

## Everson City Council October 13, 2009

The Everson City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Pratt presiding. Council members Perry, Brouwer Rowilson, Lautenbach and Hammond were present. Also present were Clerk Treasurer/City Administrator Davidsen, Chief Ramstead and Planner Harper. Public Works Supervisor Holt and Attorney Sitkin were excused. **It was moved by Councilmember Brouwer to approve the minutes of September 22, 2009 Council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Lautenbach. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION-** None

**NEW BUSINESS-** Amendment to Inter-local Agreement with Whatcom County for the Skillman Annexation- Planner Harper reviewed the information sent out in the Council packet. **It was moved by Councilmember Lautenbach to authorize the Mayor to sign amendment #3 to the inter-local agreement, seconded by Councilmember Hammond. Motion approved with unanimous approval.**

Introduction/discussion to Ordinance #696-09 Tiger/VanBoven annexation- Planner Harper reviewed the information sent out in the Council packet. This item will be brought back for public hearing at the October 27, 2009 Council meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS-** None

**PUBLIC HEARING-** None

**COMMITTEE REPORT-** Finance Committee- Councilmember Lautenbach reported the ending balances for the end of September. Money will be coming in for grant reimbursement in the next few weeks. The park impact fee money will need to be moved from the general fund into the park impact fund. The general fund is \$154,598.00. 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter B&O and second half property taxes are still due to come in. Staff will know more about the ending fund balance by the end of October when the money comes in. All the fund transfers have been done. There will be some budget amendments coming next month for projects being done this year.

Council will need to direct the City attorney to do a resolution or change some wording in the personnel manual allowing non union officers to work over time when grant money is available so the City can utilize the 520 hours of overtime given with the Stone Garden grant for 2009. A resolution will be drawn up and put in the Council packet for the next Council meeting.

Councilmember Lautenbach reported they looked at the draft juvenile dentition contract given to the chief. This contract is used by the City of Blaine, Ferndale and Lynden. This contract will be brought back.

Councilmember Lautenbach recommended looking at the engineering services for the City and possibly going out to bid on a new engineering contract.

**CLAIMS APPROVAL-** The following claims were presented for approval:

Claims vouchers # 18731-18784, \$81,831.12

Payroll vouchers-#11520-11567, \$95,887.91

**Councilmember Rowilson moved the claims be approved, and warrants drawn, seconded by Councilmember Perry. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

**OTHER ITEMS-** Update on urban growth area- Planner Harper updated the Council on this subject. The County planning commission met and agreed to some of the swap for 67 acres of ag land, but they did not want to give up any land in trade. There will still be discussion on this issue. Planner Harper asked the Council if there is any land they would like to fight for. The Council would like to counter offer to take the property near Hughes road off of the proposal.

Councilmember Hammond asked who is paying for police presence at the high school games. Chief Ramstead stated the school pays for this.

Councilmember Rowilson mentioned the street trees throughout town need maintenance. Public Works Supervisor Holt is looking into this. Any trees inside the Maple Ridge development need to be maintained by the home owners association.

Councilmember Rowilson also mentioned the car tab ordinance. Information has been given to the Council for review and will be scheduled for the November 24, 2009 meeting agenda.

Councilmember Rowilson stated there is a COG meeting 10/14/09. He is going to talk with them about economic development help.

Councilmember Rowlson spoke about parking regulations in downtown Everson. He stated it might be a good idea to look at parking regulations for incoming businesses downtown as there is a shortage of parking.

Councilmember Rowlson also stated he would like to talk about wages for 2010. He would like to go into executive session at the November 10, 2009 meeting to discuss this matter.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-** None

**A motion was made by Councilmember Hammond to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Brouwer. Motion carried with unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.**

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Jaleen Pratt, Mayor

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Stacey Wood/ Deputy Clerk Treasurer