

**City Council**  
**January 10, 2012**

Mayor Johnson called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

Mayor Johnson administered the Oath of Office to new Council members Howard, Irons, Montgomery and Tremblay.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Boyle Barrett, Harple, Howard, Irons, Montgomery and Tremblay. Council member Reed was absent. Also in attendance was City Administrator David Schmidt.

**Finance and Public Safety:**

Nothing to report.

**Streets and Utilities:**

Nothing to report.

**Community Services and Recreation:**

Nothing to report.

**Community and Economic Development:**

Nothing to report.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Johnson stated that the Council needs to decide whether or not Council member Reed's absence tonight should be excused or not excused. His 90-day leave of absence has expired and we have not received any word from him. **Council member Tremblay moved that Council member Reed's absence tonight be considered unexcused. Council member Montgomery seconded the motion.** Council member Montgomery stated that there is a lot on the Council's plate and we need a full Council, and if Council member Reed is not able to be in attendance the clock should start ticking now. **The motion then carried.**

Mayor Johnson said we have two AWC functions coming up. One is the Legislative Conference in Olympia on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of January. Second is the New Council Workshop, which is for any elected official and put on by AWC. The New Council Workshop is a two-day conference, and the one in Tacoma is the first week in February. Sheila has the information and the programs are available to any of the Council members. For first timers it is really encouraged.

Mayor Johnson stated that we need to elect a Mayor Pro Tem this evening. In the past we have generally chosen the most senior Council member. Council member Reed has been the Mayor Pro Tem for the past several years. Council member Boyle Barrett is our

senior Council member now and she has spoken to her about it. **Council member Howard moved to nominate Council member Boyle Barrett as the Mayor Pro Tem. Council member Irons seconded the motion.** Council member Montgomery stated that he has some concerns because Council member Boyle Barrett has had some health issues in the past. He is aware that she is doing better, but he would like to make sure this is something she wants to take on. **The motion then carried.**

Mayor Johnson stated she has the workshop dates for the year 2012. Normally we have a workshop scheduled on the first Tuesday of every month. However, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday so her recommendation would be to cancel the workshop for July. The only other month where there is a conflict is September where there is a Monday holiday so she is suggesting that we move that workshop to Wednesday September 5, 2012. **Council member Boyle Barrett moved to accept the first Tuesday of each month other than July and September as our Council workshops. Council member Montgomery seconded the motion.** Council member Montgomery stated he would like to also add the fifth Tuesdays as well because it is easier to cancel them than to schedule them. **Cancel member Montgomery moved to amend the motion to add the fifth Tuesdays as well. Council member Irons seconded the motion. The motion then failed with a 3-3 vote and the Mayor breaking the tie with a no vote. The original motion then carried.**

Mayor Johnson stated she passed out this evening a draft of potential Council Committees. This is something that the Mayor has done since the 1930s, although it does require Council approval. Council member Harple stated that with his work schedule it is going to be hard for him to make two committee meetings. Council member Tremblay asked when Street & Utilities usually meets. Mayor Johnson stated it is up to each committee. **Council member Boyle Barrett moved to accept the draft Council Committees. Council member Howard seconded the motion.** Council member Montgomery stated that while the Mayor has been appointing Council Committees for a long time, he thinks it is time that the Council takes that on and he would like to propose a workshop on the fifth Tuesday of January. Mayor Johnson stated she would recommend that you hold off until we have a full Council of seven because we will end up shuffling again. **The motion then carried.**

#### **Staff Reports:**

Chief Arsanto stated that the Wilkeson contract got fixed. Also, he really needs to have a Public Safety Committee Meeting, so if we could figure out a date before the next Council meeting. Council member Boyle Barrett stated she will take care of that and get a meeting scheduled.

City Administrator Schmidt stated that union negotiations are ongoing with Corrections and Dispatch, and Local #286. Mayor Johnson stated we have had a couple meetings with South Sound 911 trying to sort through that maze. There will be two phases, one is equipment and one is the overall new dispatch that was approved in November.

**Citizen Participation:**

**Marvin Sundstrom, 881 Sheets Road.** He is here tonight to voice his concerns regarding Ordinances 13-11, 14-11 and 15-11 and associated issues regarding these. His concern is the absence of one individual's name from the list of eligible voters in two Buckley precincts at the last election. He then voiced his concern regarding causes of vacancy from the City Council and the penalty for refusing to surrender public office. With these concerns he feels this places all ordinances passed on 12-13-11 as failing and anything from May 2011 subject to serious scrutiny. He asked why this was allowed to go on for so long. He then voiced his concern about this person being allowed for eight months to influence potential legislation by her presence. This person was allowed to attend executive sessions and has received a paycheck for eight months undeservedly. He then talked about misappropriation and falsification of accounts by public office and the penalties regarding this.

**MAIN AGENDA**

**Council member Boyle Barrett moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council member Howard seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Approve the minutes of the December 13, 2011 City Council meeting.

Claim check numbers 47897 through 47926, in the amount of \$461,887.10 for the period of December 14, 2011 through December 27, 2011; approve claim check numbers 47927 through 48017, in the amount of \$330,674.87, for the period of December 28, 2011 through January 11, 2012; payroll check numbers 32072 through 32152 in the amount of \$380,593.16 for the month of December 2011; and treasurer check numbers 11177 through 11184, in the amount of \$23,021.89 for the month of December 2011.

Council member Montgomery asked so do we have a budget? Mayor Johnson stated we will have to check it out; she has no answers until we check this out. City Administrator Schmidt stated we will have to check with the attorney and if it's not valid then we are in violation of State law.

Council member Montgomery asked if everyone had a chance to look at the notes from the Urban Forestry Committee. Just an item for discussion for the workshop as to whether or not the Council wants to form a standing committee. We have people who are interested and there is lots of work to be done.

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

  
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