

**City Council
April 14, 2015**

Mayor Johnson called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Tremblay, Sundstrom, Rose, Howard, and Montgomery. Also in attendance were City Administrator Schmidt, Chief Arsanto, City Clerk Starr, Assistant Police Chief Northam, IT & Communications Manager Loye, Fire Chief Predmore, and Assistant Fire Chief Skogen.

Council member Montgomery moved to excuse council members Leggett and Boyle Barrett. Council member Tremblay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Johnson asked if there were any changes, additions or deletions to the amended agenda. **Council member Montgomery made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Council member Rose seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Matt McCollum – P.O. Box 998, Buckley, WA 98321. Matt McCollum addressed the Council with questions about why he is being billed for utilities at his house that burned when he is not living there, and what the minimum utility charges are. Matt McCollum will be coming to City Hall to fill out a Public Records Request for copies of records associated with his City utilities.

STAFF REPORTS

City Clerk Starr addressed the Council about an article that came out in the paper about text messages being Public Records. Many cities, including the City of Buckley, are scrambling to figure out how to retain text messages that pertain to City business or activities. Previously we assumed that cellular service providers retained text messages; however, most cellular providers, including Verizon Wireless, only retain text messages for 3-5 days. City Clerk Starr and City Administrator Schmidt will be meeting with IT & Communications Manager Loye to discuss methods to retain all text messages on both City-owned and personal phones. Police Chief Arsanto joined City Clerk Starr at the podium and also spoke on the topic of text messages and cell phones. He stated to the Council that he would like any City business that needs to be discussed with him to please be by phone call and not text. Police Chief Arsanto also stated that he made it clear to all Police Department staff not to conduct any City business through text messages.

City Administrator Schmidt updated the Council on various projects throughout the City and informed the Council that the Union declined our offer of outsourcing the cemetery

to Weeks Funeral Home, so job openings have been posted for both a part-time Cemetery Maintenance position and a part-time Parks position. If no applications are received, the City will negotiate with the Union once more.

MAIN AGENDA

ORD No. 09-15: Amending Salary Commission: Council member Rose moved to approve Ordinance 09-15 Amending BMC 2.58 Related to the Salary Commission. Council member Montgomery seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote motion carried 5/0.

Agreement: Amendment #1 – Fire Dispatch Contract – Assignment of Services to SS911: Council member Montgomery moved to approve the Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for Fire/EMS Dispatch Services and authorizing assignment of services to South Sound 911. Council member Rose seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Soccer Association Request for Field Use: Scott Noll – 22523 48th St. E, Buckley, WA 98321. Council member Montgomery stated that he feels this topic would be more appropriate under Citizen Participation. Council member Tremblay agreed. Council member Montgomery stated that he appreciates Mr. Noll having this idea and bringing it to the Council, but he doesn't think this issue requires any Council action at this time. Mr. Noll addressed his need for fields for his Soccer Association. After a lengthy discussion between Mr. Noll and the Council it was decided that a Public Hearing on this matter will be scheduled for the next City Council meeting.

Youth Center Communications: Council member Sundstrom moved to approve the Addition of Communication Cost to Support the Installation of Comcast Services at the Youth Center. Council member Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Montgomery moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council member Howard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claim check numbers 52789 through 52903, for the period of March 25, 2015 through April 14, 2015, in the amount of \$324,913.40; Treasurer check numbers 11713 through 11725, in the amount of \$16,602.87 and ACH payments in the amount of \$10,197.03 - for a total of \$26,799.90 for the month of March 2015; and Payroll check numbers 34759 through 34805 in the amount of \$128,138.82 and ACH payments in the amount of \$193,808.27 - for a total of \$321,947.09 for the month of March 2015 are hereby approved and ordered paid this 14th day of April 2015.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor's Report: Mayor Johnson stated that the bridge closure between Buckley and Enumclaw for roughly a week impacted all businesses within Buckley and Enumclaw. Mayor Johnson stated that many businesses had to close hours early due to lost revenue. Council member Rose and Mayor Johnson attended a Carbon River Forum meeting in Wilkeson this afternoon and it was very informative. Mayor Johnson stated that the AWC Conference is in Wenatchee in June and she encouraged anyone who would be able to make this Conference to please attend.

Administration, Finance & Public Safety: Council member Rose stated they were unable to meet due to a lack of quorum. Next meeting will be April 21st at City Hall.

Transportation & Utilities: Council member Tremblay stated they will be having a meeting on April 21st.

Community Services: Council member Rose stated they will meet April 16th at City Hall.

Council member Sundstrom stated that there were 72 basketball teams in town this past weekend and asked who would be responsible for children who may get hurt while playing sports in our City. He was told if the individuals who were hurt called 911, and they were inside the City limits at Glacier Middle School, the City of Buckle Fire Department would respond. If they were outside the City limits at the High School, East Pierce would respond.

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.



Mayor



City Administrator