new Fire District consisting of the urban growth area, withdrawing from Fire District 3. The new district, FD 16 would contract with the City of White Salmon for services.

Fence at Curb – Tonia Farman, 991 NE Estes would like permission to build a 4' to 4.5' fence on her property line to the north and the west along the sidewalk, which the municipal code does not allow. Mayor Poucher said the information would be passed on to the Planning Commission. Police Chief Brending and Deputy PWD Smith will prepare reports for the Planning Commission.

III. PUBLIC MEETING

No Public Meeting

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes, City Council Meeting – February 6, 2008. C Roberts made a *motion* to approve the City Council meeting minutes of February 6, 2008, C. Marx *seconded* the motion, *Approved* 5-0.

2. Minutes, Roundtable Meeting February 6, 2008 – C Roberts made a *motion* to approve the Roundtable meeting minutes of February 6, 2008, C. Johnson *seconded* the motion, *Approved* 5-0.

V. ACTION ITEMS (Deferred)

VI. ACTION ITEMS (New)

1. Approval of 3.6% Refuse Tax charge to Garbage Customers. C. Roberts made a *motion* to approve the 3.6% Refuse Tax charge to Garbage Customers monthly bill. C. Landgren *seconded* the motion, *Approved* 5-0.

2. Approval of WSMC Title 13 Public Services, Water/Wastewater Rates. C. Roberts made a *motion* to approve Ordinance 2008-02-812, Amending 13.16.025, *with rates inserted*, 13.16.055 and 13.16.075 of the White Salmon Municipal Code, clarifying minimum rates and enforcement of charges, adding section 13.16.080 regarding inter-city allocation of charges, deleting obsolete sections providing for severability and an effective date. C. Marx *seconded* the motion, *Approved* 4-1, *Opposed* C. Keene.

3. Approval of 2008 Attorney Agreement. C. Keene made a *motion* to approve the 2008 Attorney Agreement for legal services, C. Johnson *seconded* the motion, *Approved* 5-0.

VII. DEPARTMENT HEAD/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police Chief Brending said he would like Council to consider adopting an ordinance establishing a disorderly conduct code. Attorney Reynier approves of the ordinance. Brending said the current City of Bingen ordinance will be passed on to Ken Woodrich the City's Attorney for review.

Police Chief Brending passed out an ordinance proposal amending White Salmon Municipal Code pertaining to parking. This was referred to the Public Works Committee who will meet March 13, 2008 6pm at the Fire Hall.

C Roberts said the Business Partners Committee will be Meeting March 3, 2008, 12:00pm at La Playita Restaurant.

C Landgren said the Swimming Pool Committee has to date \$14,000 at Riverview Bank. The City has \$2,900.00 at Columbia River Bank. The Klickitat County EDA grant awards will be announced in March 2008. The Swimming Pool Committee will meet March 18, 2008, 6pm at Benevete's in Bingen.

C. Johnson said the Finance Committee will meet March 10, 2008, 7pm at the Fire Hall.

Deputy PWD Tom Smith said two of the Pilot Filters will be moved to the Reservoir. PWD Wellman said the water will be tested every two weeks. He said Public Works is presently looking for local sand to use for filtering the water.

Fire Chief Bill Hunsaker said the department received a \$3,000 grant for wildfire boots.

C Marx said the City Operations Committee will meet March 13, 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 February 20, 2008. C. Johnson made a *motion* to approve Claim Checks 36511, 36518, 36568-36595; in the amount of \$24,738.92; Payroll Checks 20578-20591, 20541,20542 in the amount of \$8,625.30; *seconded* by C. Roberts, *Approved 5-0*.

IX. PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

No public comments

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Poucher announced an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 to discuss pending litigation. Mayor Poucher announced the meeting will take 20 minutes, The executive began at 7:28pm and concluded at 7:48pm, then the City Council Meeting was adjourned.

David R. Poucher
Mayor

Judi Culp
Deputy Clerk Treasurer