

CITY OF WHITE SALMON
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes – August 1, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Gaddis called the Council Meeting of August 1, 2007 to order at 6:05 p.m. Council members Mayo, Roberts, Keene, were present, Marx excused. Staff members present were: Clerk Treasurer – Eric Greene, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer – Judi Culp, Deputy PWD Tom Smith, Police Chief Bruce Brending and Fire Chief – Bill Hunsaker. Public Representatives included, Jim Randall, Donna Marx, Mark Peppel, Bill Mason, Stan Horack, Suzie Willey, Cheyenne Willey, Dave Poucher, Doug Ness, Donna Buckalew, Lori Wolford and The Enterprise, Jesse Burkhardt.

Clerk Treasurer Eric Greene swore in William R. Mason as Planning Commissioner and Susan Gookin for Position #3 as City Council Member.

II. TOWN HALL

Tova Cochrane of Underwood Conservation District addressed a need to conserve water and shared tips for water conservation. She said Underwood Conservation has a task force to educate citizens about water conservation.

Doug Ness, 177 El Camino Real said he applied for a water permit before the water moratorium. At that Time PWD Keyser approved the application subject to the submittal of engineered plans for the replacement of the existing 1” water mainline serving two existing adjacent residents. The existing 1” water line was to be upsized to a 2” PVC, Class 900 pipeline with appurtenance control valves and stub outs to the undeveloped lots owned by Ness and Scott Nielson. After acquiring the engineered plans Ness was informed by the State that he had to put in a 6” line. He feels that he should not have to bear the cost of putting in a 6” line. C. Roberts said council will relay the information to the City Attorney and SPE Wellman.

Mark Peppel, 108 Alta Vista announced he is running for City Council Position #3 in the November 2007 election. He is looking forward to the opportunity to work with City Council.

Margaret Newman, 323 Green Street said for our kids the quality of life is the pool. On a hot summer day it is full. She urged City Council to continue investing in the pool. Spreading the word of the Pool needs to the Community should be priority.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

No Public Hearing

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Minutes, City Council Meeting – July 18, 2007, C. Roberts made a *motion* to approve the City Council Minutes of July 18, 2007, C. Keene *seconded* the motion, *Approved 4-0*.
- 2) Minutes, City Council Meeting – July 5, 2007. C Mayo made a *motion* to approve the City Council Minutes of July 5, 2007 with corrections, C. Roberts *seconded* the motion, *Approved 4-0*.

V. ACTION ITEMS (Deferred)

VI. ACTION ITEMS (New)

- 1) Approval of Resolution 2007-08-295 (A Resolution of the City Council of the City of White Salmon, Washington, changing the salaries for Union Employees.) C. Roberts made a *motion* to approve Resolution 2007-08-295, C. Mayo *seconded* the motion, *Approved 4-0*.

2) Approval of Resolution 2007-08-294 (A Resolution declaring the intention of the City Council to adopt for the City of White Salmon a policy increasing police officer salaries.) C. Keene made a *motion* to approve Resolution 2007-08-294, C. Gookin *seconded* the motion, *Approved 4-0*.

VII. DEPARTMENT HEAD/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Deputy PWD Smith said City Crew will be flushing the lines, preparing to connect Buck Creek to the water system. Smith said the Wells are doing as well as can be expected this time of year.

Clerk Treasurer Eric Greene said the City will be audited by the State of Washington Department of Revenue for Excise tax reports in October 2007. Greene said the State Audit will be sometime in August, probably within 2 weeks.

C. Roberts said the Water/Wastewater Committee met with SPC Wellman to discuss what needs to be done to receive the 1.5 million Grant from the State.

C. Keene said the Centennial Committee will be honoring former Fire chiefs during the August 11th Centennial Celebration. Plans are being made to create a museum in the hallway of the Fire Hall. Volunteer Fire Fighters are interviewing past citizens who were involved with the fire hall in the past.

Mayor Gaddis asked Deputy PWD Smith the progress of the Kiosk project at Francis and Mamie Gaddis Park. Deputy PWD Smith said construction is progressing. The Park is located on Spring Street, East. It was suggested the City provide signage to the Park.

VIII. APPROVAL OF CHECKS

Vouchers audited and certified as required by RCW 42.24.080 and expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 as of this date August 1, 2007. C. Gookin made a motion to approve Manual Checks 35847, 35910-35913 in the amount of \$61,527.34; Claim Checks 35914-35999 in the amount of \$78,607.01; and Payroll Checks 20124-20188, 889866-889874 in the amount of \$191,201.15; *seconded* by C. Roberts, *Approved 4-0*.

IX. PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Police Chief Brending thanked City Council for passing the Resolution raising the Police Officer Salaries. Brending said people have shown interest in testing for the Police Department since this resolution was proposed. Brending said he was notified yesterday by the Washington Safety Committee of a small grant to purchase 2 breath testing units.

Jim Cooper, Snowden asked Council if they have heard about the Rezoning in Husum and B-Z Corners. Cooper said he understood it also involved White Salmon water front on Hwy 14. Jesse Burkhart of the Enterprise said an article is in the newspaper this week.

Mayor Gaddis welcomed Susan Gookin to the Council. Gookin replaces Susan Benedict who resigned her position as Council Member.

C. Keene said the Youth Center is painting murals for the Centennial Celebration and is in need of paint. The Murals will be painted on panels that are moveable.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 7:10pm.

Francis Gaddis
Mayor

Judi Culp
Deputy Clerk Treasurer