

Everson City Council February 12, 2009

The Everson City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Pratt presiding. Council members Rowson, Brouwer, Perry, Lautenbach and Hammond were present. Also present were, Clerk Treasurer/City Administrator Davidsen, Planner Harper, City Attorney Sitkin and Police Chief Ramstead. **It was moved by Councilmember Hammond to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2009 Council meeting with corrections, seconded by Councilmember Brouwer. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION- Mary Vorklicky-Friends of the library- Mary went over the information sent out in the Council packet.

NEW BUSINESS- Fire Hall Parking requirement- Planner Harper reviewed the information sent out in the Council packet. Mike Smith and Lee Hall from Zervas Group Architects and Warren Dodson chair of the board of commissioners spoke to the Council about the parking and building space required to service the City of Everson. More information on this issue will be brought back to the Council at a later date.

Change order #2- Manganese treatment facility- **It was moved by Councilmember Bouwer to accept change order #2 for the manganese treatment plant, seconded by Councilmember Lautenbach. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- Community Garden- It was decided by the Council legally the City of Everson could not waive the water connection fee for a community garden.

PUBLIC HEARING- None

COMMITTEE REPORT- Finance Committee- Councilmember Lautenbach reported on a budget amendment being done for the manganese treatment facility. This is scheduled for a public hearing at the February 24, 2009 Council meeting. The year end balance was also reported to be \$302,387.02 which does include the \$51,000.00 put back in the budget for the LID guarantee fund. This is \$30,000.00 less then the ending balance in 2007 due to lack of B&O tax income. The committee will be taking a look at the budget at the next meeting and deciding where money can be cut. The \$51,000.00 from the LID fund may be used to finish the downtown concrete stamping. More information will be given on this at a later date. The pump upgrade for pump stations 1 & 3 was also discussed. This would be an \$11,000.00 expenditure although staff is looking at getting funding to upgrade all pumps which will cost around \$100,000.00. **It was moved by Councilmember Lautenbach to direct staff to continue application for the state revolving fund loan, seconded by Councilmember Hammond. Motioned carried with unanimous approval.**

Nooksack Council meeting report-pump station 1 upgrade-A new telemetry is being installed and eventually an upgrade will be needed to the sewer lift station to tie into the water telemetry system. This will cost around \$20,000 per lift station and the City of Everson has 8 stations. The City of Nooksack has 4 stations. The finance committee has recommended staff tell The City of Nooksack there will be no cost to them until their lift stations need to be upgraded.

CLAIMS APPROVAL- The following claims were presented for approval:

Claims vouchers # 18112-18156, \$69,667.14

Payroll vouchers #11137-11182, \$100,509.93

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

OTHER ITEMS- Councilmember Rowson spoke about the letter sent out in the Council packet addressed to him from Tiger Construction.

It was moved by Councilmember Rowson to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2009-2012 union contract between the non-uniform employees and the City of Everson, seconded by Councilmember Lautenbach. Motion carried with unanimous approval.

Councilmember Hammond stated he signed up Stellar Industries for the City of Everson small works roster as a vendor. Councilmember Hammond is currently employed by Stellar Industries but he is not on commission and will not benefit from any purchases made by the City of Everson.

Councilmember Perry stated they are planning a going away party for former Councilmember Laird on February 21. Councilmember Perry will let Council and staff know when all the details are finalized.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- None

A motion was made by Councilmember Brouwer to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Lautenbach. Motion carried with unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Jaleen Pratt, Mayor

Stacey Wood/ Deputy Clerk Treasurer