

Everson City Council September 23, 2008

The Everson City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Jaleen Pratt presiding. Council members Perry, Rowlson, Hammond, Lautenbach and Laird were present. Also present were, Clerk Treasurer/City Administrator Debbie Davidsen, City Attorney Losie and Public Works Supervisor Rick Holt. Police Chief Erik Ramstead and Planner Harper were excused. There was discussion about previous approval of the 8/26/08 Council minutes. Mayor Pratt stated the minutes reflected \$7,000.00 to date had been spent on rental house repairs. The amount was incorrect and should have been \$900 spent to date with \$3,500.00 to be spent on work completed and \$3,000 committed to be spent but rescinded. **It was moved by Councilmember Laird to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2008, seconded by Councilmember Lautenbach. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION- Barbara Frost-Barbara asked if the Mission Road project was going to be discussed. Mayor Pratt stated it would be discussed under public properties committee report.

Bellingham Chamber-Ski to Sea Project- the Chamber President handed out information on the Ski to Sea race and parade to Council and spoke about the history and the process of the event. The Chamber would like to work with the City of Everson to provide more services to people who attend and participate in the canoe leg of the race.

Russell Tucker- Mr. Tucker had some questions about forming a Sable Terrace Committee. Attorney Losie told Mr. Tucker the committee should always seek legal advice on whatever they do. She stated she was not at liberty to give any legal advice to him. It was stated it may be a good idea to form a home owners association rather than a committee.

NEW BUSINESS- Ordinance #681-Building Codes- **It was moved by Councilmember Laird to approve ordinance #681, seconded by Councilmember Perry. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None

PUBLIC HEARING- None

COMMITTEE REPORT- Public Properties- Mayor Pratt spoke about approving Troy Luginbill as the City of Everson's small city representative for the Bellingham/Whatcom Public Facilities Board. **It was moved by Councilmember Laird to approve Troy Luginbill as the representative for Everson, seconded by Councilmember Lautenbach. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

Councilmember Hammond stated the public properties committee had talked about the downtown landscaping. Public Works Supervisor Holt is going out to bid to get a cost on finishing the sidewalks. The estimate is \$40,000 to \$50,000 for 3 blocks. Once the bids come in it will be decided how much will be done. The committee also discussed the waste water treatment force main modification. This needs to be done in order to get more accurate samples of the incoming stream versus the outgoing stream. The City got 4 bids and the lowest bid was from Stremler Gravel for the amount of \$4,704 and the highest bid was from Tiger Construction for the amount of \$9,557. The committee is recommending the bid be awarded to Stremler Gravel for the amount of \$4,704. **It was moved by Councilmember Rowlson to enter in to a contract with Stremler Gravel to do the waste water treatment force main modification in the amount of approximately \$4,704, seconded by Councilmember Perry. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

The Committee also discussed the cross contamination protection program. Staff has put together a list of recommendations for approval for the Council which will be sent out in the next Council packet.

Councilmember Perry spoke about Mission Road phase II. He stated Public Works Supervisor Holt is still waiting for an estimate from Soto and Sons Construction on cost for rain garden modifications. Rick will also be attending a class for funding for this phase of the project. The options available for the rain gardens are: leave them as they are or fill them in. Councilmember Perry stated this project is over budget roughly \$48,000 on some of the items. To pave the driveways and do rain garden modifications will put the project over budget by roughly \$98,000. The payment for the over budget items will come out of the water and the street accounts. A budget amendment will be done at the end of the year for this project. Councilmember Rowlson mentioned when change orders come in for large amounts which cause the project to go far over budget the Council should be notified.

There may need to be a policy set in place for authority and spending amounts for staff so they know how much they can spend on overages like this before Council needs to approve it.

Councilmember Rowson reported he attended the COG meeting and on the list is the Mission Road Phase III for Everson. The City can ask COG to remove it from the list or leave it on the list and eventually funding may come for it.

CLAIMS APPROVAL- The following claims were presented for approval:

Claims vouchers # 17755-17787, \$18,323.85

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

OTHER ITEMS- Councilmember Perry mentioned he had been asked by the community to set up a Frisbee-golf area at River Side Park.

Mayor Pratt mentioned November 11th is a holiday and a regularly scheduled Council meeting. Council would like to move the meeting to Monday November 10th at 7 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Council went in to executive session at 8:42 pm. Council resumed regular Council at 10:21 pm with no action taken.

It was moved by Councilmember Lautenbach to authorize voucher #17713 to be paid, seconded by Councilmember Hammond. Motion carried with unanimous approval.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rowson to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Lautenbach. Motion carried with unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 10:24 pm.

Jaleen Pratt, Mayor

Stacey Wood/ Deputy Clerk Treasurer