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CITY OF WHITE SALMON

City Council Regular Meeting Minutes – August 15, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Gaddis called the Council Meeting of August 15, 2007 to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members Mayo, Roberts, Keene, Gookin and Marx were present. Staff members present were: Clerk Treasurer – Eric Greene, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer – Judi Culp, Deputy PWD Tom Smith, SPE Mike Wellman and Attorney Deborah Phillips. Public Representatives included, Maryann Voigt, Donna Marx, Jim Randall, Ruth Winner, Wayne Carlock, Tim O’Neill, Craig Junis, Leana Johnson and Mark Peppel.

II. TOWN HALL

Cities Insurance Association of Washington Coverage Confirmation. Hugh Whitson reviewed the Cities Insurance Coverage with Council, explaining the Cities Insurance is within an Insurance Pool. To qualify for the Insurance Pool the city must have a population of less than 7,500. C. Marx asked if there has been any changes to the coverage. Whitson said no changes, only minor enhancements and limit changes are made to the policy yearly. C. Keene asked about deductibles. Whitson said the Pool Board determines the deductible each year. C. Mayo asked about the coverage on the City’s equipment and wells. Whitson said the City’s policy is valued at 12 million. He said the key to having coverage for the wells, is to always make sure we have added them as an insured location on the Statement of Values, currently valued over 12 million for the City, and at this time we have both insured as locations on the SOV. If the well pumps were to break down the City would have to assess the value of the wells and then the Insurance Pool could determine the value of the wells. C. Gookin asked about new purchases or surpluses of equipment or vehicles. Whitson said it is like any other insurance, call your agent and let him know when new equipment is purchased or sold. Whitson said in March the Insurance Pool goes over values of assets with City Staff. The Insurance Pool can then establish the policy value.

Tim O’Neil prosecuting Attorney for Klickitat County and Craig Junis shared with Council changes within the County Office. O’Neil said felonies has dropped in 2007. O’Neil’s office has been working with the Bingen/White Salmon Police Department in fighting crime. O’Neil said White Salmon has been fairly quiet, not very many convictions.

III. PUBLIC MEETING

No Public Hearing

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Minutes, City Council Meeting – August 1 2007, C. Roberts made a *motion* to approve the City Council Minutes of August 1, 1007, C. Keene *seconded* the motion, *Approved 4-0.*
Abstained – C. Marx.

V. ACTION ITEMS (Deferred)

VI. ACTION ITEMS (New)

Set the date of September 5, 2007 for a Public Meeting to Consider Final Approval of Short Plat WS-SP-003. Applicant: Howard Kreps. C. Mayo made a *motion* to set the date of September 5, 2007

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VII. DEPARTMENT HEAD/COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Clerk Treasurer Eric Greene said he has no date when the auditor will be here.

Deputy PWD Smith said the City bought a 1995 Street Sweeper for \$8,000. He said the old sweeper was not worth fixing and the department determined it was better to purchase another one. The old sweeper will be kept for parts when the new Sweeper needs repair as many of the parts are interchangeable.

SPE Wellman said Citizens have been keeping water use down. Currently we are using almost all the water we are producing. Wellman is continuing his research of Buck Creek and the water rights. In researching Buck Creek's original water rights established in 1923. He said the City has 2 Cubic Feet per second but no volume is considered. Wellman passed out a map showing a spring that is within 500 feet from the South Fork of Buck Creek. This Spring has never been used and would produce 1.6 Cubic Feet per second. Wellman recommends to Council that this winter the spring be monitored for quality and quantity. This Spring may be a future source but would need a pipeline from the Spring which would flow into the reservoir by gravity. The Dam has a chlorination system to the reservoir. C. Keene asked what monitoring is needed. SPE Wellman said once a month City Crew would monitor the PH in the water, temperature of the water, and take samples for bacteria. It would require two City Crew and take about 4 hours. C. Roberts said it is encouraging to know that City Crew is working on the water problems and presenting options to be considered.

Attorney Phillips said she is working with Dotty DeVaney with changes to the Zoning Ordinance, modifying fees and fee recovery. Phillips said she is also working with SPE Wellman on water issues. C. Keene asked if the Fire and Police could be included in the Fee Recovery. Phillips said yes, they could be added for consideration.

C. Roberts said he is working on an Annexation Fact Sheet.

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 August 15, 2007. C. Gookin made a *motion* to approve Manual Checks 36000-36007 in the amount of \$226,039.76; Claim Checks 36008-36051 in the amount of \$24,359.70; and Payroll Checks 20204-20219, in the amount of \$10,525.00; *seconded* by C. Roberts, *Approved 4-0*.

IX. PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Donna Marx, 260 NW Lincoln thanked City Council and everyone involved for the Centennial Celebration in the Park, August 11, 2007. Marx asked when the time capsule would be buried and what will be in it. C. Mayo said it will be buried in October. Items that will be; Pictures of the City, Letters from school children telling what it is like living here in 2007, Coins and other items not yet determined.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 7:10pm.

Francis Gaddis
Mayor

Judi Culp
Deputy Clerk Treasurer