

City Council
February 28, 2012

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

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

Mayor Johnson asked if there are any changes, additions or deletions to the agenda. There were none.

Finance & Public Safety: Mayor Johnson stated they have not had a meeting since the last Council meeting.

Streets & Utilities: Council member Tremblay stated they had a meeting and they covered a lot of ground, and a copy of the Minutes is in front of you. In the future they have decide to focus on a few topics and really do them justice, rather than doing a couple of seconds on each one. So, we will choose one of the seven to talk about next time and go from there.

Community Services & Economic Development: Council member Montgomery stated they had meeting and there is a copy of the Minutes the packet. Please notify him with any questions. Their next meeting is March 15, at 7 PM, at MPC.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Johnson stated she wanted to let everyone know that the high school basketball teams, both the girls and the boys, are going to the State Tournament. The parade is tomorrow, so be on Main Street if you're in town. Everything that has a bell or a whistle will be there escorting the teams out of town; it's very neat to see and I don't believe any other town does it. The tournament starts on Thursday in Yakima.

Mayor Johnson stated that next week is the public hearing for Pierce Transit and the Boundary Review Board that meets, and that is next Thursday. I will be at that public hearing. I don't think that we as a Council will have to do anything about it because it appears that Sumner will be pulling out of Pierce Transit which makes us an island, and State law says that we cannot belong to a transit system if we are an island.

Mayor Johnson stated that on Friday she and Milt attended the Mayor's breakfast in Fife. There was a lot about the legislative update and also the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency was there to talk about wood smoke.

Staff Reports:

Chief Arsanto stated we had our Washington State Patrol access audit and we passed the audit due to the new position we created for Kathy Loye, who went in and did a pre-audit and fixed six or seven things prior to the audit. Due to her professionalism and being on the ball and knowing just what she was looking for, she went in and took care of it. City Administrator Schmidt stated this is the first time we've ever passed it. We are now done for another year. Chief Arsanto said once again he would like to thank the Council for the position that we've put her in. It's already showing how beneficial she is to the Police Department.

City Administrator Schmidt said he wanted to remind everyone about the exit interview with the State Auditor coming up next week, March 7th, for those Council members who would like to be there. I encourage all of you to attend if you can. City Administrator Schmidt said to let him know if you want to attend so he can get a number of how many plan to be there.

City Administrator Schmidt said WUTC will be back out again for an inspection starting the 29th of March, so we'll have to host them for another week or two. They are going to be checking our public awareness program so we are gearing up towards that. Also, they will be looking at progress we've made since the inspection last summer.

City Administrator Schmidt said the Haunted House is on the agenda tonight, but Council member Boyle Barrett left a note wanting me to let the Council know that they made their donation to the City and it was \$5,600 for last year.

City Administrator Schmidt stated that this will be the last night Mr. John Leggett, from the Courier Herald, will be covering the City of Buckley. He thanked Mr. Leggett and told him he has done a good job, always telling the truth and never sensationalizing anything, and we appreciate that. Mayor Johnson said the paper is on hard times, like a lot of newspapers, and people are starting to read things more and more on line.

MAIN AGENDA

ORD No. 03-12: Amending BMC 3.434 Emergency Medical Services: Council member Montgomery moved to approve Ordinance No. 03-12 Amending Chapter 3.434 of the BMC. Council member Reed seconded the motion. City Administrator Schmidt said this is really more of a housekeeping item that has been overlooked for years, and provided a brief explanation. **Motion carried.**

RES No. 12-02: Amending Taxes, Rates & Fees Schedule (Rev #14):

Council member Tremblay moved that we approve the amendment; the resolution. Council member Howard seconded the motion. Council member Tremblay said we spent quite a lot of time reviewing this in our Utilities Committee meeting. We reviewed it with City Administrator Schmidt and appreciate his effort. Council member Tremblay said he realizes that there are increases, but they have tried to keep those to a minimum. Council member Howard said we discussed our commitment and looking for efficiencies in the future. A discussion ensued with Council member Harple voicing his objection to utility rate increases. **Motion carried 5/1.**

Realignment Project – Change Order No. 5:

Council member Montgomery moved to approve Change Order #5 for the Realignment Project for a cost of \$8,424. Council member Reed seconded the motion. Motion carried. City Administrator Schmidt stated that we have been tracking the budget on the realignment project for several months now and we've stayed fairly in line with it. However, the streets lights are not part of the contract; that is something that the City has to pay for separately. And this whole thing with Tacoma Water, which is going to be coming up next, is a separate issue as well. Depending on what the Council wants to do with that, Tacoma Water would really like that to be part of negotiations over the land swap that we've been looking at. City Administrator Schmidt went on to provide a review of the project budget, current project projections, issues, etc., and said that today we are about \$20,000 to \$25,000 over what the original contract was. He is having the engineers look for anything in the contract that we could possibly delete or lower to try to keep costs down. Discussion followed.

TPU Settlement Agreement:

Council member Montgomery moved to approve the settlement with TPU over the wood staff pipe impediment for \$28,488. Council member Reed seconded the motion. City Administrator Schmidt said TPU has already agreed to this dollar amount but he told them the Council has to agree to it. If you support this, then we will draft an agreement. We already have appraisals on the property, so we know what the value is. We may have to put in some cash as well because we talking about a portion of right-of-way and the rest of that lot, and he thinks the value of those is more than this \$28,488. A short discussion ensued. **Motion carried.**

Haunted House Agreement:

Council member Montgomery moved to approve the Agreement for lease of the Miller property for the annual Haunted House under the terms and conditions specified. Council member Harple seconded the motion.

Alice and Jeff Money, 386 So A Street. Mr. Monday distributed a packet of printed materials to Council members and staff. Mr. Money stated that he has a problem with renewing this lease again. He said we've endured this for several years. We have written letters to the Council and letters to the Mayor with no response. Mr. and Mrs. Money provided a list of complaints and reasons for why they believe the lease for the Haunted House should not be renewed. Council member Tremblay said after hearing this new

information he would like to recommend that we refer this issue to the workshop next week for more discussion. **Council members Montgomery and Harple rescinded their motions.** This issue was referred to the workshop on Tuesday, March 6, 2012.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Reed moved for approval of the Consent Agenda. Council member Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes of February 14, 2012

Claim check numbers 48159 through 48182, in the amount of \$342,472.41, for the period of February 15 through February 28, 2012 are hereby approved and ordered paid this 28th day of February 2012.

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.



Mayor



City Administrator