

Everson City Council

March 24, 2009

The Everson City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Pratt presiding. Council members Rowlson, Brouwer, Perry, Lautenbach and Hammond were present. Also present were, Deputy Clerk Treasurer Wood, Public Works Supervisor Holt, and Planner Harper. City Attorney Sitkin, Clerk Treasurer/City Administrator Davidsen and Police Chief Ramstead were excused. **It was moved by Councilmember Perry to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2009 Council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Hammond. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION- Garden Club- The garden club came to check on the status of the list given to Public Works of items needing to be done in order to finish the pergola project. Public Works Supervisor Holt will give the Council a status update within the next few weeks.

Gretchen Hoyt thanked the Council for considering waiving the water connection fee for the planned community garden. Since it was decided this is not something the City can do, Gretchen stated they will still be planting a community garden and will just hope for rain to help keep the ground moist.

NEW BUSINESS- Contract between Whatcom County and Everson for LETPP and SHSP grants- **It was moved by Councilmember Hammond to approve the Mayor to sign the contract between Whatcom County and the City of Everson for the release and reimbursement of grant funds, seconded by Councilmember Brouwer. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

It was moved by Councilmember Perry to approve the Mayor to sign the mutual aid agreement between the Department of Transportation and the City of Everson, seconded by Councilmember Lautenbach. Motion carried with unanimous approval.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

PUBLIC HEARING- 10 year UGA review- Planner Harper reviewed the information sent out in the Council packet and the information given to the Council at the meeting. **Brian Postma-** Mr. Postma stated he would like to see his land on the corner of Trapline and Stickney Island put into the UGA area.

Jake DeHoog- Mr. DeHoog stated he would like to be kept in the UGA and hopefully annexed into the city limits.

Michael Flint- Mr. Flint stated he is the owner of Pioneer Storage and would like to be kept in the UGA and hopefully annexed into the city limits.

Public hearing closed at 7:40 with no further audience comment.

It was moved by Councilmember Lautenbach to accept County alternative Y with a 2031 population allocation for the Everson UGA of 4,343, seconded by Councilmember Perry. Motion carried with unanimous approval.

It was moved by Councilmember Lautenbach to accept County alternative Y adding 243 commercial/retail jobs and 203 industrial jobs, seconded by Councilmember Hammond. Motion carried with unanimous approval.

COMMITTEE REPORT- Public Properties- contracts approved under new business.

CLAIMS APPROVAL- The following claims were presented for approval:

Claims vouchers # 18239-18273, \$124,638.74

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

OTHER ITEMS- Councilmember Brouwer stated he would like to see a ban on truck traffic on Mission road for safety issues and to stop further deterioration of an already deteriorated road. Council stated they are not willing to do this without having some sort of plan in the works to make the road better. It was stated the Mission road neighborhood may want to have a meeting and give the Council some feedback as to if they would like the City of Everson to put Mission Road phase III higher on the 6 year transportation list.

Councilmember Rowlson stated there will be a meeting of the citizen committee for the combining of Nooksack and Everson March 25, 2009 at 6:30 at the Everson Fire Station.

Councilmember Lautenbach thanked Public Works Supervisor Holt for doing such a great job on the newsletter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- None

A motion was made by Councilmember Hammond to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Rowlson. Motion carried with unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm.