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CITY OF WHITE SALMON  
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes – July 18, 2007

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

Mayor Gaddis called the Council Meeting of July 18, 2007 to order at 6:05 p.m. Council members Mayo, Roberts, Keene, were present, Marx unexcused. Staff members present were: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer – Judi Culp, Deputy PWD Tom Smith, Special Projects Engineer Mike Wellman, Police Chief Bruce Brending. Public Representatives included, Bill Mason, Ruth Winner, Susan Gookin, Ron Gookin, Leana Johnson, Stan Horzack, Val Parish, Donna Marx, Art Bumgarden, Bob Landgren, Michael Ilg, Dave Poucher, Wayne Carlock, Clara Carlock, Ray Klebba, Amanda Lawrence, Shelly Baxter and The Enterprise, Jesse Burkhardt.

**II. TOWN HALL**

Tom Smith, 211 Church Ave. told the Council and Mayor that they need to consider hiring Mike Wellman full time as Public Works Director. Smith said he has talked to Wellman and said the two of them could work together and share this position. Mayor Gaddis said the personal committee is working on filling this position. C. Keene agreed with Smith's position that Wellman is an asset to the City.

Police Chief Brending announced the death of Klickitat County Sheriff Officer Peter Garland who was killed in a head on collision this afternoon.

Wayne Carlock, 691 W. Jewett said the City should consider getting water from the White Salmon River.

Mayor Gaddis read a statement that effective August 1st an additional town hall forum will be open to the public prior to the regularly scheduled City Council meetings from 5:00-5:45pm. This will give the community an opportunity to ask questions, express concerns and receive accurate information in return. Mayor Gaddis stated that there will be no desks, podiums, microphones or meeting minutes taken during the Roundtable discussion. C. Roberts made a *motion* to approve the town hall forum meeting time of 5:00-5:45pm prior to regular scheduled City Council Meetings, effective 8/1/07. C. Mayo *seconded* the motion. *Approved* 3-0. Mayor Gaddis said council will take turns as mediator of town hall forum.

**III. PUBLIC HEARING**

No Public Hearing

**IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1) Minutes, City Council Meeting – July 5, 2007, Minutes were tabled for further review.
- 2) Minutes, City Council Meeting – June 20, 2007. C. Mayo made a *motion* to approve the City Council Minutes for June 20, 2007, C. Roberts *seconded* the motion, *Approved* 3-0.
- 3) White Salmon Continuation of June 20, 2007 City Council Meeting – June 27, 2007  
C. Mayo made a *motion* to approve the City Council Minutes for June 27, 2007. C. Keene *seconded* the motion. *Approved* 3-0.

**V. ACTION ITEMS (Deferred)**

## **VI. ACTION ITEMS (New)**

1) Preliminary approval of White Salmon Short Plat 2007-002, Ilg Industries, Michael Ilg Applicant, Address 681 E. Jewett Blvd. Dotty DeVaney, Planner said the Planning Commission approved the above Short Plat at their most recent meeting and recommended that the City Council approve Short Plat 2007-002 and Variance 2007-01 with staff recommendations to allow the corner yard set back Variance and front yard depth of 15 feet from the right-of-way of Jewett Blvd. DeVaney reviewed the findings and conditions with Council. C. Roberts made a *motion* to approve Short Plat 2007-02, C. Keene *seconded*, the motion, *Approved 2-1, Opposed- C. Mayo*.

2) Interview of Applicants for vacant City Council Position 3 seat. Mayor Gaddis turned this section of the meeting over to the Personnel Committee. C. Keene read the procedure for the interview of applicants. Those being interviewed were Susan Gookin and Leana Johnson.

3) Approval of Resolution No. 2007-07-293, A Resolution declaring the intention of the City Council to adopt time specific recording and distribution of the Council Minutes. C. Keene made a *motion* to approve Resolution No. 2007-07-293. C. Roberts *seconded* the motion, *Approved 3-0*.

4) Approval of 2007 Mt. Adams Chamber of Commerce Lease. C. Roberts made a motion to approve the 2007 Mt. Adams Chamber of Commerce Lease located at 1 Heritage Plaza amending the monthly rental fee from the present \$220.00 per month to a 4% increase effective 2008, which will be \$228.80 per month; effective for 2009 the monthly rental shall be \$237.95. C. Mayo *seconded* the motion. *Approved 3-0*.

5) Approval of Ordinance 2007-07-804 (An Ordinance of the City of White Salmon, Washington, revising Section 8.08.140B of the White Salmon Municipal Code to change the due date for payment for garbage service from the tenth of the month to the twenty fifth of the month following the billing period, for consistency with water and wastewater billing and payment.) C. Mayo made a *motion* to approve Ordinance 2007-07-804, C. Roberts *seconded* the motion, *Approved 3-0*.

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

SPE Mike Wellman said the City crew is preparing to bring Buck Creek on line in the event of an emergency. He said some of the pipes were being replaced and the line will be flushed. Wellman said a Boil Water Mandate notice will be published if Buck Creek is activated, at that time. Todd Carter from Colburn Electric has been reviewing the SCADA System.

SPE Mike Wellman said the Hwy 14 Wastewater Project is complete. Final punch list is being reviewed. The PUD is upgrading the electrical line to facilitate the lift station at the Park & Ride.

C. Roberts said he agrees with Tom Smith's statement that Mike Wellman is an asset.

C. Mayo announced the Wine and Art Fusion Event is this Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> from 5pm to 9pm.

C. Keene suggested the City send a letter of condolence to the Klickitat County Sheriff's Department regarding the tragic death of Officer Peter Garland.

## **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 July 18, 2007. C. Keene asked that Checks be tabled to the August 1, 2007 regular City Council Meeting due to a lack of second signature for approval.

**IX. PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Shelly Baxter, 1006 Cherry Hill Lane is concerned about the pile of debris on Matt Melby’s property. Fire Chief Hunsaker said he would talk to Matt Melby. Baxter said citizens would like to have more input in planning issues.

C. Keene said the Land Use Committee’s priority is to update the land use ordinance and develop a Critical Areas Ordinance. A draft copy of the proposed Critical Areas Ordinance will be posted on the City’s website.

Jan Brending, Bingen City Clerk Treasurer said she would like to discuss with the City of White Salmon the possibility of hiring a full time Planner to work for both cities. The Planner’s duties could include updating the Comprehensive Plan and other zoning Ordinances.

Donna Marx, 260 NW Lincoln is concerned with all of the Town Houses being built in White Salmon. She would like to see restrictions on the number of town houses built.

Dave Poucher, 105 SW Westwinds said the City Council makes the final decision to approve short plats and variances. Once Council reviews the applications if they have questions they should return them to the Planning Commission for further review.

Donna Marx, 260 NW Lincoln said developers should check with City Hall about restrictions of property before they purchase it.

Ron Gookin, 420 NE Columbia said affordable housing is not possible in the Gorge because of high land values.

Stan Horack, Habitat to Humanity, said affordable land is hard to find in this area.

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT**

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 8:55pm. Mayor Gaddis announced the Executive Session was to discuss candidate qualifications for the vacant Council seat and would last approximately 20 minutes. Executive session adjourned at 9:05pm. City Council meeting reconvened at 9:06pm with Council Members Keene, Roberts and Mayo present. C. Mayo made a *motion* to appoint Susan Gookin as Council Member for Position 3 which was vacated by Susan Benedict. Gookin will serve until the November election has been certified. C. Roberts *seconded* the motion, *Approved* 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

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Francis Gaddis  
Mayor

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Judi Culp  
Deputy Clerk Treasurer