

Everson City Council October 14, 2008

The Everson City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor pro-tem Rowlson presiding. Council members Perry, Hammond, Lautenbach and Laird were present. Also present were, Clerk Treasurer/City Administrator Debbie Davidsen and Planner Harper. City Attorney Sitkin, Public Works Supervisor Rick Holt, Police Chief Erik Ramstead and Mayor Pratt were excused. **It was moved by Councilmember Lautenbach to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2008, seconded by Councilmember Hammond. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

It was moved by Councilmember Lautenbach to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2008 budget retreat minutes, seconded by Councilmember Hammond. Motion carried with unanimous approval.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION- None

NEW BUSINESS- LDS Church-quitclaim deed-authorize Mayor to sign- **It was moved by Councilmember Perry to approve the Mayor to sign the LDS quitclaim deed, seconded by Councilmember Lautenbach. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

Whatcom 2031- Mayor pro tem Rowlson spoke about this plan/process. The County has put together a survey and copies will be available at City Hall for residents to complete and send in. Council would like to see this item on the agenda for the next Council meeting for further discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- Mission Rd. phase II- It was announced this project has received an additional \$100,000.00 from the Surface Transportation Program to re-finish phase II. Public Works Supervisor Holt has scheduled work to begin on Monday October 20, 2008 to complete the project. Council agreed they would like to see construction on finishing the project to be held off until they have time to discuss what will be done and the cost. Council will discuss this issue at the October 28th, 2008 Council meeting and no work will be done until then. A new letter will be sent out to the residence of Mission Road informing them of this decision and inviting them to attend the Council meeting to see what work will be done.

PUBLIC HEARING- None

COMMITTEE REPORT- Finance Committee- Councilmember Laird spoke about the year to date expenditures and revenues through September 30, 2008.

A copy of the manganese treatment plant contract was also given to the committee. Finance committee would like to see an updated budget worksheet by the next Council meeting.

Direction was given to Clerk Treasurer/City Administrator Davidsen to open a new fund for facilities.

The LID collection company is doing a good job.

Chief Ramstead will be interviewing for the vacant officer position. He has also been speaking with Nooksack about the police contract and things are looking positive.

There was discussion of looking at increasing water and sewer rates starting in 2009.

CLAIMS APPROVAL- The following claims were presented for approval:

Claims vouchers # 17788-17842, \$62,544.37

Payroll vouchers # 10946-10994, \$93,310.77

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

OTHER ITEMS- Councilmember Hammond spoke about the building inspection report Council has received. Smoke detectors need to be installed in the immediate future.

A meeting needs to be set up to go over the sewer contract.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

A motion was made by Councilmember Perry to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Hammond. Motion carried with unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Jaleen Pratt, Mayor

Stacey Wood/ Deputy Clerk Treasurer