

**City Council**  
**March 9, 2010**

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

Upon roll call the following members were present: Boyle Barrett, Harple, McNally, Montgomery, Patson, Reed and Twardoski. Also in attendance was City Administrator David Schmidt.

Mayor Johnson asked if there were any changes, additions or deletions to the agenda. Council member Montgomery stated he has one addition that came up at the Utility Committee meeting today and that is the repair bids to the Taylor house. Administrator Schmidt stated he would like to add an Executive Session for real estate acquisition.

**Finance and Public Safety:**

Council member Reed stated that Jason Shafer of the Firehouse Pub presented their proposal for a beer garden during the Log Show. The major difference this year is that they have asked to use the beer garden for crowd containment starting at 12:00 PM instead of 4:00 PM. They will not be serving outside until 4:00 PM. Music will be played from noon to 4:00 PM in the beer garden, but will be kept at a low level. Council member Boyle-Barrett asked for clarification that they will still be serving inside with people walking outside with drinks but will not be serving drinks outside until 4:00 PM. Jason also spoke on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber, Firehouse Pub and City of Buckley will get together to rent the sani-cans we need during the Log Show. We did this last year and everyone gets a lower per unit price. The City will pay and then bill the other participants based on the number and type of units they require. Chief Predmore gave a presentation on the visioning process for the new fire station and the architect's concept drawings based on that visioning. He presented the draft ordinance authorizing a bond issue to be placed on the ballot. We now have the final cost estimates and this is on the agenda for tonight. Chief Arsanto gave an update on the Police Department and possible jail contract he has been working on. Further details will be provided once the contract gets nearer to completion. The Finance Committee will be reviewing 17 proposals from prospective engineering companies; we need to do this so we stay in good standing with the State. We are not allowed to talk about price for professional services until after we have selected the firm. Administrator Schmidt stated that yesterday he received a call from Mark Brooks of WSDOT who informed us that if we don't use the pedestrian crossing money by June 1<sup>st</sup> we will lose it. We had to go through the SOQ process to satisfy state law for the grant money because it is federal and state funding. It is unusual for it to be such a short deadline. We do need to move quickly to get this project off the ground. One thing the Council and Committee may want to consider is to continue using Gray & Osborne through this year to get the projects done we have, and take time to go through the proposals and do interviews and look at changing for next year. Council member Reed asked if this would satisfy the State's requirements. Administrator Schmidt stated yes it would because we have advertised.

**Council member Reed moved to retain Gray & Osborne, Inc. as the City Engineering firm for the year 2010. Council member Montgomery seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

**Streets and Utilities:**

Council member Montgomery stated they had a meeting this morning and there are a couple agenda items on tonight's agenda, items number 10 and 14.

**Community Services and Recreation:**

Council member Patson stated they did not have a meeting this month. Their next meeting will be April 14, 2010.

**Community and Economic Development:**

Council member McNally stated they had a meeting on March 4, 2010 and were introduced to the new part time City Planner, Kathy James, from Bonney Lake. The Mayor told the Committee that she has several people who are interested in being on the Architectural Review Board, so this would be taken away from the Community & Economic Development Committee. They discussed impact fees, the sign code and downtown parking. They are looking at possibly doing angle parking on Main Street. They discussed the Railroad Right-of-Way Master Plan. They would like to work more closely with the Chamber of Commerce. Their next meeting will be April 1, 2010, at 8:30 AM, at City Hall. They will try to have their meetings on the first Thursday of every month so the Planner can attend.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Johnson stated that in Olympia the Senate Budget is to be voted on either late tonight or tomorrow. Regarding Rainier School, in their budget they were only going to close the center at Bremerton, which is the smallest, but they have decided to close another RHC but they haven't named it. The battle is not over.

Ron Callis, from the Chamber, has asked the City to do two fee waivers for the Chamber sign for two organizations within the City of Buckley that are City related, and they would like to put the sign up for free, and he thought it needed Council approval. The museum is having their annual rummage sale the second weekend in June and the Post Office has an annual food drive, but he wasn't sure of the date. Administrator Schmidt stated the agreement states the sign is available for a community function or event.

**Staff Reports**

Chief Arsanto stated he will have about six items for the next meeting agenda.

**Citizen Participation:**

**Kody Gould and Kelly Coyle: White River Cross Country 5K**, are here tonight to ask permission to hold the cross country 5K run on June 19, 2010. This is a fundraiser for the cross country team that they have held for the last 7 years. **Council member**

**Montgomery moved to allow the White River Cross Country team to hold their 5K run on June 19, 2010. Council member Patson seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

**Ron Weigelt, 17701 101<sup>st</sup> St E, Bonney Lake.** He has a couple things to talk to Council about tonight. First of all, he wanted to give a couple Legislative updates. The Mayor talked about Rainier School, and he did call and check today. The Senate and the House have both come up with budgets and they are still doing the reconciliation process, and as of this afternoon they were talking about closing just a cottage at Rainier School, so that is looking pretty good. The other thing they accomplished was the Maurice Clemons incident needing a law so we can put a stiffer bail on people who shouldn't be out on the streets, and it looks like that will be going to the voters this fall. Mr. Weigelt stated that he was a Council member from 2004-2009 and he strongly believes in participating in democracy. He will be running for the Senate this year in the 31<sup>st</sup> District to continue his participation in democracy. One thing he has been talking about during his campaign is "grow a row for the hungry." The concept is you grow a row in your own garden to donate to the food bank. He is also asking that people donate other foods to the food bank because they have been hit hard this past year. Also, he would like the City to consider a community garden for people who don't have the space. Sumner has one and he brought information to the Council regarding theirs. If anyone has any comments or suggestions, please give him a call. Council member Montgomery stated that the community garden is something that has been talked about in the past, and this will be looked into further.

## **MAIN AGENDA**

### **Ordinance No. 06-10: Fire Station Bond**

Chief Predmore said we are now at a point where we need to pass an Ordinance providing for a Bond Measure on the ballot to build a new fire station. Chief Predmore then gave the Council a detailed overview of the conceptual design process and the cost estimates, and then discussed the length and amount of the bond measure. There was a lengthy discussion by the Council about how long the bond measure should be and what amount it should be. **Council member Reed moved to approve Ordinance No. 06-10 approving the Fire Station Construction Bond Measure in the amount of \$5 million to mature within 30 years from date of issue or anytime shorter. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion.** Council member McNally asked if we have any feedback from citizens yet. Chief Predmore said no we haven't. Council member Boyle Barrett stated she personally can't understand why you would want to go with a longer term after looking at the figures. You're basically talking \$48 a year. Council member Reed stated we are not issuing a bond and we don't know what the market will be when we go to issue the bonds, so if we lock ourselves into a 20-year option now and find out that the rates change erratically for the 20-year versus the 30-year, we are in trouble. We still have the option of putting this on the ballot for 30 years, and when it comes time to issue the bond going with 20 years. What you are trading off is getting the public to commit to a 30-year bond to build the fire station. Council member Harple stated he is in

favor of the 20-year term. Discussion ensued. **Council member Boyle Barrett moved to amend the motion to a 20 year term. Council member Harple seconded the motion.** Council member Montgomery stated that what he is hearing and the way he feels is that 20 years makes the most sense right now, but when it comes time to issue the bonds it may not make the most sense. What we are talking about here is marketing it to the public and do we want to tie our hands or do we want to give ourselves options. Chief Predmore explained why and how the station was sighted in the location they have chosen, and also how the building could be expanded for additional apparatus bays if our urban growth area expands and growth occurs. **The amended motion failed. The main motion carried.**

**Resolution No. 10-04: Declaring Property as Surplus (Fine Screen)**

**Council member Montgomery moved to approve Resolution No. 10-04 declaring City property as surplus. Council member Patson seconded the motion.** Council member Harple asked if in its used state is it worth the cost that is written. Administrator Schmidt stated we are hoping to get the manufacturer's estimate of \$4,000-\$5,000 from the City of Carbonado. Council member Harple asked if the City of Carbonado offers us a very low price do we automatically take it. Administrator Schmidt stated no, if we don't get a fair offer we will go out to bid on it. **The motion then carried.**

**Resolution No. 10-05: Election of Public Records Index**

**Council member Boyle Barrett moved to approve Resolution No. 10-05 electing not to maintain a public records index. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion.** Administrator Schmidt stated we would have to add three staff members at a minimum if we don't exempt ourselves from the requirement. We are not saying we aren't going to make public records available. What we are saying is we aren't going to index every item that goes into the City. Discussion ensued. Administrator Schmidt stated the City Attorney is recommending this. **The motion then carried.**

**Chamber of Commerce Sign Contract**

Administrator Schmidt stated that before the motion is made he would like to point out a correction. There is a typo in Section 9; the sixth line should be "such loss." **Council member Montgomery moved to approve the agreement between the City and the Chamber of Commerce for use of the SR 410 sign. Council member Patson seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

**Gasaway Consulting Group, LLC: Contract for Leadership Training for Fire Dept. Council member McNally moved to approve the Agreement between the City and Gasaway Consulting Group for Leadership Training. Council member**

**Montgomery seconded the motion and the motion carried.** Council member McNally said the staff report states that they may make money; is there any idea how many additional participants there will be. Chief Predmore said in talking to a few departments, they have indicated a strong interest to participate. Council member Patson asked why we are contracting with someone from out of state instead of in state. Chief

Predmore stated he offers this course all across the United States and does as many courses on the west coast as he does in other areas around the states. A big part of it is that most of the people that are local here, most of our people have heard what they have had to say once or twice. We had an opportunity five years ago to send some of our people to Gig Harbor when Chief Gasaway was doing a training class then, and ever since then he has heard when can they go to another one of his classes again. He is a very dynamic instructor. Council member Reed asked if Council members were to pay the fee could they attend the open enrollment. Chief Predmore stated they probably would not need to pay the open enrollment. **The motion then carried.**

**Taylor Property: Bid Award for Repair of Vandalism Damage**

**Council member Montgomery moved to award the bid to repair the damage to the Taylor residence to Nielson Construction for \$31,967.16 + permit fees. Council member Patson seconded the motion.** Council member Boyle Barrett asked what the permit fees are that are being talked about. Administrator Schmidt stated Building Official Mundy felt the permit fees would be around \$1,000. Council member Harple asked if the insurance was paying for everything. Administrator Schmidt stated yes they are, and the insurance company also told us that we did not necessarily have to go with the lowest bidder; we can go with any of them. We had Building Official Mundy check out all three companies and he recalled Nielson and they are comfortable with their bid. Council member Montgomery stated that the other two company's bids were not as comprehensive or detailed as Nielson Construction. **The motion then 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 February 23, 2010 City Council meeting.

Claim check numbers 44844 through 44982, in the amount of \$ 402,151.44, for the period of February 10, 2010 through March 9, 2010; Payroll check numbers 30489 through 30626, with check numbers 30523 through 30566 being voided, in the amount of \$ 310,334.57; and Treasurer check numbers 10790 through 10799, in the amount of \$ 33,170.28 are hereby approved and ordered paid this 9th day of March 2010. Approve Transfer Voucher's for the month of February 2010.  
Approve Treasurer's Receipts for month of February 2010.

**The Council convened into Executive Session at 8:57 PM, for approximately five minutes, to discuss real estate acquisition with no announcement or decisions to follow.**

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

  
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City Administrator