

**City Council**  
**March 27, 2012**

Mayor Johnson called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Upon roll call the following members were present: Reed, Harple, Irons, Tremblay, Howard and Boyle Barrett. Council member Montgomery was absent. Also in attendance was City Administrator Schmidt. **Council member Tremblay moved to excuse Council member Montgomery. Council member Reed seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Mayor Johnson asked if there were any corrections, changes, additions or deletions to the agenda. There were none. Mayor Johnson said there is a new item on the Agenda this evening. It is Item #4, Council Member Comments. This is for those Council members that do not chair a committee to bring up anything they need to discuss, meetings attended, announcements, things that need to be brought to the attention of the Council, etc.

**Finance & Public Safety:** Council member Boyle Barrett stated they have not had a meeting since the last Council meeting. They will be meeting on Thursday of this week, March 29, at 5 PM, at City Hall. Also, the Fire Chief asked her to remind everyone that the Fire Station Decommission Ceremony/Open House is tomorrow night at 5 PM. The Decommission Ceremony is at 6:15 and we should be done by 6:30 PM. The Grand Opening for the new Fire Station is Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 2 PM, so the dedication will probably be around 10:30 or 11.

**Streets & Utilities:** Council member Tremblay stated they did have a meeting and focused on the Natural Gas Survey, which you will see in your billing when it arrives. We have a Survey put together that will give us the information we need and tell us how we want to move forward, potentially divesting ourselves of the natural gas business. The other item we focused on was the Transportation Benefit District and talked about the pros and cons of the different funding mechanisms and how that money might be used to leverage grants. Council member Howard was appointed as the point on the matter, and he is going to work with City Administrator Schmidt to develop a FAQ Sheet for a public hearing because they would like to get input from the community on this. Next month they will focus, tentatively, on the raw water transmission main and the water supply evaluation as far as productivity of wells. So, unless something with more immediacy comes up, we are going to work on that. Council member Tremblay stated that he and the Mayor attended the School Board meeting this month, at the White River School District, and just basically introduced themselves and expressed a commitment to work collaboratively with the School District on whatever may arise, whether it is a grant or equipment sharing or doing interlocals with them to save both of us some money. We just let them know we are willing to work with them to serve our community. Council

member Boyle Barrett asked, regarding a public hearing for the Transportation Benefit District, if they would possibly consider holding a public meeting where Council can interact and have information available for the citizens and have a more relaxed atmosphere so citizens don't have to go up to the podium. At a public hearing there is no interaction from us; it is strictly them getting up and telling us what they think. If we do a public meeting then we can have it be a little more informal and they get the one-on-one dialogue and get their questions answered. Council member Tremblay said he would prefer to have an open house rather than calling it any type of a meeting. They will talk and get some clarification about what they can call it. City Administrator Schmidt said you need to find out what you can present at that type of a forum. Council member Howard said this is why we discussed the need to develop a FAQ Sheet because when people come to that forum they can see facts; this is what we spend, this is what we will probably have to spend on improvements, etc. City Administrator Schmidt said one of the requirements in the formation of the district is having a public hearing, so that will have to happen at some point in time if the Council decides to go down that path.

**Community Services & Economic Development:** Mayor Johnson said Council member Montgomery is not here, but his Minutes are in the packet.

#### **Council Comments:**

Council member Howard said regarding the new Fire Station, the citizens of Buckley have greatly benefitted from a lot of dedicated and inexpensive labor as the volunteers have put in countless hours. They even went into the new station and did cleaning parties so that the contractor and subcontractors could keep going without having to stop and clean up before the next phase started, which really helped bring the project in at a lower price. I think most other jurisdictions would have been tempted to just push that on to the contractor, which would have meant a later opening day and a greater expense. It was really great to see everyone mobilized and doing all that hard work.

#### **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Johnson stated that yesterday she had the opportunity again to speak to two classes at the high school. These were Civics classes and they had the usual gamut of questions; however, there were a lot of questions about taxes and how does the City spend taxes. She talked about the budget and the different pots of money and the general fund versus the enterprise funds. Hopefully, they now have a little more insight into how we spend money, and how we can spend money and how we can't spend money. Mayor Johnson said she told them to pay attention in Civics class and get a good grade because they were going to need it down the road.

Mayor Johnson stated that we have been working on an evolving permit plan for the City and we are still in the learning stage. We have two permits going through the various departments right now. One is the Relay for Life and one is for the Chamber of Commerce, and they both involve street closures. Mayor Johnson gave dates and specifics of street closures for each event. Those street closures will come back to the

Council once this has worked the process, but we want to get everything together and out to the applicants just as soon as possible, if the Council would like to go ahead and permit those closures now. These are the same as they've been the past 3 or 4 years at least. **Council member Tremblay moved contingent upon application and approval of the permit, we can approve the dates for these street closures. Council member Howard seconded the motion.** A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the permit process, costs to the City, and the authority to approve street closures. **Motion carried.**

### **Staff Reports:**

City Administrator Schmidt said the audit is now official and it has been sent out. He will send everyone an electronic copy tomorrow. The follow up gas inspection is over. We spent the last two days on that and it was a very unpleasant experience. He can't give details but we are waiting for the letter to come back and he said he is sure we will have lots of arguments with WUTC. We went through inspection of the gas system last year and came through that unscathed. This year they did their first thorough inspection of our public awareness program that the City had to adopt back in 2006, which is similar to what we are going through with the stormwater system now, we have to educate the public. We do newsletters, mailings, gas information, contractors' breakfast in Enumclaw, and we have a booth at the Enumclaw fair. This year we are going to have a booth at the Logger's Rodeo and at National Night Out where we hand out information. We have to have an entire program on our public education, and then we have to send out the target surveys and then do an effectiveness report and analyze all the statistical information, etc. That is what this is all about.

City Administrator Schmidt said our Arts Commissioner, Bob Olsen, is here tonight. He would like to have wheelchair access to the monument, which has been discussed in the past; either a gravel or concrete walkway. City Administrator Schmidt gave a brief review of the project and answered questions. A short discussion ensued. **Council member Reed moved to authorize our Arts Commissioner to coordinate the installation of a walkway from River Avenue to the Veterans' Monument. Council member Boyle Barrett seconded the motion.** This would be done strictly with volunteers and/or donations. **Motion carried.**

### **MAIN AGENDA**

#### **RES No. 12-03: Amending the City's Taxes, Rates & Fees Schedule:**

**Council member Howard moved to approve Resolution No. 12-03 amending the City's Taxes, Rates & Fees Schedule. Council member Tremblay seconded the motion.** City Administrator Schmidt said this is simply for rental use fees of the Youth Center and provided a brief explanation. **Motion carried.**

#### **2012-2013 Police Guild Bargaining Unit Contract (Dispatch & Corrections):**

**Council member Howard moved to approve the 2012-2013 Labor Agreement between the City and Buckley Police Guild for Corrections & Dispatch. Council member Reed seconded the motion.** City Administrator Schmidt stated that he did a brief memo listing the bullet points on the changes. The value of the contract over what

we're giving and what we're asking for in return is a wash. Even though there are 2012 and 2013 increases, because of the huge jump in employee contribution towards health care, it may even be a slight take away for the total value of the contract. A short discussion ensued. **Motion carried.**

**MOU – Between the City and the Police Guild Related to Vision Coverage:**  
**Council member Boyle Barrett moved to approve the MOU between the City and Buckley Police Guild changing the UBET Vision Plan provided under Article 20.1.3 of the current contract. Council member Harple seconded the motion.** City Administrator Schmidt said this is a simple housekeeping issue. We concluded negotiation of the Police Guild Contract in December. Council approved it and we executed it, and sent a copy to everyone including UBET and they said wait a minute, we haven't provided the Vision 2 Plan for a long time. So, instead of amending the contract and putting the new vision plan in, this MOU is the best way to handle it. The cost is slightly less than what the Vision 2 was. A short discussion ensued. **Motion carried.**

**Multi-Purpose Center – Roof and Window Repair/Replacement Authorization:**  
**Council member Boyle Barrett moved to authorize the Multi-Purpose Center roof repair and approve the bid from Emerald City Roofing for the cost of \$15,874 plus tax. Council member Tremblay seconded the motion.** City Administrator Schmidt provided a brief overview of the project and explained why it is necessary. Following a number of comments and a brief question and answer period, **motion carried.**

**Realignment Project – Change Order #6:**  
**Council member Boyle Barrett moved to approve Change Order #6 for the Realignment Project for a cost credit of (-\$14,391). Council member Howard seconded the motion.** City Administrator Schmidt said this is actually a deduction, and provided a brief explanation. **Motion carried.**

**Bid Award – Centurion Building Services, LLC (Police Dept. – Digital Recording System):**  
**Council member Boyle Barrett moved to approve bid award for the Cascracker Video Recording System to Centurion Building Services, LLC for \$10,720.76. Council member Reed seconded the motion.** City Administrator Schmidt said they got three bids for the recording system, but only two are eligible bids. A discussion ensued regarding the need for this type of system and if it was included in this year's budget. **Motion carried.**

**YAC Use – Fee Waivers for Non-Profit Community Programs and Services:**  
**Council member Howard moved to approve a 100% fee waiver to White River Community Outreach (WRCO), Auburn Youth Resources, and Village Tutors for ongoing use of the Youth Center. Council member Tremblay seconded the motion.** City Administrator Schmidt provided an explanation. These organizations were designed to be in the Youth Center initially when it was constructed. There was a short discussion about how this might conflict with a potential paying customer, but it was pointed out that these services are offered at set times when the Youth Center is open and in use as

the Youth Center. Rentals take place when the Youth Center is not open. **Motion carried.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Council member Reed moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council member Boyle Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Approve Minutes of March 13, 2012

Claim check numbers 48294 through 48315, in the amount of \$26,244.89, for the period of March 14, 2012 through March 27, 2012, are hereby approved and ordered paid this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2012.

City Administrator Schmidt asked does the Council as a body want want us to put time and energy into finding out what the legal requirements are for staff being able to do street closures, or do you want to leave that in the hands of the legislative body. Discussion ensued. The consensus was to leave this with the legislative body. Mayor Johnson said the Council may want to mentally monitor this.

**With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.**

  
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