

City Council
February 25, 2014

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

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

Mayor Johnson asked if there are any changes, additions or deletions to the agenda tonight. There were none. **Council member Tremblay moved to accept the agenda as presented. Council member Howard seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Administration & Finance: Council member Boyle Barrett stated they have not had a meeting. Their next meeting is March 18th.

Transportation & Utilities: Council member Tremblay stated they had a meeting and several items were covered. They talked about the fencing project for the utility yard and the committee recommended that we move ahead on that project for the budgeted \$52,000. They had a discussion about space utilization within the community, and the fact that we need to look at if we are using the space that we have in the highest and best manner, and look at consolidating. That is something that is on our list to evaluate this year. They also talked about the tree issue at Wickersham. Also, they got a sample of the new LED lights that we are going to put in at the parking lot. Council member Tremblay said he doesn't know if the community has noticed, but we have new LED lights all throughout downtown, and that should be a significant energy savings for the environment; cut down the greenhouse gas so our kids will live in a better world. We also talked a little bit about the easement issues with PSE; writing up easements to go with the Agreement. We talked about Elk Heights and resolution of the bond that we're holding on that for the work to be done there. Their next meeting will be March 18th at 7 PM. City Administrator Schmidt said that the City can take great pride in all of the steps we've been taking towards sustainability. He actually had somebody from the Department of Commerce tell him the other day that Buckley should be nominated for the sustainable small city of the state because of all the things we're doing, and that is quite an honor to be recognized for that.

Community Services & Public Safety: Council member Rose stated they had a meeting on the 20th and their first piece of business was an architect's approval; they are remodeling and refurbishing the former Mexican restaurant at Cottage and Main. Hopefully, we'll be able to attract a new restaurant. The latter half of our meeting was with a representative working with the Youth Center; they hope to apply for a grant for

solar energy panels to be installed on the building, and they hope to generate up to \$5,000 per year. City Administrator Schmidt said this actually started out as a senior school project. She put it together and then took the next step and came to the Youth Center and asked if she could move it to a reality. Council member Rose said she gave a very nice presentation. Also, the meeting was spent with representatives from businesses in downtown Buckley who are concerned about signs and signage that will attract traffic on SR 410 into the main part of Buckley. It was a lengthy conversation and we hit on a lot of good points, and we focused on the need for some kind of a sign or possibly two signs.

Council member comment:

Council member Sundstrom spoke about his attendance at the PCRC General Assembly, and provided a brief review of that event. He also stated, as a comment on the Admin & Finance Committee Minutes, that should he need information from the City to perform his function as a Council member, he expects what is required at no cost. Should he need information that is for personal use, he will pay for it the same way he did as a citizen. Council member Sundstrom said he ordered business cards from the City Clerk to use when conducting business in the best interest of the City. Along with the official stuff on the front, he had a quote on the back he thought appropriate. Today he checked the status of these cards and was told they are on order, but language on the back will be the same as it is for staff, and if he wants a more personal card it is at his expense but he cannot use the City logo if there is a deviation from that. Council member Sundstrom asked is this again one of those unwritten policies? This needs to be a topic for our next study session.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Johnson stated she has the pleasure of asking for the Council's approval to appoint Michelle LaVergne to the Planning Commission. **Council member Tremblay moved to approve Michelle LaVergne to the Planning Commission. Council member Rose seconded the motion.** Council member Tremblay thanked Ms. LaVergne for her willingness to serve. **Motion carried.**

Staff Reports:

City Administrator Schmidt stated that on Monday morning Council members Sundstrom, Boyle Barrett and Rose participated in an interview, along with WSDOT who was on a phone conference, of our one applicant consultant for the design of the Realignment Project. Gray & Osborne gave a presentation. City Administrator Schmidt thanked everyone for participating and announced that WSDOT approved the selection of Gray & Osborne, and authorized him to ask Gray & Osborne to go ahead and prepare a Scope of Work to bring to the Council so we can get started on the design. There are a couple things that have to be done. They will have to prepare their SOW, and then we have to enter into WSDOT's Agreement for funding so that we can get the federal dollars available to us to start paying for the project. The Council will see both of those items in upcoming meetings.

City Administrator Schmidt provided a quick update on the Booster Station. Everyone is anxious about where we are on that and the status of that project. The problem seems to be between the contractor and Tacoma Water. We have a connection to their Pipeline 1, and there is a meter there, and they are strict on how everything needs to work, and I think there is an issue. They were out there working on it last Friday, and the electrician was out there as well. Our City Engineer said yesterday that he doesn't have an update from TPU, but hopefully we're moving forward. He has asked Rodarte for an updated status report and once we have that I will let you all know.

City Administrator Schmidt provided a brief update on the sale of the City's natural gas utility to PSE.

Council member Sundstrom congratulated Mayor Johnson for being selected as recipient of the 2013 Elected Official of the Year by the Pierce Conservation District.

City Administrator Schmidt stated that the City of Buckley is one of three cities in the state recognized for the quality of our management during the recession. It was a study sent to the State Auditor's Office and as soon as it is put on their website, he will forward everyone a link.

City Administrator Schmidt stated that the City has received a bond rating upgrade. That is significant for a small town coming out of one of the worst recessions since the Great Depression to be given an upgrade on their bond rating. That is a big deal!

MAIN AGENDA

Adopt Robert's Rules of Order

Council member Sundstrom moved to approve the adoption of Robert's Rules of Order as the official procedural rules that the Buckley City Council will use for the conduct of meetings. Motion failed for lack of second.

Amended Purchase & Sale Agreement for Sale of the Taylor Property

Council member Tremblay moved to approve the Amended Purchase & Sale Agreement for the sale of the Taylor property. Council member Rose seconded the motion. City Administrator Schmidt explained the changes and a very brief discussion ensued. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

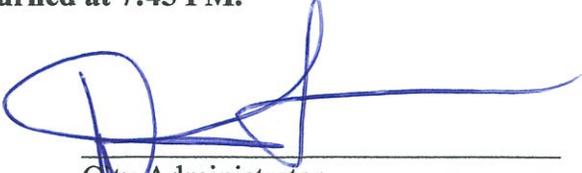
Approve Minutes of February 11, 2014 City Council Meeting

Council member Boyle Barrett moved to adjourn the meeting. Council member Tremblay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.



Mayor



City Administrator