

City Council
February 22, 2011

Mayor Johnson called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Harple, McNally, Montgomery, Patson, Reed and Twardoski. Council member Boyle Barrett was absent. Also in attendance was City Administrator David Schmidt.

Council member McNally stated he would like to pull the minutes from the consent agenda.

Finance and Public Safety:

Council member Reed stated that he and the Mayor attended the AWC Conference last week, and he updated the Council on what was discussed at the Conference. The bill to transfer money from the Liquor Control Board to the Police Academy and the Auto Theft Reduction Program has not moved forward. One thing that was discussed heavily was public record requests and those bills did not move forward either. Also, the bill to require election of all municipal judges is still going forward. They had a luncheon with the Governor that included a high representative from every military agency including the Coast Guard. The Annual Conference will be in June in Spokane.

Council member Reed stated regarding Finance & Public Safety, they had a meeting to discuss the City Administrator's Employment Contract. They did come to a non-unanimous recommendation and sent their suggestions back to the Mayor to have them incorporated into the contract to be negotiated between the Mayor and City Administrator, and the results of that will be coming before you at the next meeting. One thing is that the Administrator's position will be put on the salary grid, and the other issue is the stipend for Public Works Director and City Planner. The next meeting will be March 7, 2011, at 6:00 PM. City Administrator Schmidt would like to bring everyone's attention to the ground breaking ceremony for the new Fire Station which will be this Sunday, February 27, 2011 at 2:30 PM at the new Fire Station site.

Streets and Utilities:

Council member Montgomery stated they have not had a meeting but would like to schedule one for March 1, 2011 at 9:30 AM at City Hall.

Community Services and Recreation:

Council member Patson stated that they met on February 9, 2011. They had two requests, one from Mark Mauldin for a "Blast in the Grass" music festival on August 27, 2011. This event will showcase local talent. Mr. Mauldin suggested they do it at by the Veteran's Memorial. The City suggested they use the Log Show grounds. The other folks that came were from Relay for Life. They are requesting the street closure, skate park closure, use of the Youth Center, police security and use of the City tent as they

have had in the past. Both applicants will be filling out the draft event application. They also discussed the 2010 Youth Violence Prevention Grant, Ellen is requesting a poster-sized laminator and Jennifer is looking into getting a concrete ping pong table. Their next meeting is March 9, 2011 at 9:30 AM.

Community and Economic Development:

Council member McNally stated they had a meeting scheduled on February 14, 2011 but it was not held. We need to schedule another meeting for the LKQ Project. Council member McNally asked if Council member Montgomery could sit in for Council member Twardoski as he has been at the last two meetings where they have discussed LKQ so he knows what is going on. He would like to schedule the meeting for March 7, 2011 at 1:00 PM.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Johnson stated, as Council member Reed stated, they both attended the AWC Conference. The liquor money that Council member Reed was referring to could amount to \$50,000 for the City of Buckley and we have already budgeted for that. Every city would have to redo their budgets if the State took this money away. On Sunday she was invited to attend an Ordination & Installation at the Presbyterian Church for Pastor Peter Little who she feels will be a great asset to the community. Also this weekend, Friendly Acres, Steve and Laverne Harris, will have a ribbon cutting ceremony for their new covered horse arena on Saturday at 10:00 AM. The invitation goes out to everyone. Sadly, over the weekend we lost a person in the community who has been here for a number of years as a teacher, with the Kiwanis and a volunteer at the Museum and that is Marilyn Bown.

Staff Reports:

Administrator Schmidt stated that the Pedestrian Crossing Project has started, and we are starting to get caught up and things accomplished as far as meeting the March 31st deadline for the Realignment Project.

MAIN AGENDA

Contract Addendum: City Administrator Employment Contract

Council member Reed moved to approve a 30-day extension to the City Administrator's Contract. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Administrator Schmidt stated that before we go on to the next Council agenda item he would like to inform the Council that the Executive Session is on here simply for their benefit. If the Council wants to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that is coming up, and you want to go into personnel issues, it needs to be done in Executive Session. If the information in the MOU is detailed enough that you can do the vote with no questions, then there is no need for the Executive Session. Council member Harple stated he does have a couple questions.

Mayor Johnson recessed the regular Council meeting at 7:40 PM for Executive Session for approximately 10 minutes to discuss potential personnel action.

Mayor Johnson reconvened the regular Council meeting at 7:50 PM.

Local #286 MOU – WWTP Apprentice Extension
Council member Reed moved to approve the MOU between the Local #286 Operating Engineer's and the City extending the Wastewater Treatment Apprenticeship Program through February 2012. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council member Reed moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Claim check numbers 46475 through 46555, in the amount of \$290,033.83, for the period of February 9, 2011 through February 22, 2011 are hereby approved and ordered paid this 22nd day of February, 2011.

Council member McNally stated the reason he wanted to remove the minutes, he was not here at the last Council meeting and for that he apologizes. He was looking at the citizen participation comments by Marvin Sundstrom regarding the Rules and Procedures. The way he reads the minutes with Mr. Sundstrom's concerns and issues, he doesn't have any idea what he is referring to. Mayor Johnson stated they are available on the tape, just ask at City Hall. Council member McNally stated he doesn't want to have to get a tape of the minutes, it would be nice to be able to just read it. It seems like this could have a little more detail. Mayor Johnson stated Joanne is not here to explain how they do the minutes but most places now do what are called action minutes. Generally there is a disclaimer there stating tapes are available upon request. Because of the amount of time and the limited staff there is to do verbatim minutes, it takes too long. Council member McNally stated he is not asking for verbatim minutes, he is just asking for a little more detail for those that are not able to be at the meeting and also for the community members who read these on line. Mayor Johnson stated this something that the Council needs to discuss possibly at the next workshop. Council member Reed stated normally we don't require speakers to provide a copy of their comments. Mayor Johnson stated at this point we don't but that is something we have suggested in the past. Joanne can explain why to do action minutes versus verbatim minutes and where do you cut. Council member McNally stated he understands that and he is not asking for verbatim. On this particular citizen participation for instance, he would just like to know what the RCW's are that were being referred to. Council member Montgomery stated for him, the recorded version only needs to be kept for six years where the hard copy is kept for at least 20 years. He would like to see more detail as well. Administrator Schmidt stated the other thing is to, when you are listening to a full recording it is a personal judgment what information needs to be put into the minutes. Council member Montgomery stated he understands that, but

from his perspective some of the things we do at certain meetings could have a very significant impact on this community and someone down the line may want to go back and find out why the Council came to a decision. Administrator Schmidt stated we can send every meeting off to have them transcribed. Council member Montgomery stated he doesn't feel that is necessary but he agrees with some of Council member McNally's concerns. Mayor Johnson stated she thinks something that would be advantageous for the Council is to have Joanne attend the workshop to explain why you do action minutes versus verbatim. What gets included and what does not. Council member Patson stated she thinks Devon and Joanne do an exemplary job of recording our actions at the Council meetings. She thinks if someone is going to read or quote from any kind of literature source they should enter that into the record as their written input. Administrator Schmidt stated what if they don't, what if someone wants to address the Council and is reading from a set of notes they have because they are uncomfortable speaking in public and they don't want to give a copy of it. Council member Reed stated that as long as he has been on the Council he has never felt the need to listen to the audio recording of the Council meetings. While Mr. Sundstrom may have had valid, invalid or meaningless comments, the minutes are here to reflect the actions of the Council, and unless a citizen is asking for legislative changes or talking about specific projects, he would be more apt to address that individual. Council member Harple stated it doesn't matter whether or not it is a comment from Mr. Sundstrom or from one of us, if they are talking about a specific RCW it should be stated what they are referring to. Mayor Johnson stated that what we need to do this evening is either approve or disapprove these minutes. This will be discussed further at the workshop. **Council member Patson moved to approve the minutes as written. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Approve Minutes of February 8, 2011.

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.



Mayor



City Administrator