

CITY OF WHITE SALMON  
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes – June 20, 2007

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

Mayor Gaddis called the Council Meeting of June 20, 2007 to order at 6:05 p.m. Council members Marx, Roberts, Keene, Mayo and Benedict were present. Staff members present were: Clerk Treasurer – Eric Greene, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer – Judi Culp, Special Projects Engineer - Mike Wellman, Deputy PWD Tom Smith, Police Officer Jim Andring, Police Officer Ben Harvey Police Officer Dwayne Matulovich, Police Officer Joshua Gines, Fire Chief Bill Hunsaker, and Attorney Deborah Phillips. Public Representatives included, Donna Marx, Luella Estey, Bill Mason, Ben Harvey, Ruth Winner, Rick Johnson, Susan Gookin, Judy Farrell, Dave Poucher, Herb Hardin, and The Enterprise – Jesse Burkhardt.

**II. TOWN HALL**

1) Tennis Camp at Rhinegarden Park Tennis Court – Ellen Nippolt would like to hold a Tennis Camp for Children grades 3-5. She would hold two (2) one week sessions from 8:30-12:00pm. A \$100.00 fee will be charged. The fee would be used to provide snacks, tee shirt, hat and equipment needed. Donna Marx asked if the fee was per person. Nippolt said yes.

**III. PUBLIC HEARING**

No Public Hearing

**IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1) Minutes, City Council Meeting – June 6, 2007. C. Roberts made a *motion* to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2007, C. Mayo *seconded* the motion. *Approved 4-1, Opposed C. Marx.*
- 2) Minutes, White Salmon Continuation of June 6, 2007 City Council Meeting – June 11, 2007. C. Roberts made a *motion* to approve the City Council Continuation of June 6, 2007 City Council Meeting on June 11, 2007, C. Mayo *seconded* the motion, *Approved 2-2. Opposed C. Marx, Abstained-C. Benedict.*

**V. ACTION ITEMS (Deferred)**

No Action Items Deferred

**VI. ACTION ITEMS (New)**

- 1) Approval of Police Officer Salary Range Increase. The Personnel Committee proposes the following to demonstrate a commitment by the City for wage parity as follows: Effective July 1, 2007 Patrol Officers Steps 22-28 (\$37,496-43,488), Patrol Officer (6 mo basic training) Step 20 (\$35,940), Detective, Steps 29-31 (\$44,352-46,084), Sergeant, Steps 32-34 (\$47,017-48,704), Phase 2 for 2008 Budget: Patrol Officer Steps 25-30 (40,896-45,216), Patrol Officer (6 mo training) Step 23 (\$38,412), Detective Steps 31-33 (\$46,084-47,831), Sergeant, Steps 34-36 (\$48,704-50,451), Phase 3: Beginning in 2011 and every three years hence a review of law enforcement salaries for comparability will be performed by the Personnel Committee in consultation with the Mayor and Chief of Police for recommendation to Council. C. Keene made a *motion* to approve the increase the of the Police Officers salary, C. Benedict *seconded* the motion. *Approved 4-1, Opposed – C. Marx.*

- 2) Approval of Multi-Agency Law Enforcement Data Management System Participation. Sheriff Rick McCormas of Klickitat County and Police Chief Rich Johnson of Goldendale shared information about the Data System offered by Spellman Technology that would enhance the police availability to access a Data Base state wide. C. Keene made a *motion* to participate in the Spellman Data Management System. C. Roberts *seconded* the motion. *Approved 5-0.*
- 3) Approval of Master Interlocal Mutual Law Enforcement Assistance Agreement. Rich Johnson said if there is an emergency people are sent to assist other communities. C. Keene asked about insurance liability. Johnson said liability is explained in Section 11 of the agreement, stating each party shall protect it's own employees performing under this agreement. C. Mayo made a *motion* to approve the master Interlocal Mutual Law Enforcement Agreement. C. Keene *seconded* the motion, *Approved 5-0.*
- 4) Approval of Billing Utility Bills Monthly as pertaining Ordinance 13.16.045. C. Roberts made a *motion* to approve billing utility bills monthly, C. Mayo *seconded* the motion. *Approved 4-1, Opposed, C. Marx.*
- 5) Approval of Tennis Court Reservation Agreement. Ellen Nippolt would like to reserve the Tennis Courts from 8:30am and 12:00pm for a tennis camp.
- 6) Appointment by the Mayor to the Planning Commission with approval by the City Council. Mayor Gaddis asked that a special meeting be scheduled to interview those who applied for the open position on the planning commission. C. Keene suggested council continue this meeting to a later date. C. Keene made a *motion* to adjourn the meeting and set the date of June 27, 2007 to interview the applicants for the open position of the planning commission. C. Mayo *seconded* the motion, *Approved 5-0.* Staff will notify the persons who applied for the position of the interview date.
- 7) Set the Date of July 18, 2007 for Final Approval of White Salmon Short Plat 2007-002, Ilg Industries, Michael Ilg Applicant, Address 681 E. Jewett Blvd. C. Keene made a *motion* to set the date of July 18, 2007 for Preliminary Approval of White Salmon Short Plat 2007-002, Ilg Industries, C. Roberts *seconded* the motion. *Approved 5.0.*

## **VII. DEPARTMENT HEAD/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Attorney Phillips reviewed Ordinance 13.16.010 and its interruption of what "hookup" means. City Staff interprets the hookup as once the meter is connected to the water main. SPE Wellman said council could clarify and modify Ordinance 13.16.005 which currently states one hookup per dwelling unit. SPE Wellman said 13.16.010 states a. impact fees for water hookups must be paid in full within thirty days. B. If a request for physical hookup is not made within six months of the approval date, the approval is void and the application fee shall be forfeited to the city. C. Following council approval of an extension, applicants shall pass at least one building inspection prior to the end of the six-month extension. Wellman said if A & B are completed, C would not apply. Wellman said the State of Washington interprets the law as the meter it is considered hooked up when placed. Attorney Phillips would like clarification of the ordinances and how they are interpreted. C. Mayo would like the Water/Wastewater Committee to review changes first and then present them to the full council. The Water/Wastewater Committee will continue reviewing the concerns and interpretation of Ordinance 13.16.

SPE Wellman said there is no way any of the meters installed will not be removed. What has been done will stay as is. City Staff is contacting the 36 on the waiting list for water. Don Smith asked

if once the meter is hooked up does customer pay a monthly fee for water if they do not use any water. Wellman said currently if they do not use water they are not charged. The Water/Wastewater committee is working on the Ordinance to make changes requiring a monthly water fee even if no water is used.

SPE Wellman said the SR14 Wastewater Project will be complete by July 3, 2007. A notice of claim for damages has been submitted to the City and will be reviewed by City Staff.

SPE Wellman said the ADA Sidewalk Project is complete. The final bill is over bid. In some areas more concrete had to be cut. The added expense is within reason.

SPE Wellman said staff sent certified letters to new water hookup customers. They have 30 days to respond to and pay there hookup fees. Staff is documenting the date sent and date due of each customer.

C. Benedict resigned her position of Council Member effective 7/5/07. She is moving out of city limits.

Attorney Phillips said SPE Wellman in speaking with persons involved with the SR14 Wastewater Project verbalized that policy of the city is not to accept water/sewer lines until paid for. Attorney Phillips said the Ordinance does not address this, and she will draft changes with concurrence of Council.

Attorney Phillips will not be at the July 18, 2007 meeting, Attorney Ron Reynier will be present.

C. Keene said at the Regional Transportation Council Meeting today it was announced that the Biggs Bridge will be closed September 4<sup>th</sup> for 5-7 months for repairs.

C. Mayo said he is working with the Chamber of Commerce to promote Bingen White Salmon and B-Z Corners, by offering a day trip in the area.

C. Roberts thanked everyone for their input regarding the water issues. The Water/Wastewater Committee will continue to work on these issues.

### **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 June 20, 2007. C. Benedict made a *motion* to approve Claims Checks #35809-35841 in the amount of \$60,144.68; Manual Checks 35682, 35741, 35807-35808 in the amount of 23,326.01; Payroll Checks #20066-20081 and 889865 in the amount of \$11459.00; *seconded* by C. Roberts, *Approved, 4-1. Opposed, C. Marx*

### **IX. PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Jesse Burkhardt of the Enterprise, thanked Susan Benedict for her service on City Council.

Donna Marx, 260 NW Lincoln asked if there would still be enough money in the budget to justify the raise police officers are given. C. Keene said presently we have only 5 officers. It would take two years to reach maximum budget.

Donna Marx asked if billing utilities monthly would it be an extra expense. Clerk Treasurer Eric Greene said the cost would be offset by increase cash flow.

Donna Marx asked the location of Short Plat 2007-002 and how many units does the property owner plan to build. Fire Chief Hunsaker said the property is located at 681 E. Jewett Blvd. Their plan is to build 4 units. One water connection is presently installed on the property. Three more would need to be purchased.

Donna Marx asked if this would be announced in the Enterprise. Clerk Treasurer Greene said it would be posted in the Enterprise.

Officer Andring announced to public of their appointment of Bruce Brending as Police Chief.

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm until June 27, 2007 at 6pm

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Francis Gaddis  
Mayor

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Judi Culp  
Deputy Clerk Treasurer