

CITY OF WHITE SALMON
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Poucher called the Council Meeting of December 19, 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, Fire Chief Bill Hunsaker and Attorney Kenneth Woodrich. Public Representatives included Luella Estey, Jan Brending, Don Tackley, Clyde Knowles, Jim Randall, Mark Peppel, Jacob Anderson, Amy Long, Stan Horack, Val Parish, Susan Gookin, Kitty Landgren Wayne Carlock and Jesse Burkhart, The Enterprise.

II. TOWN HALL

Mike Zitur, 817 E. Jewett asked when the house at 228 Wyers was going to be demolished. C. Keene said a letter was sent to the Yakima Nation over a month ago but the City has not received a response. Mayor Poucher said he will follow up on it and report at the Round Table meeting January 2, 2007.

III. PUBLIC MEETING

The Public Meeting opened at 6:09pm. Jaci Dietsch Vice Chair of the Budget Committee recommended that City Council approve Ordinance 2007-12-809, an Ordinance amending the budget for the City of White Salmon, Washington, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007. Dietsch said the amendments were needed to balance the 2007 Budget.

C. Marx asked about the over expenditures for 2007. Jan Brending said transfers from some reserve funds are recommended to balance the funds that were in the red.

Jaci Dietsch said the Budget Committee recommends City Council approve Ordinance 2007-12-810, an Ordinance adopting the Budget for the City of White Salmon, Washington, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008. Dietsch said the City needs to look at property tax and utility rate increases in 2008.

Donna Marx, 260 NW Lincoln asked if Public Works will have more overtime due to extra work. PWD Wellman said Public Works department is cutting overtime and saving money on engineering as Wellman will be handling much of the engineering needs the City may have. All projects will be scheduled for the regular workweek. The Public Meeting closed at 6:37pm.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

V. ACTION ITEMS (Deferred)

1. Approval of Business License Ordinance. C. Keene made a *motion* to table the Business License Ordinance until Council could review proposed changes from Attorney Woodrich. C. Johnson *seconded* the motion. *Approved* 5-0.

VI. ACTION ITEMS (New)

1. Approval of Resolution 2007-12-298 changing the Salaries for Union Employees. C. Roberts made a *motion* to approve Resolution 2007-12-298 COLA increase of 3.3% for 2008. C. Keene *seconded* the motion. *Approved* 4-1, *Opposed* C. Marx.

2. Approval of Resolution 2007-12-299 changing the Salaries for Non-Union Employees. C. Keene made a *motion* to approve Resolution 2007-12-299 COLA increase of 3.3% for 2008. C. Roberts *seconded* the motion, *Approved* 4-1, *Opposed* C. Marx.

3. Approval of Ordinance 2007-12-808 relating to Utility Business and Occupational tax on Water, Wastewater and Refuse Revenues. C. Johnson made a *motion* to approve Ordinance 2007-12-808. C. Roberts *seconded* the motion, *Approved* 5-0.

4. Approval of Ordinance 2007-12-809 amending the 2007 Budget. C. Keene made a *motion* to approve Ordinance 2007-12-809, C. Johnson *seconded* the motion, *Approved* 4-1, *Opposed* C. Marx.

5. Approval of Ordinance 2007-12-810 adopting the 2008 Budget. C. Roberts made a *motion* to approve Ordinance 2007-12-810. C. Keene *seconded* the motion. *Approved* 5-0.

6. Approval of Interlocal Agreement between the Cities of Bingen and White Salmon regarding swimming pool funding. C. Roberts made a *motion* to approve. C. Landgren *seconded* the motion, *Approved* 5-0.

VII. DEPARTMENT HEAD/COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) PWD Wellman said Public Works is looking at the present Utility Rates and will work with the Committee and Mayor to modify the Ordinance for rate increases. PWD Wellman said a stand by fee should be imposed on water customers who have the water turned off. Also the Refuse rates will be reviewed.

2) PWD Wellman said the filtering system for Buck Creek is being tested using the sand filter system. Donna Marx asked if the sand filter system would help the moratorium. Wellman said the DOH encourages this type of monitoring.

C. Keene asked if the City had received the final Grimes and Associates study of potential water resource sites. PWD Wellman said we have received a draft report.

3) Committee meeting dates. C. Johnson said the Finance & Audit Committee will meet the second Monday of every month at 7pm. C. Landgren said the Human Resources committee will meet the third Monday of every month at 7pm. C. Marx said the Public Works Committee will meet the third Thursday of every month at 6pm.

C. Landgren reported a Pool committee has been established and the Community Youth Program has opened a bank account at Riverview Bank for donors to deposit the money into the account. When the City requests funding of a specific pool need, they are to submit their request to the Pool Committee. Attorney Woodrich said in order for the City to receive money from the Committee, the City must have an Ordinance. The City would then submit an application for their projected project.

C. Roberts said the best way to communicate with businesses is via email. C. Roberts will put together a questionnaire asking businesses what needs they have and how the City can best support them.

C. Landgren said no meeting has been scheduled for the Annexation Committee.

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 19, 2007. C. Johnson made a *motion* to approve Claim Checks 36395-36432 and Manual Checks 36350-36354, 63616, 36349 in the amount of \$40,711.52; Payroll Checks 20439-20399, 20435-20438-20453 and 889945-889948 in the amount of \$31,010.03; VOIDED Checks 20360.20363.20377.20378.20383.20390; *seconded* by C. Roberts, *Approved* 5-0.

IX. PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

C. Johnson, C. Roberts, C. Keene thanked Jan Brending, Jaci Dietsch, Judi Culp and staff for their work on the Budget.

C. Marx is looking forward to 2008.

Donna Marx, is encouraged with new council, new year and public participation.

Jaci Dietsch asked Public Works why the street sweeper was sweeping 3 times a day. Deputy PWD Smith said the crew is sweeping up gravel from the last snow.

Mike Zitur asked if revenue was added to the 2008 Budget for water hookups. PWD Wellman said no hookup revenue was added, because of the moratorium. Zitur encouraged citizens to write to the DOE in support of the moratorium being lifted.

Clyde Knowles, 279 NE Wauna said it is nice to have public involvement.

Mayor Poucher said the 2005-2006 Exit Audit is scheduled for January 16, 2007 at 5pm.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

No Executive Session. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

David R. Poucher
Mayor

Judi Culp
Deputy Clerk Treasurer