

**City Council
January 8, 2008**

Mayor Johnson called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Boyle Barrett, McNally, Montgomery, Ramsey, Reed, Twardoski and Weigelt. Also in attendance were City Administrator Dave Schmidt and City Attorney Sue Sampson.

Administrator Schmidt stated we need to add another Executive Session, immediately following the other Executive Session, regarding personnel.

Mayor Johnson moved the Oath of Office to the beginning of the meeting.

Oath of Office (Elected Members):

Mayor Johnson gave the Oath of Office to James Montgomery, Randy Reed, Jan Twardoski and Ron Weigelt.

Admin/Per/Fin:

Council member Ramsey stated they had a meeting last night. In attendance were committee members Ramsey, Boyle Barrett, and City Administrator Schmidt and Mayor Johnson. The committee set the goals for the next 6 months, which are: (1) In 2006 Mayor increases were removed from the budget and we discussed the process of reinstating the action of performance based increases; (2) Set ethics for Council and Mayor; (3) Procedures for accepting applications for vacancy on the Council; (4) Scholarship for graduating White River High and Collins High School students and discuss parameters of setting it up with City officials; and (5) Clean up the codebook, all items that pertain to Admin/Finance committee. Mayor Johnson informed the committee that City Attorney Sue Sampson will be retiring in the middle of 2009. Committee will need to review firms and recommend to the entire Council. The staff at City Hall are finally up and running with processing US Passports. We have had two as of December at \$30.00 each. Their next meeting will be February 4, 2008. They also talked about the Mayor Pro Tem. Generally the Mayor recommends the Mayor Pro Tem and then appoints him/her. One thing she would like to see done is have the Mayor Pro Tem run all the Council workshops. Mayor Johnson will bring a recommendation for Mayor Pro-Tem back to the Council at the next meeting.

Public Safety:

Council member Boyle Barrett stated they had a meeting on January 2, 2008. Those in attendance were Fire Chief Predmore, Police Chief Arsanto, and committee members Ramsey and Boyle Barrett. There were also two students from Enumclaw who were working on a school project. Chief Predmore updated the committee on the new fire station. We are expecting a report from the Cedar Community Church on their wetland study soon. Chief Predmore updated the committee on the Fire Impact Fees. He has been working with Ed Davis and Suraiya Rashid and is shooting for a March complete date. The recruit academy begins Monday night. The Firefighter II Class just finished

and they will take the final test on the 20th. The fireman's banquet is the last Saturday in January which will be the 26th. The Mayor and all Council members are invited.

Chief Arsanto discussed with the committee the possibility of going "green" with one of the vehicle purchases for this year. They are looking at replacing Sergeant Personius' vehicle and are looking at the hybrid Ford Escape. The gas mileage savings should be a big plus. Chief Arsanto reported that the Ford Escape has been ordered. Chief Arsanto let the committee know that they will be starting the reserve academy again. Officer Mike Northam has agreed to take this on. At the last Council meeting Chief Arsanto asked for authorization to spend up to \$1,000 on the SWAT Vehicle. On that same day Chief Mitchell of Bonney Lake asked his Council to approve replacing that vehicle and they approved that so we are not going to have to spend the \$1,000. The committee will be looking at the animal control ordinance over the next couple of months. Chief Arsanto let the committee know that the grants are not looking as good for this year. Yogi our drug dog is doing a good job for us so far. City of Tacoma has been using him so we are working out a deal with them to pay for Officer Garrett's overtime. The next meeting will be February 6, 2007 but unless we have urgent matters come up we will probably be canceling that meeting because Chief Predmore will not be available.

Bldg/Zon/Env:

Council member Twardoski stated they had a meeting last night. They talked about the Rainier School property that maybe the City could get for recreational purposes. They talked about the blue building on Highway 410. We would like to get that building painted if it cannot be condemned because it is such an eyesore. Council member Reed stated what they were talking about is a nuisance building ordinance where we can require the property owner to clean up their property and/or building. Right now we are in the talking stages and want to see what we can do about this. Their next meeting will be February 4, 2007.

Utilities:

Council member McNally stated they had a meeting on January 4, 2008. There has been a water rate pamphlet that has been written but did not go out with the utility bills; however, there was a nice article written by the Mayor with the bills that briefly explains about the new water rates. We are still waiting on an informational gas pamphlet. We are still waiting on the parts for the sand filter and don't know when to expect them. The sewer lateral lines for the WRS project have been completed and yet we have no idea what the actual costs will be. Dominic did the engineering for the project and didn't charge the City for his services. Administrator Schmidt stated he is not sure this has actually been done because they were out trenching today, so he doesn't believe it has been completed. Council member McNally stated we still were not able to put the 2% from 401 into the 404 fund but the revenues have not come in yet for December. We will have a better understanding by February. We can start the gas pressure upgrade as soon as Council approves a scope of work for the consultants. This will be covered under item #12 tonight. The WWTP is still on schedule, but unfortunately the DOE has told us that we are not getting grant money for the reuse project. They are anticipating that their meetings will continue to be the first Tuesday of every month, although it may change

with input from other committees. Council member Boyle Barrett stated on the reuse project we were not funded this year in grants; however, she thinks we should continue to pursue this and re-apply for it. Administrator Schmidt stated we scored 16th out of 28 applications. The one thing we really lost points on was the environmental issues. When we submit the new grant application we need to be more conscientious on what they are asking for. There will be future rounds and hopefully the Legislature will set aside more money for next year.

Strt/Sdwlk/Strm:

Council member Weigelt stated they have a meeting on January 15, 2008 at 6:30 PM at City Hall.

Parks/Recreation/Cemetery:

Council member Montgomery stated they will have a meeting on January 16, 2008 at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

Community Services:

Council member Reed stated they had a meeting last night and discussed the Youth Center. The foundation has been poured, they are working on the plumbing and electrical, and they will eventually pour the slab. We were informed in December that we needed to spend the Pierce County grant money by December 31, 2007 or we would lose it, and Interwest was able to come up with an invoice for supplies so we were able to use the County grant money. The other item is that the materials have not yet been delivered to the site which is actually a plus because they are not really ready for them yet. They discussed the issue of the truck for the food bank. The food bank truck is a 1990 truck that is in bad shape and it would cost several thousand dollars to repair it. The Kiwanis has money to purchase a truck but not enough for a brand new truck. The City is in need of a new truck for the sewer treatment plant for getting water samples. The current truck is a 2 wheel drive but we actually need a 4 wheel drive. The committee recommended accepting the \$10,000 contribution from the Kiwanis for the purchase of a new 4 wheel drive truck and then the City would give the 2 wheel drive truck to the Kiwanis. The City would then surplus the old food bank truck. The third item discussed was a recommendation by the Buckley Hall Board that we revise our daily rental fee for the Buckley Hall. The current rate is \$600 with a \$400 deposit and the Buckley Hall Board is recommending, and the committee agrees, that we change the daily rental from \$600 to \$400. **Council member Reed moved to change the daily rental of the Buckley Hall to \$400 and keeping the damage deposit. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion.** Council member Twardoski asked what other people charge for rentals. Administrator Schmidt stated they are all over the board. Council member McNally asked how much we made last year. Administrator Schmidt stated without having the budget in front of him, he cannot give a figure but they did okay last year. Council member McNally asked if we should lower it even more. The Council did not feel that was necessary. **The motion then carried.** The next meeting will be February 4, 2008 at 7:30 PM at City Hall.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Johnson stated she attended the Five Cities Consortium meeting today which consists of Enumclaw, Buckley, Orting, South Prairie and Wilkeson. They talked about creating a scenic byway that goes all the way around Mount Rainier. Currently the byway ends at Mud Mountain Dam Road. What they are proposing is to extend it through Enumclaw, Buckley down through South Prairie and Orting up by Kapowsin and Eatonville connecting a loop. It is still in an informational stage; they want to get a nod of approval to proceed. We would have an option to opt out. There will be some restrictions as to what you can do on the scenic byway. On the flip side, being on the scenic byway Buckley shows up on all the maps and all the tourist information. It is something that we will have to take a look at, what the possible ramifications may be.

Staff Reports:

Administrator Schmidt stated Rodarte had two items left on the punch list for the Main Street/Ryan Road project; the resurfacing of the intersection at Ryan and Spiketown, and the re-grading of the property on Ryan Road. The resurfacing has been done and there is a meeting with the property owners to discuss the re-grading. We have a meeting with Rodarte and the property owner on Monday, so hopefully we can have all this done and we can get this project wrapped up.

We are still getting the run around from FEMA so we lost our commitment from the contractor. The last word we received is that we will have to go back out to bid; we are going to have to modify the bid documents because FEMA will not accept us putting in an access road for taking the equipment in. His interpretation of the e-mail is we need to bid the project to make the repairs and then the contractor has to come and ask for a change order to put the road in. Mayor Johnson stated she spoke to a FEMA representative and she was told that they are trying to make sure when the project is complete and the auditor comes through that there is nothing that could reject the project. If that happens, then the City has to pay the money back. They have evidently had a lot of projects that were approved and then rejected by the auditor and then the cities have had to come up with the money to pay back.

MAIN AGENDA

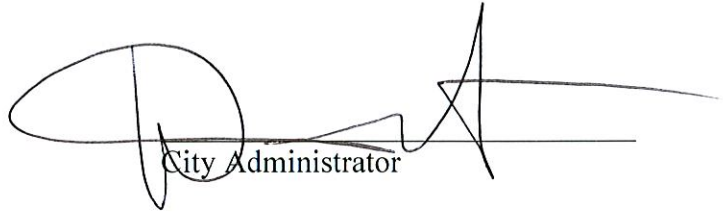
Ordinance #01-08, Amending Water Rates:

Council member McNally moved to approve Ordinance # 01-08 Amending Water Rates. Council member Weigelt seconded the motion. Administrator Schmidt stated this ordinance establishes tiered and seasonal water rates. Council member McNally had a question on page 4 where it reads "water usage above 200 cubic feet shall be billed by charging for the next highest 100 cubic foot increment when the usage goes above any 100 cubic foot increment". Discussion ensued. Administrator Schmidt stated it wouldn't hurt to completely remove that section. After discussion the Council decided to remove this entirely. **Council member Weigelt rescinded his second. Council member McNally amended his motion to approve Ordinance #01-08 Amending Water Rates removing B (2) on Page 4. Council member Weigelt seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.



Mayor



City Administrator