

CITY OF WHITE SALMON
City Council Continuation of June 6, 2007 Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Gaddis called the Council Meeting Continuation of June 6, 2007 City Council Meeting of June 11, 2007 to order at 6pm. Councilmembers Marx, Mayo, Roberts and Keene were present. C. Benedict was excused. Staff members present were: Clerk Treasurer – Eric Greene, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer – Judi Culp, and Police Office – Jim Andring. Public Representatives included Penny White Morris, Mike & Donna Zitur, Wayne & Clara Carlock, Lulla Estey, Jim Randall, Adele Mansfield, Don Mansfield, Pat Baumgarder, Kari Abken, Star Horagle Val Parish, Clyde Knowles, Bob Landgren, Jim Andring, Sandi Dickey, Rugh Winner and The Enterprise – Jesse Burkhart.

Mayor Gaddis stated that this was a Continuation of the June 6, 2007 City Council Meeting and that the Town Hall portion of the meeting will be held following the Approval of the City of White Salmon Police Chief Employment Agreement. Mayor Gaddis then skipped to Item V. Action Items (Deferred) Approval of the City of White Salmon Police Chief Employment Agreement.

V. ACTION ITEMS (Deferred)

1) Approval of the City of White Salmon Police Chief Employment Agreement. C. Keene made a *motion* – to approve the City of White Salmon Police Chief Employment Agreement, C. Mayo *seconded* the motion, *Approved 3-1, Opposed* – C. Marx.

II. TOWN HALL

The Town Hall meeting was opened following the approval of the City of White Salmon Police Chief Employment Agreement.

Clyde Knowles, 411 Washington Street asked why the town hall portion was skipped.. Mayor Gaddis said it was his decision to skip to action items. Knowles asked who negotiated the salary for the Police Chief and was Bingen involved in the decision. Mayor Gaddis said City Council, the Mayor and the City Attorney were all involved in the Salary proposal. Mayor Gaddis also said City of Bingen was involved.

Mike Zitur, 817 E. Jewett Blvd asked about the rest of the items on the agenda. C. Keene explained tonight's meeting is a continuation of the June 6, 2007 meeting, therefore the present agenda is not followed like a regular City Council Meeting. Zitur asked what is the current salary of the Police Chief? C. Keene said the salary for the Police Chief 3 years ago was \$62,000 year. Zitur asked why Council deems it necessary to cover Bruce Brending with a contract? If Bruce Brending is under the Civil Service and the Employment agreement does the Employment agreement supersede the Civil Service? Mayor Gaddis said the agreement was drawn up by the Mayor, Council and City Attorney. The Employment Contract supersedes the Civil Service. Zitur asked if there was public notification of tonight's meeting? C. Keene said it was posted in the Post Office and Library. Zitur asked what use is the public comment if the Council is not going to listen, that their minds are made up. C. Marx said he got the impression that the Council on the other side, (Roberts, Mayo and Keene) do not listen to the public.

Pat Baumgarden, 215 NE Lincoln said council has forgotten the Citizens voted out a Mayor for the same thing, and Council is doing the exact same thing. She thinks we should have more recall elections. C. Marx said the Council on the other side supports the former Mayor and does not listen to the public.

Bob Landgren asked if Bruce Brending has been appointed Police Chief yet. Mayor Gaddis said he cannot be appointed until the Employment Contract has been approved. Landgren said the Civil Service Chairman told him Bruce Brending had been appointed two weeks ago. Mayor Gaddis said he has not been appointed. C. Marx asked who the Chairman was, Landgren said Mike Clark. Landgren asked if the information discussed with former police chief Cortese and his attorney was open to the public. C. Keene said the information discussed with Cortese and his attorney was not open to the public.

Jesse Burkhart, The Enterprise, said he agreed with that public that the Town Hall section of this meeting should have been open before the vote was taken tonight.

C. Marx asked where the proud precipitant of this lavish contract is tonight. Mayor Gaddis said he chose not to attend this meeting.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

No Public Hearing

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

No Consent Agenda

VI. ACTION ITEMS (New)

VII. DEPARTMENT HEAD/COMMITTEE REPORTS

VIII. APPROVAL OF CHECKS

IX. PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm

Francis H. Gaddis
Mayor

Judi Culp
Deputy Clerk Treasurer