

City Council
April 26, 2011

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

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

Mayor Johnson asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the agenda. There were none.

Finance & Public Safety: Council member Reed stated they have not had a meeting since the last Council meeting. Their next meeting will be scheduled at the next Council meeting.

Streets & Utilities: Council member Montgomery stated they had a meeting on the 19th and the bulk of their discussion is on the agenda for this evening. Everyone has a copy of the Minutes, and if you have any questions he would be happy to clarify.

Community Services & Recreation: Council member Patson stated they had a meeting on April 18. The Winks attended regarding the Freight Factory, and they presented some ideas with respect to use of the DSHS property, future site of the annual haunted house. What came out of this meeting is that there is potential for a lot of events on that property as a family friendly venue. Ideas for activities and/or special events include a produce co-op with a community kitchen, community garden, a place for citizens within the City limits to raise a cow, pig or chickens, seasonal activities such as holiday sleigh rides, pony rides, hay rides, haunted house, etc. We agreed that for success there probably should be an on-site manager to address supervision, security, monitor forms, prevent vandalism, etc. We thought we could maybe barter with the current lessee in exchange for being there. City Administrator Schmidt presented the idea of an ad hoc committee to address various other uses, and this committee could contact various event coordinators to ask them if they would consider moving their event to our area. The dynamics, we agree, should include a Council member, a representative from the Chamber, FFA, and at least three citizens. We recommend taking this ad hoc proposal to the full City Council for review. With respect to the haunted house, the Winks informed us that to move the haunted house to an alternative location would take at least a year to build up and get ready, so for this year it will remain at its present location. City Administrator Schmidt suggested that the Winks contact Ed Valbert with respect to perhaps renting the now vacant Collins Cottage. Their next meeting is Monday, May 16 at 8:15 AM at City Hall. Council member McNally said he is working that day and asked if another Council member will sit in for him. Council member Reed offered to attend.

Community & Economic Development: Council member McNally stated they have not had a meeting. The Minutes from the last meeting are in the Council packet. Their next meeting is Monday, May 2nd at 1 PM at City Hall.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Johnson stated we have a special presentation this evening. Alan Wolfe was in attendance from the Sewer Treatment Plant. Mayor Johnson said Alan has been with the City for 26 years and this is his last week. Mayor Johnson presented Alan Wolfe with a plaque for his service. Council members and staff thanked him for a job well done and wished him the best of luck in the future.

Mayor Johnson said Rainier School is still in the House budget and out of the Senate budget, and there has been a massive effort on the part of Pierce County's delegation not to close any of the RHCs. Mayor Johnson stated she has been on the phone to Olympia several times, but at this time it seems to be a crap shoot. Council members were urged to contact members of the Ways & Means Committee in both the Senate and the House. You can do that electronically by clicking on Ways & Means and each one of the participants. Mayor Johnson stated we do have a lot of friends down there, and no one wants to see any of the RHCs closed, but at this time it's going to be a roll of the dice. Mayor Johnson said one of the economic hardships for us is that a lot of income to the City is based on population, and if we lose 400 people (we've already lost 200 in the census), we're going to be hurting. City Administrator Schmidt said that would be losing \$1 Million dollars a year in utilities. Mayor Johnson strongly urged everyone to call in support of Rainier School.

Mayor Johnson reminded everyone of the employee health screening tomorrow, and she thinks there are still some vacancies.

Staff Reports:

City Administrator Schmidt stated in follow up to Alan Wolfe's send off this evening, he wants the Council to know that the Mayor has offered the position to Jim Standish, who has been down at the plant for 10 and a half years. So, effective May 1st Jim will be in that position.

City Administrator Schmidt stated that the WUTC is going to be here next week; they're coming early this year. We have our inspection every two years and usually it's in June or July, but they're coming early to Buckley. They have actually been out already and have been doing some preliminary inspections. So far what they've found they're really satisfied with. Hopefully, we're prepared; we've got everything updated.

City Administrator Schmidt stated that May 16 is bid opening for the Realignment Project so we should have something at the end of the month, hopefully by May 24, for Council to vote on a bid award on that

City Administrator Schmidt stated regarding an update on the Pedestrian Crossing Project, the reason you're not seeing a lot of activity out there is because the project was delayed due to backorder on the pole standards that the solar flashing lights fit on. The contractor went ahead and paved the overlay approaches, but now there is a problem with pooling of water. We are trying to determine whether or not we can make the contractor pull that out and replace it.

MAIN AGENDA

Agreement - Purchase & Sale of the WRSD Admin Building:

Chief Arsanto said we have been looking at buying the WRHS Admin Building for about a year and a half now. You each have a copy of the Purchase & Sale Agreement we came up with. We are supposed to close at the end of May, and with the current lease agreement that we have we figure there is about \$24,300 in a down payment that has been paid already. Chief Arsanto said the price he offered them was \$177,000 and the appraisal came in at \$196,600. That would leave us upon closing a balance of \$152,700 plus about \$3,000 of the closing. I am requesting permission to supply the Superintendent of White River School District with this Purchase & Sale Agreement and move forward towards closing. Chief Arsanto said this is not a major impact on Fund107, which is where the funds are coming from. **Council member Reed moved to approve the Purchase & Sale Agreement between the City of Buckley and White River School District for the building at 146 Cedar Street. Council member Harple seconded the motion.** Discussion continued. **Motion carried.**

Professional Services Agreement – Planning Services:

Council member Reed moved to approve Professional Services Agreement between the City and Hiller West for Planning Consultant Services. Council member Montgomery seconded the motion. City Administrator Schmidt stated that we have discussed contracting with Hiller West, who was a previous City Planner, for consultant services, basically looking at having him initially process land use applications, which are fully reimbursable. His current rate to us through this contract is \$60 per hour. Discussion ensued. **Motion carried.**

Professional Services Agreement – Addendum to Interim Court Administrator Services:

Council member Montgomery moved to approve Addendum #1 to the Interim Court Administrator Services Agreement. Council member McNally seconded the motion. City Administrator Schmidt stated that this is the first of a two-part agreement. Mayor Johnson said what we have discovered is that neither court needs a full time Court Administrator; what we need are full time court clerks. **Motion carried.**

Interlocal Agreement – Between Buckley & Orting for Court Administrator Services:

Council member Montgomery moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Buckley and Orting for Court Administrator Services. Council member McNally seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fire Department Construction Project – Change Order No. 1:
Council member McNally moved to approve the Fire Station Construction Project Change Order No. 1 with Five Rivers Construction in the amount not to exceed \$104,146.70. Council member Patson seconded the motion. Chief Predmore said the weather hasn't helped, but the soil is what it is. Motion carried.

Scope of Work – Design Engineering for Water Transmission Main Replacement:
Council member Montgomery moved to approve the Scope of Work for Design Engineering and Construction Management of the Hazard Mitigation Project to replace sections of the Water Transmission Main. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion. A short discussion ensued regarding the size of the pipe. City Administrator Schmidt said that design is something we have to have done before we can go out to bid, and that is going to take a few months. Design was based on the application that was submitted to FEMA; they will only let us replace the same size that is already there; that is all they will pay for. Discussion continued. Motion carried.

Scope of Work – Design Engineering for River Avenue Overlay:
Council member Montgomery moved to approve the Scope of Work for Design Engineering of the River Avenue Overlay Project. Council member Patson seconded the motion. City Administrator Schmidt said this is a TIB grant that we received in December to do a two inch overlay from Main Street to Park Avenue, in front of the Museum and Buckley Hall. This work would be done in August. Council member Montgomery asked about the sewer along there. City Administrator Schmidt said it is on the list. Discussion ensued. Motion carried.

Performance Bond Extension – Interwest Commercial Site Plan CSP #2008-01:
Council member Montgomery moved to extend the Performance Bond and Scheduled Date of Completion for the Improvements Required for CSP #2008-01 until August 31, 2011. Council member McNally seconded the motion. City Administrator Schmidt said they are asking for an extension because of weather conditions at this time. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

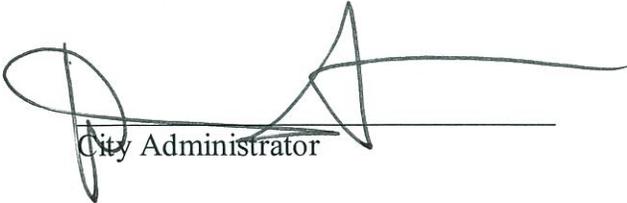
Approve Minutes of April 12, 2011

Claim check numbers 46800 through 46828, in the amount of \$112,972.85, for the period of April 13th through April 26th are hereby approved and ordered paid this 26th day of April, 2011.

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.



Mayor



City Administrator