

**City Council**  
**November 23, 2010**

Mayor Johnson called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Reed, Montgomery, Twardoski, Patson, McNally and Montgomery. Council member Boyle Barrett arrived at 7:15 PM. Also in attendance was City Administrator Schmidt.

**Finance & Public Safety:** Council member Reed stated they have not had a meeting since the last Council meeting.

**Streets & Utilities:** Council member Montgomery stated they had a meeting last Tuesday where they discussed primarily the deficits in sewer somewhat but mostly in water and some of the things we can do to make those up for 2011. The City Administrator was going to crunch some numbers for us and hopefully by the first of the year we'll have a recommendation for the Council as far as how to address those shortfalls.

**Community Services & Recreation:** Council member Patson stated they have not had a meeting since the last Council meeting. Their next meeting is scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM.

**Community & Economic Development:** Council member McNally stated their next meeting is December 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Johnson stated that the Youth Center Dinner & Auction last Saturday night was a success. They haven't yet totaled everything up, but their proceeds are going to be right around \$3,000.

Mayor Johnson said last year the Chamber of Commerce did a tree lighting with the big tree. They have replaced the lights on the tree with LED lights. We had about 5,000 lights on it before, but they did not buy that many lights because of the cost; they're going to buy more lights next year. So, it may look a little sparse this year but it has new lights, and these are a little bit brighter too. Evidently, the wiring box has been redone, so the outlet box is bigger, and if you notice they have already lit a few trees on each side of Main Street with new LED lights this year. That (tree lighting) is supposed to be on Sunday in the late afternoon, I think around 6 PM, and at the Museum there will also be free pictures with Santa from 4 PM to 6 PM. Ron Callis has worked with HP and they have provided a printer, paper and ink, so we can just print off pictures.

## Staff Reports:

City Administrator Schmidt stated he wanted to call the Council's attention to the two single page handouts he handed out. We were hoping for one grant from the Transportation Improvement Board, but we received two. We received an additional \$600,000 for Phase 2 of the Realignment Project, and the one project we didn't think we had a shot at is the one we got for overlay. We were so skeptical of getting it that I never even mentioned it to the committee. We talked about the chip seal to River and Naches and an overlay to Naches, and we got the overlay to River, which we didn't think we'd get. So, they are awarding us a little over \$107,000 to overlay from Main Street to Park. And, that \$600,000 on the Realignment Project will put Phase 2 within grasp. Mayor Johnson said the other thing we need to do with the River Road Project is to put in a new side sewer to Buckley Hall. We were going to do it at the same time as they put the new sewer connection in at the museum, but we only have to go out into the street about 3 or 4 feet and didn't want to do clear across at that time. City Administrator Schmidt said we probably should evaluate all the utilities in the street, not that we necessarily have the funding to replace any. I think the water main is in good shape, but we should look at the others while we're there. City Administrator Schmidt said I might add that because the \$600,000 is for Phase 2, and we are only proposing to do Phase 1 next year, that \$600,000 is not reflected in this year's budget, so it's a non issue. It will be in 2012's budget and by that time we'll have the grant agreements in place. We had already considered getting one grant so the budget reflects \$105,000, so we are already covered on that one; we just need to change the name. Council member Montgomery asked if there is a match. City Administrator Schmidt said \$5,000. We were really very fortunate to get both of them. The City has really received a lot of money from the Transportation Improvement Board over the last five, six, seven years, considering Main Street, Ryan Road, the Realignment Project, West Main, and now this. There has been a lot of money that's come our way. The River Avenue Project came off Small Cities Pavement Preservation and then the \$600,000 came out of the Small Cities Account. Mayor Johnson said hopefully our population doesn't exceed 5,000. City Administrator Schmidt stated if we are lucky enough that bids stay low; if we can get Phase 1 out and bids come in 15% under, that puts us with the money to do Phase 2 as well.

Mayor Johnson stated she has one more item. She attended the Friends of Rainier meeting on Sunday afternoon at Rainier School. As you know, the Governor has asked everyone for 6% straight across the board, and now it looks like there will be an additional 4%, which is something that places like Rainier School can't handle very well because they've been cut to bare bones anyway. However, with the Governor saying that McNeil Island is going to close, as a State facility, even though that is only 250 jobs the County Executive is prepared to go to bat for us up here because of the fact that it was one large facility closed in Pierce County and it is not fair to dump one more on Pierce County because that would be 1,300 to 1,400 jobs total for one county to absorb. So, hopefully that will play into the Legislature if they decide to close one facility.

City Administrator Schmidt said if the Council adopts the budget tonight, then we already have the agenda for the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting fairly well set and there are not a lot of

items on there. So, if the Council wants to cancel the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in December that will have to be done by motion. That will be the December 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Either tonight or at the next meeting that will have to be cancelled so that there can be a posting put out. At the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting we will be doing a budget amendment in large part because of the fire station bonds coming in; that's quite a bit of money that wasn't anticipated.

### **Citizen Participation:**

Mayor Johnson said tonight we have Zach Charron here to speak to us about an Eagle Scout project. He had actually talked to Bob about it down at the Veteran's Memorial. When we looked at the amount of surface that has been covered where the memorial is, we think we are at a threshold where we cannot even put in another sidewalk without doing storm drains. City Administrator Schmidt said that was one of the reasons that Bob had to change his design and actually round the sidewalks because they were approaching that threshold limitation in the new 2005 stormwater requirements as far as impervious area. If we go over that threshold amount then we have to do a full blown storm plan and stormwater detention and DMPs. So, we haven't evaluated it yet, but we are concerned that by the addition of this pad and a covered shelter that it could push that threshold over. Mayor Johnson said so Zach actually has a really good project that he would like to do in the City and we think that there are perhaps other locations that it would benefit. Mayor Johnson said Zach is up against a pretty steep timeline. A short discussion ensued regarding impervious surface.

**Zachary Charron, 25113 158<sup>th</sup> St. E, Buckley, WA:** Zach said I've lived here for eleven years and I like the new addition of the freedom pole. I drive by there going to Boy scouts on Mondays and I've thought wouldn't it be nice to have a place where citizens can go and have a nice covered area where they can have a picnic or something. And, with Washington's weather, I came up with the plans in front of you. It is a 10' x 10', 4-post structure with a 12' x 12' roof. The original plan was for it to be to the right or left of the freedom pole, but because of the storm drainage requirements I'm not sure where else it could go. Mayor Johnson said we have a couple ideas. A discussion ensued regarding alternate locations and whether or not a permit is required. Mayor Johnson told Zach that she and City Administrator Schmidt will get back to him with who he should coordinate with on the staff because he will actually be working with a staff person on this. Hopefully we'll know something by Monday or Tuesday because we have a skeleton crew tomorrow. Zach reviewed his timeline for completing the project.

### **MAIN AGENDA**

#### **ORD No. 21-10: Adopting 2011 Budget:**

City Administrator Schmidt stated that the ordinance being presented for adoption is the amended one that was handed out tonight. The reason being was when I went back to double check all the numbers I found a formula problem under solid waste, and it was in how the internal utility tax was being charged as far as the percentage goes, and what was being transferred to the general fund; it actually changed the total by about \$1,800. It

increased our end fund balance by about \$1,800, and reduced the amount of expenditures by that same amount. So, the 2011 budget proposes to expend \$23,502,463 on revenues of \$27,246,652, with a projected end fund balance of \$3,744,189 at the end of the year. Because of those number changes it also changed numbers in the budget document so I've given you the new pages 11 and 12 reflecting those changes that have just been made, so you can just insert those pages. City Administrator Schmidt read the ordinance by title. **Council member Boyle Barrett moved to approve Ordinance No. 21-10 adopting the 2011 budget. Council member Reed seconded the motion.** A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the budget. **Motion carried.**

**ORD No. 22-10: Setting Voter Approved Fire Station Levy:**

City Administrator Schmidt stated that the voter approved levy is not set on a levy amount, it is set on a dollar amount, and that dollar amount is told to us by Seattle Northwest based on what the interest and principal payment is for the following year. That will change from year to year. As part of the levy ordinance, I gave you a schedule of payments going out for those years of the levy so every year we will have to adopt a new levy based on those dollar amounts for the following year. **Council member Montgomery moved to adopt Ordinance 22-10 setting the 2011 levy amount required for the voter approved 2010 Unlimited General Obligation Bonds for Fire Station construction financing. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion.** City Administrator Schmidt said I know that all kinds of numbers were kicked around during the ballot proposal, and I think the goal of the Fire Department was to try to keep the levy amount around \$ .71 per thousand, but that was based on the prior year's property valuations. Because we saw a 13% reduction that levy amount jumped, but the final number actually dropped to \$ .78, so that \$298,000 that we're levying for next year is about \$ .78 per thousand for 2011. **Motion carried.**

**MOU: Local #286 Labor contract Extension:**

**Council member Boyle Barrett moved to approve the MOU between the Local #286 Operating Engineers and the City extending the current Bargaining Unit Agreement by one (1) year to December 31, 2011. Council member Patson seconded the motion.** After a brief discussion, **motion carried.**

**Engineering Supplement: FEMA Transmission Main Repair:**

**Council member Montgomery moved to approve the Supplemental Proposal for additional engineering on the FEMA Transmission Main Access Road Repair Project for \$20,307. Council member Boyle Barrett seconded the motion.** City Administrator Schmidt stated this is the FEMA Transmission Main Project. When Gray & Osborne gave us their first agreement and we approved it, it was prior to the design of the project, or even FEMA's approval of what they were going to pay for. When it got into the process, they put this much extra additional time into designing the project, based on what FEMA approved. So, this is work that has already been done. Chief Predmore and City Engineer Miller both believe that these are reimbursable costs under the FEMA contract. **Motion carried.**

**Agreement: Extension with Bonney Lake for Planning Services:**  
Council member Boyle Barrett moved to approve the Services Agreement between the City and Bonney Lake for On-Call Planning Services. Council member Patson seconded the motion. After a brief discussion regarding planning services, hours and costs, motion carried.


**CONSENT AGENDA**

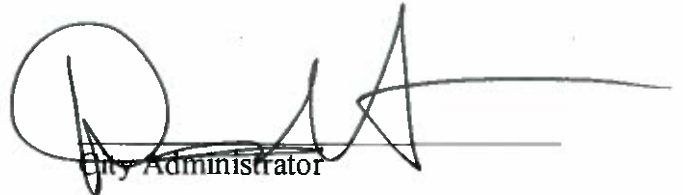
Council member Reed moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion. Council member McNally requested a correction to the Minutes of November 9, 2010. Council member Reed rescinded his motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council member Twardoski rescinded her second. Council member Reed moved for the approval of Claims. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council member McNally said on page 2, under the bold "Community & Economic Development", it shows as Council member Patson's report and that should be Council member McNally's report, and the next one down is "Community Services & Recreation" and that says Council member McNally and that should be Council member Patson. Council member McNally moved to correct the minutes with those changes. Council member Patson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claim check numbers 46064 through 46079, in the amount of \$46,139.18, for the period of November 10 through November 23, 2010, are hereby approved and ordered paid this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2010.

Chief Predmore reminded the Council that next Wednesday, December 1st at 2:15 PM is the bid opening on the fire station project, and it will be at the fire station.

**With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM.**

  
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City Administrator