

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

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Gaddis called the Council Meeting of April 18, 2007 to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members Marx, Roberts, Keene, Mayo and Benedict were present. Staff members present were: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer – Judi Culp, Deputy PW Director – Tom Smith, Special Projects Engineer - Mike Wellman, Fire Chief Bill Hunsaker, Attorney Deborah Phillips. Public Representatives included, Clyde Knowles, Robert Delehart, Zoe Campbell, Ron Armstrong, Voncille Armstrong, Bruce Bolme, Dorothy Herman, Rick Hallysurta, Shirley Cox, Jennifer Hull, Dianne Sherwood, Betty Barnes, Jan Brending, Pat Baumgarden, Kari Abken, Lori Wolford, Kathy Thomas, Ruth Winner, Wayne Carlock, Clara Carlock, Brian Prigel, Jim Herman, and Bob Landgren.

II. TOWN HALL

Clyde Knowles – 411 Washington Street. Knowles asked when the City became a part of the Underwood Conservation District. C. Benedict said it was last year (2006) that the Council voted to be included in the Underwood Conservation District. Knowles said he understood a motion was made that new meters were not going to be charged for at the Wyers End project to service each new unit. Special Projects Engineer Wellman said it was not in the form of a motion. Our policy has been that the City will provide new equivalent meters to services, if the old meters need to be replaced. Attorney Phillips said there is a copy of the Findings and Decisions approving the Wyers End project available at City Hall.

Dianne Sherwood – Outside City Limits. As a representative of the WS Rotary Club she asked City Council to consider a walking/park area on Church Street. She said it would be a nice gathering area in the City.

Dorothy Herman, Outside City Limits –According to her research she said the Mayor approved extensions without Council approval which is against the law. She asked when the next meeting would be to address these issues. She also cited a State Supreme Court decision relating to a similar situation, stating that the City of White Salmon should consider the legal issues this could cause. C. Roberts said the next Water meeting is Monday, April 23, 2007 at 6pm in the Fire Hall.

Brian Prigel, City of Bingen Mayor said the Joint White Salmon/Bingen Water Sewer meeting Monday, April 15th discussed the Depot Street Sewer Line Project. Bingen Council has some concerns about the some of the language in the Interlocal Agreement. Bingen Council would like a double indemnity clause written into the contract, share Engineer costs with White Salmon and remove the cap on contributions. Low bid for the project is \$122,000 with \$15,000 for engineer costs and an additional percentage for contingencies.

Jennifer Hull -164 NW Washington Street said she is in support of the WS Rotary developing a pocket park on Church Street in the downtown area.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

No Public Hearing

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) **Minutes of City Council Regular Meeting April 4, 2007.** C. Roberts made a *motion* to approve the Minutes of City Council Regular Meeting March 21, 2007, with addendum submitted by C. Marx. C. Keene *seconded* the motion. *Approved 4-1, Abstained – C. Benedict*

V. ACTION ITEMS (Deferred)

VI. ACTION ITEMS (New)

- 1) **Approval of Jewett landscape Maintenance Budget increase**

Deputy PWD Smith said Andrea's Landscape Service was the low bidder for the Jewett Streetscape Project. Originally the project was for 9 months. To keep within budget the contract was cut to 5 months. In order to accomplish a 9 month contract, the budget line item would need to be increased. Smith asked the Parks Committee to review this further.

- 2) **Spring Festival Committee proposal to hold Spring Festival 2007 in Rhinegarden Park, June 1-3, 2007.** Attorney Phillips suggested a sponsorship form be filled out for all events. C. Roberts made a *motion* to co-sponsor Spring Festival 2007 in Rhinegarden Park, June 1-3, 2007, with specific items. C. Keene *seconded* the motion, *Approved 5-0.*

- 3) **Approval of Interlocal Agreement between Bingen and White Salmon for financing of construction of modification of Wastewater collector infrastructure to eliminate hydraulic bottleneck at Depot and Maple Streets in Bingen.** C. Roberts said approval of the Interlocal Agreement should be deferred to the May 2, 2007 Council Meeting pending changing of an Ordinance. The Water/Wastewater Committee will meet to discuss possible changes. C. Marx made a *motion* to defer the approval of the Interlocal Agreement to the May 2, 2007 Council Meeting. C. Roberts *seconded* the motion, *Approved 5-0.*

- 4) **Set the Date of May 2, 2007 to Consider Final Approval of Short Plat WS-SP-2007-001, the Matt Melby Short Plat with conditions as recommended by Planning Staff and the Planning Commission.** C. Benedict made a *motion* to set the Date of May 2, 2007 to Consider Final Approval of Short Plat WS-SP 2007-001, the Matt Melby Short Plat, C. Mayo *seconded* the motion, *Approved 4-0, Refused himself* C. Roberts. (

VII. DEPARTMENT HEAD/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks & Recreation Committee – C. Keene said the Parks & Recreation Committee would like to recommend that City Staff enforce the code relating to property owners displaying sandwich board signs and hanging ornamental hangers and flags in the downtown planter boxes, informing owners it is a violation of City Municipal Code.

C. Keene said Parks & Recreation Committee asked for approval from Council to partner with the WS Rotary to proceed with planning the a small park between Tohomish and Jewett on Church Street. C. Marx asked if the Church Street has to be vacated. Attorney Phillips said if the street is vacated it would revert back to the property owners on each side. The property owners could then donate it back to the City to be used as a park. Attorney Phillips will work with the Rotary's Craig Trummel to further research this.

C. Marx asked Clerk Treasurer Green if he had closed the out November 2006 Budget. Greene said no. C. Marx asked if it has not been closed, do we know the financial circumstances of the City. Green said no, not until 2006 has been closed.

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 April 18, 2007 for April 4, 2007. C. Benedict made a *motion* to approve Claims Checks #35532 to 35582 in the amount of \$73,666.00; Payroll Checks #19812-19816 & 19925 to 19958, and 889829 to 889837 in the amount of \$85,441.36; *seconded* by C. Roberts, *Approved, 4-1. Opposed, C. Marx*

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 April 18, 2007. C. Benedict made a *motion* to approve Claims Checks #35584 to 35632 in the amount of \$89,925.20; Payroll Checks #19959-19974, and 889840 to 889840 in the amount of \$11,025.00; *seconded* by C. Roberts, *Approved, 4-1. Opposed, C. Marx.*

IX. PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Clyde Knowles asked if the contract with Andrea's Landscaping Service includes Pioneer Park. Deputy PWD Smith said no.

Hwy 14 Wastewater Project – Knowles asked about the change order for this project. Special Project Engineer Wellman said the original bid was for removal of 100 cubic yards of unsuitable material. Colville Tribal Services exceeded this and they are asking for additional funds. When amounts exceed the original bid by over 20%, they are typically re-negotiated.

Wyers End Project – Knowles asked if there is a main trunk line for sewer hookups and how many can it service. Deputy PWD Smith said the City Crew will be videoing the lines to determine how many are available.

Jan Brending said the City of Bingen is hosting a workshop Monday, April 23, 2007 to discuss the topic "What is a railroad right of way and how can it be implemented."

C. Mayo said he has noticed graffiti on the signs going down Dock Grade. Deputy PWD Smith said he is aware of it and it should be removed within the next month.

Shirley Cox of the Budget Committee said a meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2007, and the public is invited to attend.

Special Project Engineer Wellman distributed a memo regarding the zone change near the City's well field. Frank Backus of SDS Lumber has requested that the City of White Salmon write a letter to Klickitat County Planning in support of the zone change of approximately 100 acres from Resource Lands to Rural Residential 1.

Deputy PWD Smith said the ADA Sidewalk Project is underway. The contractors are a little behind, but it should be complete soon. Funding for this project comes from a TIB Grant.

C. Marx submitted letters to the Mayor, City Attorney and each Council Member, demanding clarification of allowing the re-application letters to customers granting hook ups, clarification on allowing Mayor Holen to set policy, clarification on accepting the “loophole” theory and where it appears in the WSMC 13.16 and Clarification on the legal granting of a two six-month extension to BBK LLC by Mayor Roger Holen.

C. Keene said the Budget Committee , asks that the Clerk Treasurer draft an Ordinance adding a sub category to the Municipal Budget adding a Wastewater Treatment Plant reserve fund line item as defined in the interlocal agreement.

C. Keene said the Budget Committee asks that the Clerk Treasurer to develop a RFP to replace the current phone system at City Hall.

C. Roberts said a Water Committee Workshop is scheduled for Monday April 23, 2007 at 6 p.m.and the public is invited to attend.

Community Pride Week – April 23 – April 29th, Volunteers are needed.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Francis Gaddis
Mayor

Judi Culp
Deputy Clerk Treasurer