

## Everson City Council January 26, 2010

The Everson City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Perry presiding. Council members Rowlson, Brouwer, Hammond and Lautenbach were present. Also present were Clerk Treasurer/City Administrator Sandberg, Public Works Supervisor Holt and Chief Ramstead. Attorney Sitkin and Planner Harper were excused. **It was moved by Councilmember Hammond to approve the minutes of the January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Council meeting with changes, seconded by Councilmember Brouwer. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION-** ERSPO Task Force report- A presentation was given to the Council by the task force.

Bob Putich- Census Update- The Council was updated on the 2010 Census process.

**NEW BUSINESS-** Vacant Council seat- Eric Oettel spoke about his qualifications for the Council position. **It was moved by Councilmember Hammond to appoint Eric Oettel to Council position #4, seconded by Councilmember Lautenbach. Motion carried with unanimous approval.** Eric was given his oath office and seated at the Council table.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS-** Ordinance 696-09 Tiger/Van Boven annexation- Councilmember Lautenbach excused herself from the vote due to a conflict of interest. **It was moved by Councilmember Brouwer to approve ordinance number 696-09, seconded by Councilmember Hammond. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

**PUBLIC HEARING-** None

**COMMITTEE REPORT-** Public Properties- Councilmember Hammond reported the committee reviewed the bids for engineering services and by the February 9<sup>th</sup> Council meeting the committee will have the choices narrowed down and will bring them to the Council for interviews.

It was reported COG is looking for a grant for sheltered bike racks. A letter of interest has been written to the COG for this grant.

It was reported the legislature is looking at an un-funded mandate for garbage disposal. A letter has been written to AWC on the cities behalf stating this would not be something the city would want to do.

Councilmember Hammond reported there will be a working draft of the sewer contract to send to the City of Nooksack in about two weeks.

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

Claims vouchers #19022-19052, \$26,690.08

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

**OTHER ITEMS-** Mayor Perry re-appointed Councilmember Rowlson as Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Lautenbach mentioned Nooksack Valley School district is considered the school district with the highest level of low income families in Whatcom County. The educators in the district have done a tremendous amount with the limited resources they have.

Councilmember Rowlson stated he would like the barrel tax issue put on the agenda for the February 9<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

Councilmember Rowlson reported the WTA tax is about \$160,000 for the area of Everson and surrounding. The city may want to form an opinion on the possible WTA tax hike.

Councilmember Hammond mentioned the planning committee still has a vacant position. There have not been enough members showing up to make a quorum. As stated in the city code there is supposed to be nine members. There are several items on the planning committee list needing to be looked at in 2010.

Clerk Treasurer/City Administrator Sandberg submitted a letter to the Council for approval to send to the State auditor in response to the audit report. Council approved of this letter.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-** None

**A motion was made by Councilmember Rowlson to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Brouwer. Motion carried with unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.**