CITY OF WHITE SALMON
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Poucher called the Council Meeting of December 5, 2007 to order at 6:02 p.m. Council members Roberts, Keene, Marx, Johnson and Landgren were present. Staff members present: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer – Judi Culp, Deputy PWD Tom Smith, PWD Mike Wellman, Police Chief – Bruce Brending and Attorney Deborah Phillips. Public Representatives included; Donna Marx, Ruth Winner, Jan Brending, Mark Peppel, Jim Randall, Clyde Knowles, Sandi Dickey, Don Tackley, Don Smith, Stan Horack, Judy Farrell, Mary Voigt, Clara Carlock, Wayne Carlock, Suzie Willey, Shirley Cox, Susan Gookin, Mike Zitur, John Mayo, Sharon Martin, Mark Lemly, Luella Estey, and Jesse Burkhart, The Enterprise.

Mayor Poucher made a change to the agenda moving Action Items (New) 1. Termination of City Attorney Agreement and 2. Agreement for Legal Services as very first items.

1. Termination of City Agreement. C. Marx made a *motion* to approve the termination of City Attorney Agreement with Deborah Phillips. C. Landgren *seconded* the motion, *Approved* 5-0.

2. Agreement for Legal Services. Attorney Phillips introduced Ken Woodrich. C. Marx made a *motion* to approve the Agreement for Legal Services with Kenneth B. Woodrich, PC, of Woodrich & Archer LLP. C. Keene made a motion to Amend Section 5, B6 fourth sentence to read including prorated tuition charges and travel expenses to attend Washington State Association of Municipal Attorney meetings as approved by the Council. C. Johnson *seconded* the motion, *Approved* 5-0.

II. TOWN HALL

Clyde Knowles, 279 NE Wauna welcomed new Council Members and Mayor.

III. PUBLIC MEETING

No Public Meeting

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes, Special City Council Meeting – November 26, 2007. C Roberts made a *motion* to approve the Special meeting minutes of November 26, 2007, C. Keene *seconded* the motion, *Approved* 5-0.

V. ACTION ITEMS (Deferred)

1. Approval of WIRA 29B Watershed Planning Letter for Klickitat County. PWD Mike Wellman said he has set up a meeting with Klickitat County Commissioner Dave McClure to discuss the acceptance of Klickitat County as lead agency for the new WIRA. Dotty DeVaney, Mike Wellman and Mayor Poucher will attend the meeting. C. Marx made a *motion* to table approval of the WIRA 29B Watershed Planning Letter until after than meeting. C. Keene *seconded* the motion. *Approved* 5-0.

VI. ACTION ITEMS (New)

1. Approval of Business License Ordinance C. Roberts made a *motion* to table approval of Business License Ordinance until Attorney Woodrich and new Council could review it. C. Marx *seconded* the motion, *Approved* 5.0.

2. Council selection of Mayor Pro-Tem. C. Landgren made a *motion* to appoint Richard Marx as Mayor Pro-Tem. C. Johnson *seconded* the motion, *Approved* 4-1. O*pposed* C. Keene

3. Mayor's Appointment to Planning Commission/Confirmation by Council. Mayor Poucher appointed Mark Peppel to the Planning Commission. C. Roberts made a *motion* to approve Mayor Poucher's appointment of Mark Peppel, C. Johnson *seconded* the motion. *Approved* 5.0. Mark Peppel will be sworn in Thursday, December 6, 2007 at City Hall.

4. Housing Needs Assessment Letter to WGAP. Mayor Poucher announced that Klickitat County has funded the whole project for WGAP.

VII. DEPARTMENT HEAD/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Assignments by Mayor. Mayor Poucher reviewed the list of assignments with Council. C. Roberts made a *motion* to combine the committees and approve Mayor's appointment of committee members. C. Landgren *seconded* the motion. *Approved* 5-0.

Mayor discussion on Budget Crisis. Mayor Poucher said the City is not where it needs to be financially. The City needs a Vision. We are balanced as of October 31, 2007. Currently the City has (4) four funds in the red. Staff will meet with Mayor Poucher to review possible budget cuts to balance the 2008 Budget.

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 December 5, 2007. C. Johnson made a *motion* to approve Claim Checks 36355-36394 and Manual Checks 36316, 36349, 36252 in the amount of $28,053.03; Payroll Checks 20353-20391 and 889935-889940 in the amount of $90,371.74; *seconded* by C. Roberts, *Approved 5-0*.

IX. PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Clyde Knowles asked if the Clerk Treasurer position has been advertised. Mayor Poucher said yes. Application deadline is December 14, 2007.

Shelly Baxter asked if the 2008 Budget will be open to the Public. Mayor Poucher said the final Budget will be available to the public for review.

Jan Brending of City of Bingen said Bingen would like to schedule a joint Police meeting in early January 2008. C. Landgren will meet with Betty Barnes of Bingen to schedule a meeting.

Mark Peppel thanked Council for approving his appointment to the Planning Commission.

Donna Marx thanked Council for listening to the Citizens.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 6:47pm to discuss pending litigation. Mayor Poucher announced the Executive Session would last 28 minutes. At 7:15pm Mayor Poucher announced to the public the Executive Committee would be another 5 minutes. At 7:20pm the Executive meeting adjourned. The Regular City Council Meeting opened at 7:16pm.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

PWD Wellman said the Slow Sand Pilot Filters have been ordered and should be here within a week. The City will be testing Buck Creek water with the Pilot filters to see how the process works with the proposed sand.

C. Johnson thanked Attorney Phillips for her service to the City of White Salmon.

C. Landgren asked if the Pool fund could be a separate bank account so Citizens could deposit money directly into the account. Suzie Wiley of WS Community Youth would be willing to open an account for Citizen's to deposit directly into the bank account. C. Landgren will meet with Wiley and Mayor Poucher Thursday morning 12/6/07 to discuss this.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

David R. Poucher	Judi Culp
Mayor	Deputy Clerk Treasurer