

CITY OF WHITE SALMON
Work Session Minutes – July 6, 2004

Mayor Linda Jones called the work session meeting of July 6, 2004 to order at 6:05 p.m. Councilmembers Gaddis, Gookin and White-Morris were present. Councilmember Benedict was excused. Councilmember Marx was absent. Staff present: Wil Keyser, PW Director, Kelly Ingraham, Clerk-Treasurer, and Margie Ziegler, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer. Public representative: Ron Gookin.

Kelly Ingraham informed council that Initiative 864 did not have enough signatures to make it on the November ballot. She said this is very good news for the 2005 budget but there will still be challenges. An increase could be added to the property tax levy. The city could go as high as \$3.10 for property tax per thousand. The city has been doing an increase of 1% per year and is currently at \$1.92. Kelly explained a temporary levy process for the 2005 budget year. The temporary levy would need to be an ordinance or resolution in mid-September and then be put on the ballot. If revenues do not increase then the city will have to do more with less. Reduction in the size of government will result in a reduction of city services and staff. PWD Keyser talked about how a Parks & Recreation District could be developed for the swimming pool.

C. White-Morris said that she feels if we did not start Rich Cortese at such a high salary that the Police Dept. would have more money. C. White-Morris feels she is not informed of what is happening in the city. PWD Keyser talked about the nations distrust for government and how citizens feel their hands are tied at a national level and that the local government is the only place where citizens can make a difference. PWD Keyser talked about ways to communicate with the public. Charter Communications franchise agreement states that they would televise the city council meetings. This might be an option that the city could pursue. It is historical that people believe anything they hear or read and do not question the truth in the information. People need a chance to give input so the city can get feedback.

The City does not know how much the water and wastewater rates will be. The rate analysis is still in progress. The city is seeking funding sources for capital improvements.

C. Gookin says the newsletter is nice to show newly hired and retired employees. She would like to be kept informed of personnel changes. C. White-Morris and C. Gookin asked why David Spratt was hired. Officer Larry Spencer was discussed.

Kelly explained the police step increases that are proposed. Steps will be retro back to the January of 2004.

Mayor Jones asked for the Staff Advance manuals back so that the final section could be added. Mayor Jones talked about the upcoming Park Center meeting, July 29th. Wil shared information on grant options available to develop a community center.

Kelly talked about going out to bid for legal advertising. C. White-Morris said that The Enterprise is White Salmon's newspaper and has the most circulation to White Salmon residents. Kelly said the monitor does a wonderful job of covering stories and always is in attendance at City Council meetings. Council is opposed to the proposal for legal advertising at this time.

C. White-Morris voiced her opinion with the proposed signage of Dock Grade Rd. She asked why we would want a tourist's first experience of White Salmon be going up Dock Grade Rd. She feels a sign would encourage motor homes and truck traffic up Dock Grade. She felt the sign would damage our current relationship with the City of Bingen because traffic would not route through Downtown Bingen.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Linda Jones
Mayor

Margie Ziegler
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

CITY OF WHITE SALMON
Council Regular Meeting Minutes – July 7, 2004

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Linda Jones called the council meeting of July 7, 2004 to order at 6:05 p.m. Councilmembers Benedict, Gaddis, Gookin, Marx and White-Morris were present. Staff members present were: Wil Keyser, Public Works Director; Margie Ziegler, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer; Tommy Smith, Fire Chief; Richard Cortese, Chief of Police; Bruce Brending, Police Sergeant, Garry Manning, Police Officer. Public representatives included Judy Farrell, Timi, Rocky and Mary Cortese, John and Cindy Cortese, Roxanne Cortese, Fred Rotinski; Kyle Kolling, Clyde Hill Police Officer; Jesse Burkhardt; The Enterprise and Mildred Lykens, The Monitor.

II. TOWN HALL PUBLIC COMMENTS

City Attorney Phillips swore in Richard Cortese as the new Police Chief for the City of White Salmon. Chief Cortese's family and friends were in attendance.

III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Mayor briefly reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda. The Mayor declared the Consent Agenda approved.

IV. ACTION ITEMS (Deferred)

V. ACTION ITEMS (New)

VI. DEPARTMENT HEAD/COMMITTEE REPORTS

PWD Keyser informed council of the upcoming projects:

- 1) Taylor Engineering is working on the Michigan Ave. to Cherry St. water line extension project.
- 2) The vulnerability Assessment and Emergency Response plan is complete. It was a challenge but rewarding.
- 3) Water Master Plan Update will be completed by 8-31-04.
- 4) Wastewater Collection system-mapping project should be completed 8-1-04.
- 5) Streetwise Assessment is completed.
- 6) Water and Wastewater Rates Analysis is being completed. Capital improvements forecasts and operations and maintenance costs are being considered to determine the rates for 2005 through 2012.
- 7) A water moratorium has been placed on a 2" water line from NW Childs Rd to Jewett Blvd.
- 8) The city is meeting with Greenworks for Kiosks options for Mamie & Francis Gaddis Park.
- 9) A meeting was held with property owners from Cochran Estates regarding annexation. Interested property owners are asked to return forms by July 15th.
- 10) Dock Grade Rd. signalization project is to begin December 2004.
- 11) Tennis Courts- quote for repair of cracks and resurfacing is being sought from Asphalts Complete.
- 12) Consumer Confidence Report was mailed to water customers at the end of June.
- 13) The new District Manager for the Department of Natural Resources will be Pete Stocks.
- 14) A request from SDS to accept the new 6" waterline to serve the 70 lot Wallace Rd Subdivision has been submitted.

- 15) Planning Dept upcoming dates: Two public hearings July 14th, Variance Application the Cameo Building July 25th, Sepa determination – short plat, Conditional use permit, CZ zone, Aug. 28th, Cripe Short-plat Aug. 28th
- 16) 176 water (ecr) meters have been installed since Jan. 04. Estimate 160 to 170 meters remain. Estimated completion date will be Oct 1, 2004.
- 17) Street painting project is 98% completed.
- 18) The City crew and juvenile probation crews worked to remove brush, weeds, while the Public Works crew cleaned the drainage ditch on Dock Grade Rd.
- 19) Community Fire Control Plan is underway. Three sections of the plan have been drafted. An area map with hazard ratings has been prepared.
- 20) The ACP street patch program will begin in Aug. 2004.
- 21) Contract commitments to the Childs Family of installing the drift fence gate and brushing the access road have been completed at the Childs Reservoir site.
- 22) Street sweeping program has been extended to include residential areas of the city.
- 23) Ross Lambert is being trained in the water lab.
- 24) SR 14 Waste Water Collection Project is still being pursued for grant funding.
- 25) Building permits are up 33% for new structures.

Tommy Smith, Fire Chief, reported city crew would make the fire hall repairs.

Mayor Jones reminded council members to turn in their EDA request forms to City Hall. The minutes from the staff meetings will now be included in the council packets so council members can see what staff is working on. The Ordinance re-draft committee agenda was passed out to the council members.

Mayor Jones told council that Kelly Ingraham received the “Professional Finance Officer Award” for educational and professional excellence and has received this award for 10 consecutive years.

VII. APPROVAL OF CHECKS

C. Gookin made a *motion* to approve Claims Checks #32039 to #32107 in the amount of \$88,860.09; and Payroll Checks #17829 to #17870, #879048, 889341 to 889348 in the amount of \$87,666.49; seconded by C. Gaddis, passed 5-0.

VIII. PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Linda Jones
Mayor

Margie Ziegler
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer