

**City Council**  
**October 25, 2011**

Mayor Johnson called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Montgomery, Twardoski, Patson, Harple and Boyle Barrett. Also in attendance were City Administrator Dave Schmidt and attorneys Kristin Eick and Jaime Allen from Ogden, Murphy, Wallace.

**Finance & Public Safety:** Council member Boyle Barrett stated that they have not met. Their next meeting is November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Streets & Utilities:** Council member Montgomery stated they had a meeting last week, and items 7 and 9 on the Agenda were two of their main topics. Everything else was related to the budget.

**Community Services & Recreation:** Council member Patson stated they last met on October 13 and that was for budget. Their next meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 14 at 4 PM at City Hall.

**Community & Economic Development:** Council member Boyle Barrett stated they have not met, but they are trying to schedule a meeting.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Johnson stated that the dental van that is sponsored by the Plateau Regional Health Committee, which is currently in Enumclaw, is adding Buckley one day a month, on the second Wednesday, starting in November. Currently, they are looking for a place where they can plug in the van. This van services adults; children are referred to the Lindquist Clinic at Rainier School on Fridays. Auburn Youth and Family Services is acting as the coordinator, and appointments are set up there. The need is great and the waiting list is long. If you were to call now, it would probably be July before they can work you in. This is a free service for people meeting certain income requirements. It is going to be a great service. We're trying to figure out how we can maybe squeeze it into the Buckley Hall parking lot.

**Staff Reports:**

City Administrator Schmidt stated he has been buried in the budget. Also, he is involved in ongoing union negotiations; all three unions at the same time.

Council member Montgomery stated that he has had a lot of phone calls regarding the potential closure of the jail, so much so that he would like to add a Public Hearing either

at the next Council Workshop or our next Council meeting. Council member Montgomery said there is a lot of public concern, and his response at this point is that he is not really the best person to answer those questions. He has been referring people to the Chief, but he thinks there is enough concern out there to warrant a hearing, and he thinks the Council needs to hear what the community has to say about this. City Administrator Schmidt stated that there is no decision to close the jail; it is a consideration based on balancing the budget. He and the Mayor have to present a balanced budget to the Council for consideration. With the jail remaining open, we have well over a \$200K deficit going into next year. We cannot present a budget to the Council with a deficit; we have to present a balanced budget for consideration. So, whatever proposals are part of that budget process, based on what we present to you for consideration, has to be balanced. But, that being said, there is a Public Hearing on the budget that will be presented to the Council. If the jail closure is a part of that budget that's being presented to the Council for consideration, it will be a Public Hearing where those types of questions can be answered, and I believe it is scheduled for November 8th. Mayor Johnson said it is then up to the Council to choose if you want to keep the jail open. City Administrator Schmidt said then there would have to be decisions made on how to do that. Mayor Johnson said you would have to decide what you want to cut; nothing is cast in stone. Council member Montgomery said that is why he would like to let people have their say prior to the Public Hearing on the budget proper because if there is enough public outcry over this, and people feel that strongly about it, then maybe we do need to explore other options, and it would be nice to have a little extra time to do that. City Administrator Schmidt said the only problem with that is that we are bound by law to hold the Public Hearing on November 8<sup>th</sup>; it has to occur within the first two weeks of November, and I have to have a budget available to the public next week, and that cannot be a budget with a \$200K deficit. Council members Harple and Boyle Barrett stated that they have also received numerous phone calls about this issue. A lengthy discussion ensued. It was decided that staff will post a notice tomorrow that this issue will be discussed as part of the Public Hearing on the proposed 2012 budget scheduled for November 8<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Johnson asked those Council members who have received calls to notify those citizens that they will be able to discuss this issue with the Council at the November 8 Public Hearing on the budget.

## **MAIN AGENDA**

### **RES No. 11-12: Adjusting Taxes, Rates & Fees Schedule:**

**Council member Boyle Barrett moved to approve Resolution No. 11-12 amending the City's Taxes, Rates & Fees Schedule. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion.** City Administrator Schmidt presented a brief explanation of the utility changes. A short discussion ensued regarding the percentage increases in water rates. **Council member Montgomery moved to amend the motion to strike the 5% increase in July of 2012 and reduce the base increase to 5% immediately. Council member Harple seconded the amended motion.** Discussion continued. **Amended motion carried. Main motion carried.** Mayor Johnson stated that the Committee must monitor this closely. City Administrator Schmidt encouraged all Council members to attend the exit

interview with the State Auditor because he has some discussion about our utilities and our rates. He will let everyone know when that will be.

**Agreement – Rainier School Natural Gas Extension Amendment #4:**

**Council member Boyle Barrett moved to approve the Addendum to the DSHS/Rainier School Natural Gas Contract. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Engineering Services Proposal: Intertie Booster Pump Station:**

**Council member Boyle Barrett moved to approve Scope of Work for Gray & Osborne to complete Tasks #3 & #4 of the Booster Station Design. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Bid Award – Equipment for New Fire Station:**

City Administrator Schmidt said there needs to be a 3<sup>rd</sup> motion made actually rejecting bids for the other appliances and the television because the Chief has discovered that he can get those items under the purchasing contract cheaper than what the bids came in at. He is asking that the range be awarded; it is only the other appliances and the televisions that he is asking that the bids be rejected for. **Council member Boyle Barrett moved to award a bid to Dvorson's Food Service Equipment, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$7,746 to furnish the kitchen range and accessories for the new fire station project. Council member Montgomery seconded the motion.** A short discussion ensued regarding the number of bids received and the length of time between when the request for bids was published and when bids were due. **Motion carried. Council member Boyle Barrett moved to award a bid to Salsbury Industries in the amount not to exceed \$7,072.50 to furnish lockers and accessories for the new fire station project. Council member Patson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council member Boyle Barrett moved to reject the bids for other appliances and television. Council member Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Service Agreement – Firefighter Response System:**

**Council member Boyle Barrett moved to authorize the Mayor to execute the Service Agreement between the City of Buckley and Advanced First Responder Solutions, LLC. Council member Patson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Interlocal Agreement: Cooperative Purchasing with HGAC:**

**Council member Boyle Barrett moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with the Houston – Galveston Area Council allowing for purchasing through the HGAC purchasing program. Council member Montgomery seconded the motion.** City Administrator Schmidt stated that several municipalities in the State of Washington and other fire districts use them; it is a very large consortium of agencies and cities that have gotten together and generated buying power. **Motion carried.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Approve Minutes of October 11, 2011

Claim check numbers 47554 through 47578, in the amount of \$533,471.39, for the period of October 12 through October 25, 2011 are hereby approved and ordered paid this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 2011.

Claim check number 47464, in the amount of \$163,965.83, dated October 11, 2011, has been voided. The total amount of claim checks written for the month of October 2011 is \$1,282,614.99.

**City Council recessed for five minutes at 8 PM.**

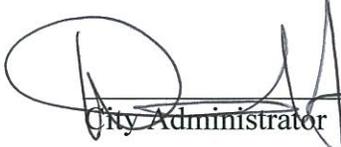
**City Council retreated into Executive Session at 8:05 PM, for approximately 15 minutes, to discuss ongoing litigation, with action to follow. At 8:20 PM an additional 10 minutes was requested. At 8:30 PM an additional 10 minutes was requested.**

**City Council returned from Executive Session and reconvened the Council meeting at 8:40 PM.**

**Council member Boyle Barrett moved authorize the attorneys to participate in mediation and settle up to the amount discussed in Executive Session. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council member Harple abstaining.**

**With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM.**

  
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City Administrator