

Regular Council meeting of December 4, 2012.

Present were: Mayor Spieth, Councilmembers Koepke, Naillon, Neal, Hart and Roley.

Absent: None.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Spieth. Pledge of Allegiance given. Copies of the Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> meeting were read and approved with one typo.

Public Hearing on the 2013 Budget. Clerk briefly outlined the draft ordinance, which sets the 2013 at \$8,042,100. No layoffs are required to balance the budget; capital purchases / projects include a new ambulance, construction of a northend water system reservoir, an STP grant for an overlay of Central from Main to Cherry, and Cherry Street from Central to the bridge and include handicap ramp upgrades and various other smaller projects. The budget will be finalized and adopted during the Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Declared surplus items that did not sell during the sealed bid process were advertised again. Melika Glover submitted a bid of \$110 for the 1995 Ford Crown Vic and \$10 for the HP Desk Jet 870 printer. Glover was awarded the Ford vehicle however Chief Warnstaff stated that the printer had been disposed of since it did not work and no one had submitted a formal bid on it during the first surplus sale. All remaining items will be disposed of as agreed upon and the non-working electronic equipment will be trashed.

Aspect Consulting Change order #3, extending the length of the contract without any cost increase, reviewed. Motion by Neal and seconded by Koepke the Mayor be authorized to sign agreement. Motion carried.

Memorandum of Agreement with Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife to bill the city in the future for any permit fees reviewed. Motion by Koepke and seconded by Naillon the Clerk be authorized to sign the agreement. Motion carried.

Clerk asked council about their preference regarding the first meeting in January, which falls on Jan.1, a legal holiday. The RCW's state that if a regularly scheduled meeting falls on a holiday, the meeting would be held the following day. Clerk stated that in this case, the Planning Commission would also be meeting that Wednesday but that their meeting should be over by the time council would start. It was agreed to hold the first January meeting on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance #819, amending the 2012 Budget, increasing Law Enforcement \$10,300, Library \$1,000 and Street \$20,000, raising the total 2012 Budget to \$6,550,880.

2013 Renewal Agreement with Washington State Dept. of Enterprise Services reviewed. The city uses this program to purchase through the state bid and surplus programs. Motion by Neal and seconded by Hart the Mayor be authorized to sign the renewal. Motion carried.

Discussion on the “holes” in the alleyways. Noel stated that with all the rain we’ve been having, it’s caused extra damage. Complaints have been being received from those residents that use the alleyway as their access to their property, and Rod said he always understood that those residents should help towards maintenance of the alleyways. Noel went on to explain that in the business area, many of the buildings extend from the street all the way back to the alley and all the rain run-off has no where to go but the alley, and then pot-holes are created. They can’t be patched or filled until they dry out. One business had the room behind his building to install a drywell for the rain run-off, eliminating a lot of the problems behind his building. Other businesses that have the room could also do the same, but the city can’t install them because they would be on private property. He stated that the crew had patched some of the holes, additional “fill” product has been ordered but the ground needs to dry out before they can do any more patching.

Councilmember Roley will again let the school know about the AWC Quality Communities Scholarship program.

Steve Johnston discussed airport fuel issues and the fact that the city is currently out of gas. Noel explained that he has been trying to get a split load for a over a month but no one needs fuel. Rod also explained that the freight cost is a flat rate, whether you buy 1000 gallons or 9000. Johnston stated the he heard the “budget amendments” earlier and wondered why there wasn’t one for airport fuel. Clerk explained that at current fuel prices, it would cost at least \$25,000 to get a load; that it was discussed this morning at staff meeting and while staff and the Mayor agreed that we really didn’t want to be without fuel, Current Expense didn’t have enough “left-over” cash to amend the budget to allow another tanker before the end of the year and that the city would wait until after the first of the year. Noel stated that historically, only 100-150 gal. of fuel are sold each month during December, January and February, with a little more as spring arrives; it is the first time the city has been temporarily out of fuel since the city started the program years ago; and that we would only be out of fuel for another few weeks. Also discussed was the “pricing” of fuel and Johnston said other airports raise and lower their fuel weekly, just as the gas stations do. Clerk said she understood our ordinance that sets our “profit” at 50¢ means that when you purchase a load, you set the price to include the profit margin and that that price is fixed until the next load is purchased. If you raise and lower as the gas stations do, you might lose that profit or exceed that profit margin. Selling lower than what you paid for it would be “gifting” of public funds, but Jones will check with a few other airports and Atty. Howe about weekly adjustments.

Roley moved and Naillon seconded to approve the November manual checks #14336-14341, \$552.80, the Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> payroll of \$73,513.99, #14360-14417 and that vouchers #14418-14457, \$50,833.13 be paid and that the meeting be adjourned at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

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Clerk