

**City Council**  
**June 24, 2008**

Mayor Johnson called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Mayor Johnson asked if there were any additions, changes or corrections to the minutes. City Administrator Schmidt requested to delete agenda item #15, which is discussion on the building code, and replace it with a Resolution that the Mayor is introducing on a sister city, and we would like to add an item #16 which is an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Cosmopolitan for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase IIE.

**Admin & Finance:** Council member Ramsey stated they did not have a meeting. Their next scheduled one is July 7th.

**Public Safety:** Council member Boyle Barrett stated that Public Safety did not have a meeting. She asked to move the first two agenda items forward to this time because they are ready to go.

Council member Boyle Barrett said that **Agenda Item #11 is the Interlocal Agreement between Greenwater and City of Buckley**. What we are basically doing is taking the engine that we just replaced with the new engine, and we've drawn up an agreement to loan it to Greenwater with the understanding that if we need the engine back that we can have the engine back during that time, and that they will keep it in the same condition that it is in now. **Council member Boyle Barrett moved that we approve this Interlocal Agreement. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion.** City Administrator Schmidt said that this helps us to retain ownership, instead of surplussing it or selling it or giving it away. Council member Boyle Barrett said that there is not a huge market for surplussing it at this point and we don't get the value if there is a possibility that we could still use it. **Motion carried.**

Council member Boyle Barrett said that **Agenda Item #12 is to approve the Fire Service Agreement between Rainier School and the City of Buckley**. She stated that she believes that the only information that has changed is the cost that they would be paying us. It is a standard agreement that we have been using for years. City Administrator Schmidt said with a significant rate increase. Council member Boyle Barrett said that hopefully that will better cover the demand for service that's been out there. **Council member Boyle Barrett moved to approve the Fire Service Agreement between Rainier School and the City. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion.** City Administrator Schmidt stated that the rate is set by calls for service so, as Chief Predmore tracks those, and when it comes to negotiation time, we

look at the escalation in the calls and that is how they establish the new rates. Council member McNally asked if that includes AMR Transports or is that totally separate. City Administrator Schmidt said he doesn't know if there is a separate transport charge or not; he knows that this covers the calls, but he doesn't know if this covers the transports. Council member Boyle Barrett stated that she thinks, and we would have to consult Chief Predmore to be sure, that transport is covered under their medical coverage, which is through the State. **Motion carried.**

Council member Boyle Barrett stated that their next meeting is scheduled for July 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 5 PM, at City Hall.

**Building & Zoning:** Council member Twardoski stated they had a meeting last night with the full Council about the future of this community and the buildings and the clustering, and we need another meeting because we don't have enough information. So, we are meeting Monday the 30<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM, and she believes it is here. We are going to get photos; some visuals, so we can get a first hand view of what we are looking for. The meeting last night was very interesting and very informative, but we do need more information. Then we will be meeting the following Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6 PM, at the MPC. City Administrator Schmidt thanked Council Member Twardoski and her committee for all their hard work.

**Utilities:** Council member McNally stated that their next meeting is the first Tuesday of next month, July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Streets, Sidewalks & Storm Drains:** Council member Weigelt stated they did not have a meeting. They have a meeting scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July, but he needs to actually schedule that for a different week because he's going out of town that week. After a short discussion the committee decided to move their next meeting to 6:30 on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Parks, Recreation & Cemetery:** Council member Montgomery stated they did not have a meeting. Their next scheduled meeting is July 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30.

**Community Services:** Council member Reed stated they have not had a meeting; however he did have the opportunity to attend the annual Association of Washington Cities conference last week. AWC has basically two conferences a year. One is in February, which is the legislative conference to push hot issues and meet with our senators and representatives. While that is important and useful, he thinks the much better conference is the one he just attended which is based more on training. He went to several conferences on various types of funding and managing large projects, and how you deal with six or seven agencies and pull money together for these projects. You get a chance to sit down with other people from other small towns and say okay this is how we did it, but is there a better way. This particular conference is held every year and is very informative and he would highly recommend that any Council member take the opportunity and go.

## **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Johnson stated that she and Council member Reed both went to the AWC Convention last week and she cannot emphasize enough what a great conference it always is. One of the classes she took was Jurassic Parliament, which was a class on parliamentary procedure. It was two hours of a six hour class, so they just hit the high spots, but this company comes out to your City also and she thinks it would behoove us this fall or winter to take a Saturday and have this company come out and teach us parliamentary procedure. We aren't even close; what we do is acceptable to us, but there have been a lot of times when some of what we have done hasn't been quite kosher. Mayor Johnson said she thinks it would behoove us to invite in the surrounding cities to help cover the cost of bringing this program in. Mayor Johnson stated that she spent an hour with the Vice Chair of Cascade Water Alliance. We sat down by the pool, just the two of us, and talked about water and the history of our conflict with Cascade Water Alliance, and I think she walked away with a much better understanding of where we are coming from. It was a very interesting conversation. I don't know if anything will come of it, but with establishing these relationships sometimes things just work out a little bit better.

Mayor Johnson said regarding her trip to China, she will be leaving on Sunday and will be gone a little over a week. And about our sister city, we have a Resolution later on the agenda; it is Wanning and it is on the island of Hainan. It is a city with a population of about 60,000. It is considered a county-city, which means it has enough people now. It is not a primary city, but it is still a city. All of the Mayors in China are appointed. Mayor Johnson said that she will be coming back on the 7<sup>th</sup>, which is a Monday, but because of jet lag and not having time to prepare for the Council she has asked Council member Reed to take over the Council meeting that evening as Mayor Pro Tem. She will be here that night, but she will sit in the audience.

Mayor Johnson said that Congressman Reichert is having his Mayor's Meeting while she is gone and she received confirmation today from Reichert's office that they would like to have Council member Reed attend in her place. So he will attend that on July 1<sup>st</sup> and represent the City of Buckley.

## **Staff Reports:**

City Administrator Schmidt stated he has nothing to report.

## **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

**Rainier Hills Christian Fellowship – Park Reservation:** CT Rickert, 10102 232<sup>nd</sup> Ave. East, Buckley 98321. He is back here again one year later to get approval to do another church performance on probably the south side of the new building. That will be July 16<sup>th</sup> and this will our third year doing this. Mayor Johnson said we are giving them permission but they don't really have to come to us and ask permission to use the park; this is more of a courtesy. Mr. Rickert said that he wanted to make sure that they are

doing everything according to the rules. City Administrator Schmidt said that is a good idea just so the full Council understands and the public knows. Mr. Rickert said they are bringing about 100 people and they are there for a couple hours. Council member Montgomery asked if they want to use the area on the south side of the Youth Center, which they do. Mr. Montgomery's question is if the turf will be able to handle that by then. Mayor Johnson said they were out rolling it today. City Administrator Schmidt said it should be fine by then. Council approved.

**Relay For Life:** Mayor Johnson said that Penny would like to give us a final report on how the event went. Penny stated that they had their evaluation meeting on Sunday and realized we needed to come to the Council and share our successes. When she was here before, they were hoping for 30 teams for the Relay and had 33. They had over 600 people involved on teams. Their goal was \$73,000 and they raised \$85,000. This was an amazing amount of money for a very small community. That is \$20,000 more than last year, and last year they won the award for per capita, and it's \$41,000 more than two years ago. Penny said I wish I could read to you all the thank yous that have been sent to us. We had over 40 evaluations filled out, which was huge, and so many people from 5 years old to 80 years old were thanking us for having another big event in our community to bring us together. Most of the evaluations said that they loved the firemen. The Buckley Fire Department challenged the Carbonado Fire Department to a dance off and it was hilarious. It was just really neat to see our community come together. Penny said we want to thank the City for closing River Avenue; we couldn't have supported 600 people if we wouldn't have had that. Also a special thanks for letting them use the Youth Center. We also want to thank the City for giving us Devon for the day to really help us. An event like this takes a lot of work. A couple things we know we have to work on for next year. Because it was such an open area, they had a lot of Jr. High kids that they didn't know where they came from or who they were with, so that was very hard to patrol. So, we have to go back to bracelets and you will have to register for the event to be there. We will take anybody that comes that night, but if they are under age they will have to register with an adult because of our American Cancer Society insurance. And, we are hoping next year that we will have more Police Department presence. We don't know how that will be. We don't know if we're going to have to put that in our budget, or if we're going to have to ask the City for help with that. We had a few issues with some skate boarders, but we did the year before too and that's okay. We want to get them involved; we want them to be a team, so I'm working on that, and the new youth person is going to help us next year with that. Thanks to all of you!

## **MAIN AGENDA**

**Frontage Waiver: 281 Edith Street (Mutch):** Council member Weigelt moved to approve the Mutch frontage modifications based on the recommendations of approval in the Staff Advisory Report. Council member Montgomery seconded the motion. Council member McNally said he drove by there today and they've got it tore up, it's all removed, the damaged sidewalk that was in our packet pictures, so that's all been taken out. So, I don't know if they are just looking at replacing just that 45 feet that was bad, or the entire sidewalk. City Administrator Schmidt said, based on this

recommendation, they would have to replace for their full frontage, and if the width does not meet our current standards, they will have to go the additional foot width; they have to meet our new standard. If the Council makes a motion on this, we give them a letter with a notice of decision and we tell them exactly what they have to do. **Motion carried.**

**Purchase Agreement: Vision Software: Council member Ramsey moved to approve the Purchase Agreement with Vision Software for the acquisition of a new accounting software program. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion.** Council member Reed asked what does this do for us that the old one didn't. Finance Director Bazzar said that what we have now is ASP and we're using the Visions reporting software already, and that is how I send you your monthly and quarterly reports with expenditures and revenues. Visions is actually a group of gentlemen who were originally ASP people. ASP was bought out by Harris, so those guys got back together again and formed a company, and they've got a lot of interesting software that will make my life easier and your life easier. They have been working with the State auditors so when it comes time for the annual reports, after everything is ready, I can just hit a switch and it will go. City Administrator Schmidt said that ASP has been the primary software accounting programs for cities for a very long time; they do the BARS System. When it changed hands, the technical support that all the cities receive went down hill significantly. We've had trouble with the program and we haven't been getting updates. It has caused problems and that is why the people from Vision peeled off from ASP and created their own program because they wanted to provide support to cities; they saw that there were problems. They developed the new software based on the ASP program. This is something that was discussed last fall and it is approved in the budget, not the full purchase but a five year purchase plan. Finance Director Bazzar stated that it is \$9,087 for the first year and \$6,287 for the four years after that. City Administrator Schmidt stated that this will give us a far more accurate accounting program. Finance Director Bazzar said that this will also give us a great support system; we can call them on the phone and they can help us immediately. **Motion carried.**

**RES No. 08-08: Declaring the City of Wanning, Hainan Province, Peoples Republic of China, as a sister city to the City of Buckley: Council member Reed moved for approval of Resolution No. 08-08 declaring the City of Wanning, Hainan Province, Peoples Republic of China, as a sister city to the City of Buckley. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Cosmopolitan for the construction of Phase IIE: City Administrator Schmidt said that this is an amendment for \$10,000 to cover the redesign and re-advertisement for the Phase IIE bid that we recently rejected. They had to modify the bid specification language, re-copy all of the bid specs again, advertising costs, everything, and the amendment is for \$10,000. Council member Weigelt moved to approve Amendment No. 3 to the Professional Services Contract to the City of Buckley Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project, dated April 13, 2004, Project BUC004, for the amendment total of \$10,000. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion. Council member McNally stated that he doesn't understand, I thought we'd have just one little item that needed to be**

corrected. Mayor Johnson said that basically you are starting all over; you're starting back at ground zero. City Administrator Schmidt said that they actually had to make three or four changes just to the bid documents. There were language changes and they have to insert those into the bid specifications and they have to re-copy and re-bind them, they have to advertise in the Journal of Daily Commerce, send them out to bid holders, etc. Council member McNally asked if they wrote up the original bid. Mayor Johnson said right, but they have to go back and make the changes, and then they have to reprint the bid, and it is quite thick. Council member McNally asked if it was their screw up. City Administrator Schmidt said that they insist that there was no problem; the engineers still to this day insist that there was no problem. In their opinion they felt that the bid specifications were fine just as they were, but we felt that there was ambiguity, enough to reject the bids and re-advertise. Our City Attorney has drafted up the changes that need to be made in the language and we have forwarded that to the engineers. **Motion carried.**

**Council member Weigelt asked that the Minutes be removed from the Consent Agenda.** Council member Weigelt stated that he wants to get excused in the Minutes; he had surgery that day. Mayor Johnson said that we don't have any ramifications if you are excused or unexcused because we still haven't come up with policies and procedures for Council members. Council member Weigelt asked if he can have that changed. **Council member Weigelt moved to amend the Minutes to read that Council member Weigelt had an excused absence. Council member McNally seconded the motion.** Mayor Johnson said there is a motion on the floor to excuse Council member Weigelt from the last Council meeting. **Motion carried.**

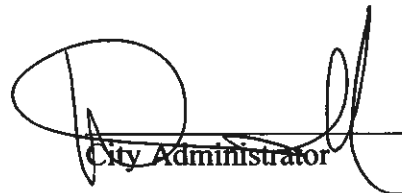
**Council member Reed moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council member Montgomery seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Approve the minutes of the June 10, 2008 Council meeting.

Claim check numbers 41494 through 41522, in the amount of \$ 902,155.74, for the period of June 11 through June 24, 2008 are hereby approved and ordered paid this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2008.

**With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.**

  
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City Administrator