

CITY OF WHITE SALMON
City Council Regular Meeting – April 16, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

Mayor Poucher called the council meeting of April 16, 2008 to order at 6:00pm. Council members Keene, Marx, Roberts and Johnson were present. Staff members present were: Clerk Treasurer, Lori Kreps; PWD, Mike Wellman; Deputy PWD, Tom Smith. Also, present were: Attorney, Ken Woodrich; The Enterprise, Jesse Burkhart and approximately 25 members of the public. C. Landgren arrived at 6:01pm

II. TOWN HALL

No Comments

III. PUBLIC HEARING

No Public Hearing

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Minutes of City Council Meeting – April 2, 2008.** C. Roberts made a *motion* to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting April 2, 2008. C. Marx *seconded* the motion, *Approved* 4-0. C. Landgren had not arrived at the time of this vote.

V. ACTION ITEM (Deferred)

No Deferred Action Items

VI. ACTION ITEMS (New)

1. **Discussion & Request to Approve ordering the Swimming Pool Boiler & Solar Panels.** PWD Wellman said local contractors have offered assistance purchasing the solar panels and the pool boiler at cost. Wellman said \$10,000 is allotted in the 2008 capital expense budget. The Pool Committee will review the information received. C. Roberts made a *motion* to defer the approval of ordering the swimming pool boiler and solar panels until the Pool Committee reviews the information presented. C. Johnson *seconded* the motion, *Approved* 5-0.
2. **Approval of Resolution 2008-04-300. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of White Salmon granting permission for a City Wide Sidewalk Sale to be held June 14th & 15, 2008.** C. Roberts made a *motion* to approve Resolution 2008-04-300. C. Keene *seconded* the motion, *Approved* 5-0.
3. **Approval for The Spring Festival Committee's proposal to the City Council for use of Rhinegarten Park for Spring Fest, May 30, 31 & June 1, 2008.** C. Roberts made a *motion* to approve the Spring Fest to be held in Rhinegarten Park May 30, 31 & June 1, 2008. C. Keene *seconded* the motion. After questions, C. Roberts amended the *motion* to include the following: 1) Review of police coverage in the park and beer garden. 2) Look into Insurance Coverage. 3) Request Recycle Receptacles. Jan Brending said Klickitat County Solid Waste will provide receptacles for events. Attorney Woodrich said he would work with Police Chief Brending, C. Roberts and staff to review the contract. C. Keene *seconded* the amended motion. *Approved* 5-0.
4. **Approve Ordinance 2008-04-817 (An Ordinance of the City of White Salmon, Washington revising Section 13.16.045 through 13.16.075 of the White Salmon municipal Code (WSMC) relating to Billing and Enforcement of Water, Sewer and Refuse service charges and enforcement of charges including service cutoff.)** Lori Kreps,

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Clerk Treasurer, said the original Ordinance relating to billing enforcement and changing the billing date was adopted by council in June of 2007. This ordinance was never signed or published. Attorney Woodrich said that the RCW states that publication is necessary before an Ordinance can become effective. Jan Brending said this Ordinance is important because it deals with changing the billing from “every other month” to “every month” which was done last summer. Lori said that the original Ordinance had a bill due date of the 25th and she would like to change that to the 20th of each month. This would allow time to process late fees that are posted to the bill that goes out at the end of the month. Attorney Woodrich said after reviewing the ordinance it could be adopted to include Section 1, Section 2, Section 3 A. and B. through delinquent and including 13.16.102 Severability and changing section 2 to section 4. C. Keene made a *motion* to approve Ordinance 2008-04-817 with corrections. C. Johnson *seconded* the motion. *Approved* 5-0.

The Ordinance will read as follows:

The City Council of the City of White Salmon, Washington do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Section 13.16.045 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.16.045 Water rates-Billing The clerk-treasurer is authorized and directed to make water billings to consumers as set forth in this chapter on a monthly basis.

Section 2. Section 13.16.060 is hereby amended to read as follows

13.16.060 Sewer Rates – Billing. The clerk-treasurer is authorized and directed to make sewer billings to consumers set forth in this chapter on a monthly basis.

Section 3. Section 13.16.065 is hereby amended to read as follows

13.16.065 Billing procedure generally – payment date.

A. The billings for all services provided for in this chapter shall be the responsibility of the owner of the property served. The billings shall be mailed to the owner’s address, as used by the treasurer’s office of Klickitat County for the mailing of real property tax notices or such other address as provided by the property owner to the City.

B. Monthly billings include the base rates for the forthcoming month plus any past month’s charges in excess of the base rates. All charges for services provided for in this chapter shall be due and payable by the twentieth of the month following the billing period, and if no so paid shall be considered delinquent.

13.16.103 Severability. If any section or subsection of this ordinance is determined to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining sections and subsections shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be effective five days after the date of first publication, as provided by law.

V. DEPARTMENT HEAD / COMMITTEE REPORTS

Attorney Woodrich said the Cortese Settlement is almost complete. The employment agreement is complete. The job description is waiting from the Department of Retirement.

Police Chief, Brending said a new officer has been hired and is attending the Police Academy. Officer Matulovich has resigned and is working for the City of Goldendale. This creates a smaller staff. Brending is in the processing of hiring another officer who has 15 years experience.

C. Roberts said the Business/Tourism Committee will meet Thursday, May 1, 2008. This will also be the week of Community Pride.

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C. Johnson said the Finance/Audit Committee met April 14th. Jaci Dietch is reviewing B&O tax rates. Attorney Woodrich asked if a Resolution/Ordinance needed to be prepared for the interfund loan that may be needed to settle the Cortese case. C. Johnson said not at this time. Lori Kreps will review this at the end of the year. A check for the settlement can be prepared the first part of May.

C. Landgren said the Pool Committee will meet April 21, 2008, at Benevete's. New stainless steel hand rails have been ordered for the shallow end of the pool. The pool fund received \$11,000 in donations this last week. Currently the pool fund has approximately \$25,000. PWD Wellman and Deputy PWD Smith will be attending the meeting. C. Landgren will recommend to the Committee that the City be reimbursed for wages since the City crew is doing the work.

C. Landgren said the Annexation Committee met twice this month. They are working on the Comprehensive Plan and hope to have it completed by the end of the month. Attorney Woodrich will then review it. A public hearing will be schedule and then it will be approved by Council.

Deputy PWD Tom Smith said the pool repairs are progressing as scheduled. The Plumbing is also being repaired. The repairs will allow City crew to detect leakage. The roof will also be replaced. C. Marx said a composition roof would probably be the best option.

PWD Mike Wellman said May 5th the DOE and their technical advisory group will look at Buck Creek and the well fields as part of the grant application the City has applied for. The filter system is producing quality water from Buck Creek. Every two weeks 5 samples are being tested.

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 April 16, 2008. C. Johnson reviewed the accounts payable and made a *motion* to approve claim checks 36748-36780 in the amount of \$8,196.33. *Seconded* by C. Roberts, Approved 5-0.

IX. COUNCIL AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Clyde Knowles, 279 NE Wauna, asked if garbage rates will reflect the 3.6% refuse tax charged to the customers. C. Johnson said the Finance committee is reviewing the rates. Knowles asked if fuel prices are being reviewed. Clerk Treasurer Kreps said this has not been looked into. It will be reviewed.

Pat Baumgarden, 215 NE Lincoln, thanked Council for the good job.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION / ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05pm Mayor Poucher said a Special Meeting may be scheduled for next week.

David Poucher, Mayor

Lori Kreps, Clerk/Treasurer