

City Council
July 8, 2008

Mayor Pro Tem Reed officiated the Council meeting with Mayor Johnson sitting in the audience due to her recent return from China. Mayor ProTem Reed called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Admin/Per/Fin:

Council member Ramsey stated they had a meeting last night. Present were Council member Boyle Barrett and Administrator Schmidt. They discussed the financial summary from Finance Officer Bazzar. Council member Ramsey said if anyone is having difficulty reading this document she would be happy to schedule an informative meeting with Finance Officer Bazzar to help with reading this. She feels this would be a good idea prior to budget time. Mayor Pro Tem Reed stated one thing he questioned was on the revenue report; a couple of the items were showing the revenue at 25% and zero yet our year to date was \$100,000. This was because it is done on a quarterly basis rather than a monthly basis. Council member Ramsey stated they also talked about alternative work schedules, which will be presented to the full Council in August. The committee also discussed a drop box for utility payments. Administrator Schmidt stated the cost of this is \$500.00, which would be for a drop through the wall with a locked box inside. Council member Ramsey reported on the Carnival. Attendance was down but the Kiwanis and Police Department Association each made \$900.00. Administrator Schmidt stated he has a suggestion that they do not come the same weekend as Log Show, that they come after Log Show because the chance of the soil being moist before is higher. It has cost the City several hundred dollars to repair the damage they made to the grass, including more topsoil, seeding and rolling. Council member Ramsey stated she would put that in her notes. Council member Ramsey stated their next scheduled meeting is August 4, 2008 at 6:30 PM, but she is not sure if they are going to have one in August.

Public Safety:

Council member Boyle Barrett stated they had a meeting on July 2, 2008. They had a citizen attend, Richard Alexander, who owns a duplex at 300 Ryan Road on the corner of Ryan and Pearl. He has lost two tenants due to the noise and he was asking if there was anything the City could do to help. The noise is coming from SR 165 at the intersection with Ryan Road and River Ave. This is mainly coming from motorcycles who "open it up" when they come around the corner to head south on SR165. Mr. Alexander brought some suggestions for the noise ordinance and he wanted to have the 35 MPH zone extended further down on SR 165. The committee explained to him that the State has control over the State highway and where the speed limit signs go. The committee talked about some of the suggestions he had. Chief Arsanto offered to step up patrol in that area. The committee discussed recommending to the full Council that we have an

engineering study done and then send a letter to the State DOT to extend the placement of the 35 MPH zone to the southern boundary of the City limits. Administrator Schmidt stated instead of paying the engineers to do the study, he would suggest writing a letter to the DOT asking if because of traffic safety and noise issues they could extend the lower speed limit all the way to the southern boundary, and see what they say. The committee will keep Mr. Alexander informed of what is going on. Chief Predmore let the committee know that they have met with representatives from Cedar Community Church and Grace Lutheran Church and are exploring site plan options for the new fire station. Our new Engine 34 went into service on June 27, 2008. Chief Arsanto reported that the Log Show went quite well. Security at the beer garden provided by the Firehouse Pub was adequate and there weren't any major problems there. The police presence at the beer garden wasn't quite as strong as in past years due to calls for service in the City, but they didn't have any major problems there either. In general, call volumes are on the rise. Chief Arsanto also reported that we are still trying to get a return call from the vendors on the red light camera information. We have had some complaints about Main Street parking again with business owners parking their vehicles in the two-hour zones and leaving them there all day. Police Chief Arsanto has already spoken with one of them who agreed to move the vehicle, and the Police Department will be enforcing the two-hour zone for everyone. The committee looked at the animal control ordinance again and incorporated a few changes. This issue will probably come before Council in August. They talked briefly about the budget and staffing, and recommend that we have separate meetings for Police, Fire and Courts when we get into our budget talks.

Bldg/Zon/Env:

Council member Twardoski stated they had a Council workshop a week ago and hashed over housing again. She doesn't know if we came to a positive conclusion. This community needs to think positively and accept housing for people who just cannot afford \$300,000 - \$500,000 homes, whether we like it or not. Council member Twardoski said she thinks the contractors have some pretty good ideas; she was impressed with some of the visual things the Council saw, and she thinks it will work in this community. We have got to accept it and open the door and get into 2008. Their next meeting will be August 4, 2008, at 6:30 PM.

Utilities:

Council member McNally stated they had a meeting on July 1, 2008. His minutes are in the packets. Most of the items are on the agenda for tonight. Their next meeting will be August 5, 2008, at 6:00 PM.

Strt/Sdwlk/Strm:

Administrator Schmidt stated they have a meeting scheduled for July 15, 2008, at 6:30 PM, at City Hall.

Parks/Recreation/Cemetery:

Mayor Pro Tem Reed stated that Council member Montgomery is out of state for a couple weeks so they have not had any meetings.

Community Services:

Council member Reed stated they had a meeting last night. Recreation Director Bacon reported on the Senior Center and Youth Center. Tot classes started today at the Youth Center. The Youth Center now has a "my space" page. The address is www.myspace.com/youth_center. What this will do is provide a calendar of events and talk about fee schedules and any other information you need about the Youth Center. There is also information about this on the City's website as well. Recreation Director Bacon presented a proposal for software that will handle memberships and produce usage reports which are needed for grant funding sources. It also has a scheduling tool that can be used for the Senior Center and possibly Buckley Hall as well. The cost is approximately \$20,000 with a \$2,200 yearly maintenance fee. They compared this to the package we purchased for the accounting software, which was \$30,000, so they felt it was comparable. Recreation Director Bacon announced that August 5, 2008 is National Night Out and they are developing a program at the Youth Center for this. They had a report from the Saturday Market Committee. One of the problems they are facing is the commitment of the vendors. They have 26 vendors who have registered, signed up and paid the fee, but are not showing up on a regular basis. They have been pleased with the amount of traffic as far as customers are concerned. They are looking for more produce vendors. They would like to ask the Council to consider allowing them to have a garage sale in conjunction with the market. It would be a one-day event every year. Administrator Schmidt suggested doing it the same weekend as the Car Show. The Council was in favor of it but wanted to make sure it is only one day a year so it doesn't become a weekly event. **Council member Twardoski moved to allow the Buckley Saturday Market to hold an annual garage sale in possible conjunction with the Car Show. Council member Ramsey seconded the motion and the motion carried.** Council member Reed stated we have two certified commercial kitchens that belong to the City, but we have never had a fee for just rental of the kitchens. That has now been added to the Taxes, Rates and Fees Schedule that is on the agenda for tonight. The last item was we were informed that the sanicans between the Skate Park and the Youth Center need to be checked more frequently. Council member McNally asked if there was a possibility that the parks employees could check them and at least pick up the garbage.

Staff Reports:

Administrator Schmidt stated that Main Street is underway. ICON is doing a tremendous job. The quantities on sub grade material are coming in a lot less than we anticipated so the overall project cost should be far less than what we anticipated.

The City crew just started street striping today so you will be seeing that around town. We don't have a big fancy striper so they are doing the best they can with a straight line. Our street budget doesn't have the money to hire it out. John Justice is trying to rig up a paint striper; the State School has a small vehicle they may surplus to use for this.

The City crew has been working on the entrance signs so that the Department of Transportation is satisfied, and so no one kills themselves running into the six foot wall.

Phase IIE that the Council rejected the bids on, the City Attorney has recommended language to it, the engineers have made those modifications, and we have re-advertised. It is possible that the Council will see these bids coming in at the next meeting.

Chief Arsanto stated that the parking issue should be taken care of on Main Street; they have talked to the business owners and it appears they are all parking in the back. On the alternative scheduling which has not come before the Council yet; on June 1, 2008 the Buckley Police Department went to the 4 – 10s schedule and it is working out okay. This is giving double coverage during the busy hours and is reducing some of the overtime. It is sensitive to how many employees he has so the ability to stay on this depends on his staffing.

Citizen Participation:

Marvin Sundstrom, 881 Sheets Road, is here tonight to discuss major events parking. He has never been in town during the Log Show before. One of the things he noticed is that it is a pretty good sized crowd, and he has some questions. Has anyone ever done a crowd count? Have any ideas about how many vehicles we have here? What is our inventory of available parking? Does the City draw any revenue from the event? What provision is made to protect parking for those businesses that are working on that day? For example, he went to the Post Office that day at 11:30 and was lucky enough to find a space in the parking lot. He noticed people coming from the parade that had been parked there for a couple hours. Some arrangement needs to be made. The Library was no better. The Saturday Market he is sure probably lost business because there was no designated parking for them. There was a couple from Grandview that brought cherries over to sell and didn't do a good business because people couldn't get to them. There should be a designated 15 or 30 minute parking area for the Saturday Market. Has any thought be given to the property between Highway 410 and River Road being setting up for fee parking? Mayor Pro Tem Reed stated they have thought about that in the past because the carnival is usually there. Mr. Sundstrom stated it is an idea.

MAIN AGENDA

The regular Council meeting was recessed at 7:42 PM to hold a Public Hearing regarding the 2009-2014 STIP.

Mayor Pro-Tem Reed opened the public hearing at 7:42 PM.

Administrator Schmidt stated that the Six Year Transportation Plan is a plan the City has to adopt every year to send to the Department of Transportation so they can review what the funding needs are throughout the state. This year we have 23 projects valued at a total of \$21,955,500. These are basically ongoing projects we have moved up from year to year; as we accomplish one we remove it and advance to the next one. The only one we have successfully done this year is the Main Street project.

There were no comments from the public.

The public hearing was closed at 7:44 PM.

Council member Reed stated we were talking about doing something similar to this with the sidewalks. Administrator Schmidt stated there are actually some major capital projects included in this plan. We also have the maintenance program which we started a couple years ago. We still have this program but we can only do them as funds are available.

The regular Council meeting was reconvened at 7:45 PM.

Resolution No. 08-09: Adopting 2009-2014 STIP:

Council member Boyle Barrett moved to approve Resolution No. 08-09 Adopting 2009-2014 STIP. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion. The motion then carried.

Resolution No. 08-10: Amending Taxes, Rates and Fees Schedule:

Council member Ramsey moved to approve Resolution No. 08-10: Amending Taxes, Rates and Fees Schedule. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion.

Administrator Schmidt stated the items that have changed are kitchen rentals for the commercial kitchens, and a 20% surcharge for out of town users to hook up to the sewer system. We currently charge out of town users of water an additional 20%, so we are keeping it consistent. Another thing, on storm water we didn't define what an ERU is for commercial charges, so that is now defined. The biggest change is the garbage rate increase. We are currently running a deficit in the garbage account. We didn't know what the increase was going to be from DM Disposal when we did the minimal increase in January, and now that we are getting billed for the increases we have been running in a deficit and we are proposing a 5% increase. The last item is a fee for a fence variance. The process is not as detailed for a standard variance so we are proposing a reduced rate for the fence variance. **The motion then carried.**

Resolution No. 08-11: Agreement Amending Pierce County Comp Plan:

Council member Boyle Barrett moved to approve Resolution No. 08-11: Agreement Amending Pierce County Comp Plan. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion. Associate Planner Rashid stated one thing that was discussed by her and Administrator Schmidt is that on pages 15 & 17 it points out that areas with centers could receive higher population allocations which can affect funding levels so she wanted to point this out to the Council. Administrator Schmidt stated we had some concerns that 14.2 would give the County authority to allocate population into those regional centers and leave the outer lying cities out of the equation, but the bottom line is they can allocate wherever they want to. **The motion then carried.**

Main Street Water Main Replacement: Change Orders #1 and #2:

Council member McNally moved to approve Main Street Water Main Replacement Change Orders #1 and #2. Council member Boyle Barrett seconded the motion.

Administrator Schmidt stated Change Order #1 entails a few different items. One is actually a credit back to the City, and the other is a two inch line with a one inch meter which has to be replaced with the two inch meter, which is more costly. Change Order #2 is for replacing 100 feet of storm pipe because during excavation for the new 12 inch

water main it was discovered that the storm line was in conflict with the new water main. **The motion then carried.**

WTP Valve: Change Order #1:

Council member McNally moved to approve Water Treatment Plant Change Order #1. Council member Boyle Barrett seconded the motion. Administrator Schmidt stated this is another one of those situations where they run into utilities that are not known. At the old reservoir we don't have any maps that show where the utilities are and the contractor ran into an old water main that was in the way of where they were going to put storm drainage, so the pipe had to be cut out. Council member McNally stated he thought we should submit this bill to DSHS because they were supposed to supply the maps and didn't. Administrator Schmidt stated we are going to do that. **The motion then carried.**

Boundary Line Adjustment – Tinney/Nelson:

Council member Ramsey moved to approve the Tinney/Nelson lot line adjustment. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion. Associate Planner Rashid stated this had to come before the Council because the lots that result from this are under the minimum square footage for the zone. There is a provision in the code that states for pre-existing legal lots you can have a smaller minimum lot size than what is required under the zone as long as it has Council approval. Staff has reviewed this and had no problems with this. **The motion then carried.**

Boundary Line Adjustment – Saylor:

Council member Ramsey moved to approve the Saylor lot line adjustment. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion. Associate Planner Rashid stated this will result in lots that are of irregular shape. One of the lots will be a flag lot and therefore requires Council approval. Staff has reviewed this and didn't have any problems provided they make changes to the map showing which buildings will be moved or removed. Council member Boyle Barrett asked what the horizontal dashed lines are for. Associate Planner Rashid stated that shows the current lot line. **The motion then carried.**

Final Acceptance – Water Transmission Main Repair Project:

Council member Boyle Barrett moved to approve final acceptance of this project. Council member Ramsey seconded the motion. This was for the 250' of water transmission line that was repaired. **The motion then carried.**

Interwest Waiver: PW Standard for Side Sewer:

Council member Boyle Barrett moved to approve the PW construction standard variance for side sewer for Interwest Development subject to conditions. Council member McNally seconded the motion. Administrator Schmidt stated that Interwest is asking for a variance from the Public Works Standards that require each lot have separate side sewer. They are asking to do a joint forced main from the bus garage property. Interwest has an agreement with the School District with an easement document already developed to tie into the School District line so they don't have to drill under the

highway. From staff and the engineer's stand point, it makes sense to them. The engineer asked that if the Council does approve this, they do so under the three conditions that are recommended in the staff report. **The motion then carried.**

Maycumber Sewer Connection:

Administrator Schmidt stated Teresa Maycumber lives at 10808 Mundy Loss Road which is right at the intersection of Highway 410 and Mundy Loss. She is the first property on the southwest corner. She has a septic system that has failed. The City has a 4 or 6 inch forced main that runs right in front of her property to the schools. When that line was installed, all the houses along there were stubbed out for future connection. She is requesting that she be able to connect to the sewer. We have a limited number of connections but in August will have plenty. It is staff's recommendation from a safety and environmental standpoint to allocate a sewer connection to them based on the current standards and fees. **Council member Boyle Barrett moved to approve the Maycumber sewer connection subject to all adopted standards and fees. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Council member Reed stated that, in the Mayor's absence, he sat in on Congressman Reichert's Mayors Conference. He invited Mayors for the legislative district to a meeting at Kent City Hall. They talked about national, state and municipal issues. Part of what he is looking to do is establish legislative priorities; things like addressing our energy situation. Another thing a lot of municipalities talked about was infrastructure. Council member Reed said he talked to Congressman Reichert about our FEMA project, and will be working on that.

Council member McNally asked to remove the Minutes from the Consent Agenda due to the fact that page 5 is missing. Council member Twardoski moved to approve the Consent Agenda minus the Minutes. Council member McNally seconded the motion and the motion carried. The Minutes will be added to the next agenda.

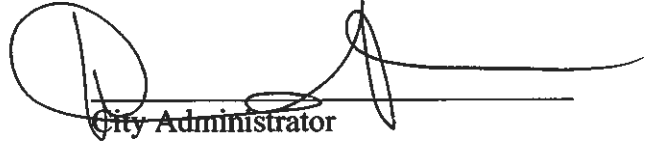
Claim check numbers 41523 through 41630, in the amount of \$ 256,615.97, for the period of June 25 through July 8, 2005; Payroll check numbers 28165 through 28285, in the amount of \$ 287,920.56, for the month of June; and Treasurer check numbers 10416 through 10435, in the amount of \$ 1,025,073.33 for the month of June are hereby approved and ordered paid this 8th day of July 2008. Approve Transfer Voucher for the month of June 2008 and Treasurer's Receipts for month of June 2008.

Mayor Johnson thanked Mayor Pro Tem Reed for officiating the meeting tonight and then gave a brief report on her recent trip to China and our sister city.

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.



Mayor



City Administrator