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CITY OF WHITE SALMON
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
SEPTEMBER 19, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Gaddis called the Council Meeting of September 19, 2007 to order at 6:05 p.m. Council members Mayo, Roberts, Keene, and Gookin were present, Marx was absent. Staff members present: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer – Judi Culp, PWD Mike Wellman, Fire Chief Bill Hunsaker, Attorney Deborah Phillips. Public Representatives included; Donna Marx, Leana Johnson, Ruth Winner, Bob Landgren, Kitty Landgren, Helga Burkhardt, Dave Poucher, Jim Randall, Stan Horack, Suzie Willey, Dough Charters, Don Smith, and Jesse Burkhardt, The Enterprise.

II. TOWN HALL

Dave Poucher, 105 Westwinds Road said he felt the cost to replace the Banners on Jewett Blvd. were a little high. He talked with Sign Pro in The Dalles and got a cost of \$150.00 per Banner. These Banners would last 5 years. For Nylon or Dacron the cost would be \$175 to \$200 per flag.

Bob Landgren, White Salmon opposes the expenditure of replacing the Banners on Jewett Blvd. He said the City should look at repairing the streets.

Donna Marx, 260 NW Lincoln opposes the expenditure of replacing the Banners on Jewett Blvd. She said the City needs to repair the streets and sidewalks. This shows visitors we care about their safety.

III. PUBLIC MEETING

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Minutes, City Council Meeting – September 5 2007, C. Roberts made a *motion* to approve the City Council Minutes of September 5, 2007, C. Keene *seconded* the motion, *Approved 4-0*.

V. ACTION ITEMS (Deferred)

- 1) Authorization to transfer and expend up to \$6,000 of MCI Funds for replacement of Jewett Blvd. Banners on light poles. C. Mayo contacted Elmers Flag & Banners who made the original Banners. He received a quote of \$144.00 per Banner a total of \$2,505 and for replacing all the hanging equipment \$1,350. The cost for the silk screen set up is \$300.00 and \$44 for shipping. The present Banners have lasted 15 years. PWD Wellman said Public Works will look at old hanging equipment to determine how much needs to be replaced. C. Mayo made a *motion* to Table replacement of Jewett Blvd Banners for the street light poles until the October 3, 2007 Council Meeting. C. Keene *seconded* the motion, *Approved 4-0*.

VI. ACTION ITEMS (New)

1. Request the Clerk/Treasurer to research the State's Digital Business Licensing Program and Report to Council October 3, 2007 on possible 2008 implementation. C. Keene made a *motion* to request the Clerk/Treasurer to research the State's Digital Business Licensing Program and Report to Council October 3, 2007 on possible 2008 implementation. C. Mayo *seconded* the motion, *Approved 4-0*.
2. C. Mayo said the agenda does not have listed the letter to be drafted to the Yakama Nation requesting the assistance of removing the house at 228 SE Wyers Street that was gutted by fire on 8/20/05. C. Mayo drafted a letter and asked that it be reviewed and sent to the Yakama Nation. Fire Chief Hunsaker said he has been in Contact with a member of the Yakama Nation and has not

heard back. Hunsaker also said a local contractor Jay Holtman will tear down the house and remove it at no cost. Mayor Gaddis directed staff to rewrite the letter getting permission from the property owner and the Yakama Nation to tear it down. The contact person for the city is to be listed as PWD Mike Wellman, also copy to Police Chief Brending and Fire Chief Hunsaker. The letter will be on the agenda for the October 3, 2007 council meeting.

VII. DEPARTMENT HEAD/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) Status of Water Hook-up Extensions Approved in Jan/Feb 2007. PWD Wellman said six (6) persons applied for extensions, they are: 1) David Howe: his hookup fee was refunded as he did not purchase the property on Grangeview Place. 2) Steve Morgan: Klickitat County has approved his short plat, house plans being engineered and he is in the process of trenching to have the meter installed. 3) Emmett Sampson received a building permit on 3/20/07 and he is to the stage of having insulation installed. The meter placed on 1/5/07. 4) Hans Winterlich: The meter was installed on 4/10/07 however, no building permit has been submitted or issued. 5) Thomas Anderson: Paid for his meters 06/29/07 but the meters have not been placed. 6) Scott Nielson: four meters were placed at the commercial lots on Jewett and Garfield 04/04/07. The building permits were issued and paid for on 6/09/06. The permits have not been picked up nor has any building inspections occurred. Staff was instructed to send a registered letter to each applicant not in compliance with the Ordinance. Attorney Phillips will review the letters before they are mailed out. If the extensions cannot be resolved administratively, this matter will be brought back to council for denial or approval.
- 2) Discussion and consideration of amending the Business License Ordinance, to include Businesses Performing Non-Delivery Occupations within the City Limits. C. Keene said she would like the City to consider including Businesses Performing Non-Delivery Occupations within the City Limits. Attorney Phillips said would prepare an Ordinance by the November 7, 2007 Council Meeting. She will keep in touch with Clerk Treasurer Eric Greene regarding his research with the Master Business Licensing Program.
- 3) Water Conservation Ordinance Enforcement Procedures. PWD Wellman discussed with the Water Wastewater Committee suggestions on how the city should notify violators of the Water Conservation Ordinance. A suggestion was door hangers. The City Crew would deliver door hangers to violators and notify City Hall of all violators. Attorney Phillips said the Ordinance states two warnings must be issued before a fine could be imposed. She suggested that the Police should be involved because they document all violations if it were to go to court.

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 September 19, 2007. C. Gookin made a *motion* to approve Manual Checks 36112-36114, in the amount of \$23,022.56; Claim Checks 36115-36158 in the amount of \$366,121.67; Payroll Checks 20221-20280 & 889890-889895 in the amount of \$108,097.80; *seconded* by C. Roberts, *Approved 4-0, Opposed* C. Marx.

IX. PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Fire Chief Hunsaker said the Red Cross will be using the Fire Hall on October 8, 2007 for their annual blood drive. Hunsaker said the fire department will be conducting the annual Hydrant Checks throughout the City starting October 16, 2007.

PWD Wellman said the pool was drained and city staff conducted pressure tests and line tests. The results were okay, with very little water loss. The pool holds 125,000 gallons of water. Wellman said that the original cost estimate was approximately \$30,000. After review of tests and analyzing the structures the cost estimate could be as low at \$10,000 for the basic structural fixes, depending

on how much is done. There are other activities that could increase this cost. Wellman will prepare a break-down of repairs and cost for the October 3, 2007 Council Meeting.

PWD Wellman explained a well graph showing the well levels have dropped every year since 2002. The imposed regression curve on the water levels does not show any signs of stopping in the next several years, and so well levels will continue to decrease unless we use less water from the aquifer. Production of the wells was 1,300 gpm last year and is only about 1,200 gpm this year. Wellman said Andy Cervantes will be in town on October 3, 2007 to visit Buck Creek and the springs. Cervantes will be attending the City Council Meeting at 6pm.

C. Keene attended the Klickitat County Commissions meeting on October 6, 2007. She stated she read the letter the City wrote addressing their concerns regarding the Husum/BZ Corners Re-Zoning. No date has been set to approve or deny the ReZone.

C. Roberts thanked PWD Wellman for keeping the Water Wastewater Committee and City Council up to date on the water issues.

Mark Peppel, 108 Alta Vista Drive, said the City needs to set an example of conserving water. He said the sprinklers on Jewett Blvd. are always running into the street and the Pool leakage should be repaired.

Bob Landgren thanked the City for hiring Mike Wellman.

Doug Charters, 920 Navaho Lane said the paper work is in progress for the City to give a wastewater (sewer) hookup to his property as a trade for some of his land to place handicap parking at the Francis & Mammie Gaddis Park.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm.

Francis Gaddis
Mayor

Judi Culp
Deputy Clerk Treasurer