

**Everson City Council
February 9, 2010**

The Everson City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Perry presiding. Council members Rowilson, Brouwer, Hammond, Oettel and Lautenbach were present. Also present were Clerk Treasurer/City Administrator Davidsen, Public Works Supervisor Holt, Chief Ramstead and Attorney Sitkin. Planner Harper was excused. **It was moved by Councilmember Brouwer to approve the minutes of the January 26th, 2010 Council meeting with changes, seconded by Councilmember Rowilson. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION- WTA's General Manager Richard Walsh- Mr. Walsh spoke about the possible local sales tax increase and a possible service reduction if the sales tax proposal fails.

NEW BUSINESS- Sub recipient agreement- Everson Police/Whatcom County- Chief Ramstead spoke about this agreement- **It was moved by Councilmember Lautenbach to approve the Mayor to sign the sub recipient agreement between Everson Police Department and Whatcom County, seconded by Councilmember Hammond. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None

PUBLIC HEARING- None

COMMITTEE REPORT- Finance Committee- Councilmember Lautenbach reported the court clerk spoke about the ticket process from beginning to end in the court system. She also spoke about the possibility of writing off bad debt from the court for bad debt over 10 years of age. This issue will need to be looked into further.

Councilmember Lautenbach reported Public Works and the Building Inspector have computers due to be replaced this year. This was not a budgeted item and the purchases will be held off until June then staff can look at the budget to see if the City will be able to make this purchase.

Chief Ramstead informed the committee of the grants given in 2009 and 2010.

CLAIMS APPROVAL- The following claims were presented for approval:

Claims vouchers #19054-19106, \$38,693.05

Payroll vouchers #11723-11768, \$101,825.43

Councilmember Hammond moved the claims be approved, and warrants drawn, seconded by Councilmember Brouwer. Motion carried with unanimous approval.

OTHER ITEMS- Barrel Tax- Councilmember Rowilson stated this may not be an issue at this time.

Councilmember Rowilson asked about the letter sent from Nooksack regarding the sewer fees charged. Mayor Perry has spoken to Mayor Ackerson and resolved this issue. A response letter is being drafted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Council went into executive session regarding the Mission Road Phase III project. Council resumed the regular Council meeting at 9:09 pm with no action taken.

A motion was made by Councilmember Brouwer to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Rowilson. Motion carried with unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.

John Perry, Mayor

Stacey Wood/ Deputy Clerk Treasurer