

City Council
January 22, 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.

Mayor Johnson stated she has one postponement for the agenda, which is Item No. 16 the Haunted House Lease Agreement. The Moneys sent a letter to the committee, which the committee considered; however, the Moneys have also requested to speak to the Council. Does the Council want to postpone this for the next meeting? **Council member Twardoski moved to postpone the Haunted House Lease to the next Council meeting. Council member Ramsey seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Admin/Per/Fin:

Council member Ramsey stated they did not have a meeting. Their next meeting will be February 4, 2008, at 6:30 PM, at City Hall.

Public Safety:

Council member Boyle Barrett stated they have no report and they will be canceling their meeting for February.

Bldg/Zon/Env:

Council member Twardoski stated they have had no meetings and their next meeting will be February 4, 2008, at 6:00 PM, in the Multi Purpose Center.

Utilities:

Council member McNally stated they had no meeting; however, there was some communication between the committee and staff on the water rate ordinance. **McNally moved to bring this back to Council for reconsideration. Council member Weigelt seconded the motion.** Administrator Schmidt stated one of the problems we had under the rate structure for business and industrial is that there are two different rates. We have such a cross over with the commercial and industrial out at the Business Park that it was becoming difficult to decide who was going to get charged what, so staff recommended that we combine the commercial and industrial, and that is the only change coming back tonight. **The motion then carried.** Council member McNally stated their next meeting will be February 5, 2008, at 6:00 PM.

Strt/Sdwlk/Strm:

Council member Weigelt stated they talked about Street Vacation Procedures, and the reason for this is that we have had several requests but don't have a policy in place for that. They discussed the Storm Drain Plan; there will be a brief presentation on it tonight. We would like to get this adopted by the end of April. They talked about the property at 172 So. Third St. There is a drainage problem which is similar to what we

have seen in the area. It is bad but not necessarily as bad as other areas. We are looking at some grading in the alleys for a temporary solution. A longer term solution is needed, probably adding some additional storm drain pipes.

Parks/Recreation/Cemetery:

Council member Montgomery stated they had a meeting on the 16th and they talked about several items. They set a list of priorities of what they will be talking about over the course of the coming year, and some of the problems and issues that they need to deal with. The next meeting will be February 5, 2008, at 7:30 PM, at City Hall. Council member Boyle Barrett asked if the committee is looking at replacements for the trees that were removed from City Hall. Council member Montgomery stated one thing they talked about is setting some mechanism in place to allow for donation of trees for landscaping projects so this will undoubtedly come up.

Community Services:

Next meeting will be February 4, 2008, at 7:30 PM, at City Hall. Items to be discussed will be the Regional Market and continuing updates on the Youth Center.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Johnson stated that she and Council member Weigelt attended a town hall meeting with Pam Roach. Next week is the AWC Legislative Caucus in Olympia, and she and Council member Reed will be attending on Wednesday. Council member Montgomery stated he would also like to attend. Mayor Johnson stated she is currently working with two Eagle Scouts for projects. The first one will be doing his project on the new section of the trail. He will do a drawing and bring it to Council for approval. The other scout wants to do landscaping at the Youth Center. He won't be designing it but he will be doing all the work. At the last Council meeting she was asked to come forward with a nomination for Mayor Pro Tem. One thing she would like to do is move the Pro Tem position around from Council member to Council member. Council member Twardoski was the longest seated Council member at the time, and this time Council member Reed is, so her recommendation is to nominate Council member Reed as Mayor Pro Tem.

Council member Weigelt nominated Council member Reed as the Mayor Pro Tem for the next two years. Council member Montgomery seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Staff Reports:

Administrator Schmidt stated Gray and Osborne is here tonight to give a presentation of the Storm Water Plan. There has been a little glitch with the projector so staff is suggesting that they give a brief ten minute presentation on the financing portion as well as give the Council a copy of the capital project list. Then, next Tuesday, they will be able to answer questions and they will give a lengthier presentation. Administrator Schmidt stated that the Youth Center is moving along well. We are still waiting to hear from FEMA on the water transmission main. Dominic sent a personal e-mail to the Region Ten representative from FEMA asking for a personal audience. FEMA has not responded. We had a meeting with Rodarte on-site on the Ryan Road and Spiketown property last week and, according to Rodarte, they have completed the entire punch list

on Main Street and Ryan Road, so finishing the lot grading will be the last thing they need to do. Once that is done and accepted by our Engineer we can do a final walk through and bring that project back to Council for final acceptance. The only thing left to do on the trail is the pavement striping, and we have ordered the benches and trash receptacles. Council member Montgomery asked if we are going to get the crosswalks done with the non skid finish. Administrator Schmidt stated once the temperature warms up, we will get that done.

Citizen Participation:

Dave Kennicott, Branch Coordinator for the Pierce County Library, and Susan McBride, Buckley Branch Supervisor, are here to talk to the Council about the Pierce County Reads program. They have a proclamation that they are asking the City to sign and join in with the Pierce County Library in this program. Pierce County Reads is a community involvement program where everybody reads in one place at one time and talks about and enjoys the same book. The goal is to get thousands of residents reading, discussing and enjoying the same book and coming together as a community. On January 27, 2008, the Pierce County Library and the News Tribune will unveil the author for the Pierce County Reads program. **Council member Weigelt moved to sign the proclamation for the Pierce County Reads program as outlined. Council member Reed seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

MAIN AGENDA

Mayor Johnson recessed from the regular meeting at 7:30 PM to hold the Public Hearing on RV Park Moratorium.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:30 PM.

Marvin Sundstrom, 881 Sheets Road. He does not know what the moratorium is for; however, he would like to say that a well planned RV Park is an asset to the community. There are a lot of people who travel today and that is very convenient to them.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:31 PM.

Administrator Schmidt stated that the next step at this point is to send this issue back to the Planning Commission to develop RV Park standards and designate zones in the City where they will go. Then these issues can come back to the Council for adoption within the six month period of the moratorium. Attorney Sampson stated there needs to be a Resolution adopting the moratorium making specific findings to keep it in place for the six months.

Gray & Osborne Stormwater Plan Presentation:

Nancy Lockett and Stacy Clear from Gray and Osborne are here tonight to give an update to the Council on the Stormwater Plan. There are currently 19 projects to the Plan, and they went over all the projects with the Council and the prioritization of them. They then went over the financing plan for the projects.

Ordinance #01-08: Water Rates Reconsideration:

Administrator Schmidt stated all we did was strike through the Manufacturing/Industrial and added Industrial to Commercial so they are all the same rate. **Council member Weigelt moved to approve the reconsideration of Ordinance No. 01-08, establishing the water rates. Council member McNally seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Ordinance #02-08: Adopting Street Vacation Procedures:

Council member Weigelt moved to approve Ordinance No. 02-08 adopting a chapter entitled vacation of streets and alleys. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion. Administrator Schmidt stated what this ordinance does is follow the RCW establishing guidelines in what cities can do as far as vacation of streets and alleys. The City hasn't had one so the Council has always had to consider them individually. This sets a uniform process. **The motion then carried.**

Resolution #08-01: Declaring Wood from Trees Surplus:

Council member Weigelt moved to approve Resolution #08-01, declaring the wood from City Hall tree removal as surplus and authorizing the remaining wood to be made available to the general public. Mr. Sundstrom asked why the trees were removed, which Mayor Johnson explained. **The motion then carried.**

Haunted House Lease Agreement:

This was postponed until the next Council meeting.

Mayor Johnson recessed from the regular Council meeting at 8:00 PM for Executive Session to discuss Personnel for approximately 10 minutes.

Mayor Johnson reconvened the regular Council meeting at 8:15 PM.

Personnel Agreement:

Council member Weigelt moved to approve the early retirement agreement between the City of Buckley and James Osborn as outlined. Council member Reed seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Staffing: Provisionary Patrol Officer:

Chief Arsanto stated this is exactly what we talked about. He has a gentleman that has the full time police academy behind him. He has been on the reserve department and, with the departure of Sergeant Osborn, he has brought him on as a provisionary police officer who is right now working 1-2 days a month, which keeps his certificates valid. **Council member Boyle Barrett moved to approve the hiring of a part-time provisionary patrol officer. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Council member Reed moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion and the motion carried.

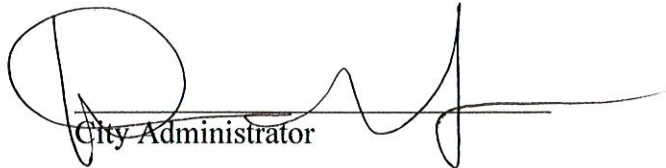
Approve the minutes of the January 8, 2008 Council meeting.

Claim check numbers 40739 through 40777, in the amount of \$ 644,747.48, for the period of January 9 through January 22, 2008, are hereby approved and ordered paid this 22nd day of January 2008.

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.



Mayor



City Administrator