

**City Council**  
**November 12, 2013**

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

Upon roll call the following members were present: Tremblay, Montgomery, Boyle Barrett, Leggett, Rose and Howard. Also in attendance was City Administrator Schmidt. Mayor Johnson said that Council member Irons had some doctor appointments in Seattle today, so she would entertain a motion to excuse Council member Irons. **Council member Montgomery moved to excuse Council member Irons. Council member Tremblay seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Mayor Johnson stated that she has two additions to the agenda under Citizen Participation, one is Michelle Lavergne and the other is Marvin Sundstrom. Council member Montgomery stated he would like to add a budget discussion as an agenda item. **Council member Montgomery moved to add those two items under Citizen Participation, and he would also like to add an item for the main agenda, just a budget discussion as item #15. Council member Tremblay moved to amend the agenda as stipulated by Mr. Montgomery. Motion carried.**

**Finance & Public Safety:** Council member Boyle Barrett stated they have not met since the last meeting. Their next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30 PM, at City Hall.

**Streets & Utilities:** Council member Tremblay stated they have not had a meeting, but they will meet next week, the 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM. Council member Tremblay also reminded the Council that the Transportation Benefit District will meet on November 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM, prior to the Council meeting. There will be a public hearing on the TBD budget.

**Community Services & Economic Development:** Council member Montgomery stated they have a meeting this Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM, at City Hall.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Johnson stated that she and Council member Tremblay will be attending the National League of Cities meeting this Friday in Seattle.

**Staff Reports:**

Kathy Thompson, City Planner, reminded everyone of the public hearing for the parks plan on Monday at 7 PM. There is a hearing draft on the web.

## **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

**Michelle Lavergne, Buckley Chamber of Commerce.** The Chamber will hold their Christmas Tree Lighting on December 1<sup>st</sup> from 4 PM to 8 PM. She put in her permit today asking for a street closure on December 1<sup>st</sup> from Main Street (where the gazebo is) to just before Del's. We have schools that will be doing choir, and instead of having them in the grass, in case it rains we want to put a little tent over them. We will also have a jazz band playing for an hour. She talked to Del's and he is fine as long as the closure doesn't happen before 4 PM. Parking should not be an issue. She told the liquor store that the Chamber will put out something for the liquor store saying that there is no parking until after 5 PM. Michelle said they are looking at having about 800 to 1,000 people there; last year they had about 350 and they're hoping for a lot more this year. Police Chief Arsanto said he doesn't have any issues with this. City Administrator Schmidt said we are running out of time on this one, so he would suggest that the Council go ahead, and then if we see anything in the permit we can address it directly with the Chamber. **Council member Howard moved to grant the Chamber's request in allowing for the road closure on River Road from Main Street to Del's, one section at 3 PM and one section at 4 PM, subject to staff's recommendation. Council member Rose seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Marvin Sundstrom, 881 Sheets Road, Buckley, WA.** What's with the three minute time limit? Mayor Johnson said we changed it. The numbers from the gas sale from the budget are \$5,569,599 and \$977,468 for a total of \$6,547,067. I have a handout taken from the 11/5 budget and Council may want to familiarize themselves with it prior to the public testimony. I plan to distribute it to the Chamber tomorrow morning.

## **MAIN AGENDA**

**Mayor Johnson recessed the City Council meeting at 7:15 PM and opened the Public Hearing on the 2014 Property Tax & EMS Levy.**

**City Admin Schmidt provided a brief review of the figures for both the property tax levy and the EMS levy.**

**There were no speakers.**

**Mayor Johnson closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:17 PM.**

## **ORD No. 17-13: 2014 Property Tax Levy Certification**

**Council member Montgomery moved to adopt Ordinance No. 17-13 adopting the 2014 Property Tax Levy. Council member Boyle Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

### **ORD No. 18-13: 2014 EMS Levy Certification**

**Council member Boyle Barrett moved to adopt Ordinance No. 18-13 setting the 2014 EMS Tax Levy certification. Council member Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

### **ORD No. 19-13: Setting Voter Approved Fire Station Levy for 2014**

**Council member Montgomery moved to adopt Ordinance 19-13 setting the 2014 levy amount required for the voter approved 2010 Unlimited General Obligation Bonds for Fire Station Construction financing. Council member Boyle Barrett seconded the motion.** City Administrator Schmidt stated that the total dollar amount of that levy is \$298,838. **Motion carried.**

### **PW Contract: Miller House Demolition**

**Council member Boyle Barrett moved to approve the Public Works Contract/Agreement with Randy Gee for the Miller House Demolition Project for a cost of \$13,950 + sales tax. Council member Rose seconded the motion.** City Administrator Schmidt stated that we've already had an asbestos survey on the Miller property done and we have removed everything that was there, so we are ready to move forward with that should the Council desire to award the contract. A short discussion ensued regarding the big difference in the amount of the bids, and whether this bidder is licensed and bonded, etc. City Administrator Schmidt said this contractor was recommended to us by DM Disposal, our waste contractor, and Building Official Mundy checked his references. **Motion carried.**

### **Engineering Services Proposal – Booster Station, Additional Inspection**

**Council member Boyle Barrett moved to approve the Amendment to Task 5 for Construction Management of the Emergency Intertie Booster Station Project. Council member Tremblay seconded the motion.** Council member Howard expressed surprise that we have to have an inspector there all day long, every day. City Administrator Schmidt said any time Rodarte is there working we have an inspector on site, just to ensure that they have complied with all of the specifications, because we are talking about a federal grant. City Administrator Schmidt said we have been using the inspector to do other things in other places as well, so he is not just standing there watching that project. **Motion carried.**

### **City Administrator Employment Contract Extension**

**Council member Rose moved to approve the Addendum extending the City Administrator's Employment Contract by four (4) years 2014-2017. Council member Boyle Barrett seconded the motion.**

Council member Tremblay commended City Administrator Schmidt for all his work, and said we appreciate the job he's been doing for us; I don't know where we would be without him. A short discussion ensued. City Administrator Schmidt said this will be his last contract with the City, so during the next four years he hopes the City works to find a replacement, not only for himself but we have probably 150 to 175 years' worth of experience leaving the City in the next four years. So, we've got some major recruitment that we need to do in finding replacements for some of those people, and that is going to be one of his priorities. **Motion carried 5/1.**

### **Dept. of Ecology – 2013-15 Municipal Stormwater Capacity Grant Agreement**

**Council member Boyle Barrett moved to approve the Department of Ecology 2013-15 Municipal Stormwater Capacity Grant Agreement. Council member Montgomery seconded the motion.** City Administrator Schmidt provided a brief description of this agreement and what it is for. **Motion carried.**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Council member Boyle Barrett moved for approval of the Consent Agenda. Council member Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Approve Minutes of October 22, 2013, October 29, 2013 (1<sup>st</sup> Budget Workshop), and November 5, 2013 (2<sup>nd</sup> Budget Workshop).

Claim check numbers 50677 through 50792, in the amount of \$625,763.92, for the period of October 23, 2013 through November 12, 2013; Payroll check numbers 33679 through 33734, in the amount of \$275,469.73 for the month of October 2013; and Treasurer check numbers 11473 through 11495, in the amount of \$89,546.32 for the month of October 2013 are hereby approved and ordered paid this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2013.

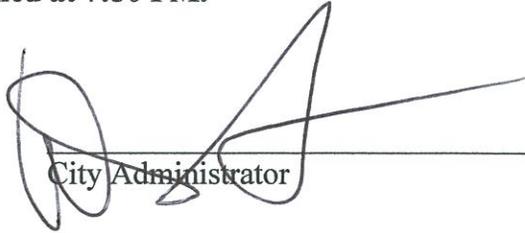
### **Budget Discussion**

Council member Montgomery said he is just nervous more than anything else. Things have been pretty rough around here and around the region and around the country for the last several years now, and now we look like we're in pretty good shape and that is fantastic. But, I just want to make sure that we are going to be in a good, sustainable spot, and I'm talking specifically about salary increases for the employees. Discussion ensued regarding step increases, cost of living increases and impacts to the budget.

**Council member Tremblay moved to adjourn the meeting. Council member Rose seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.**

  
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