

## Everson City Council March 10, 2009

The Everson City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Pratt presiding. Council members Rowlson, Perry, Lautenbach and Hammond were present. Also present were, Clerk Treasurer/City Administrator Davidsen, Public Works Supervisor Holt, Planner Harper and City Attorney Sitkin. Councilmember Brouwer and Police Chief Ramstead were excused. **It was moved by Councilmember Lautenbach to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2009 Council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Hammond. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION-** Discussion-Combining Everson/Nooksack- Scott Boven from the City of Nooksack spoke about this possibility. Several members of the audience voiced concerns with having members of the city Council's being involved in this process. Councilmember Rowlson stated this is not a committee formed with Councilmember's; the members on the committee are members as community members not as Councilmember's. Councilmember Rowlson stated this would not involve merging two cities, but creating a new city by combining the two cities. Mayor Pratt stated a comprehensive feasibility will need to be done before any decision is made. John Pruss spoke about this process as he was the Mayor of a city which combined with the City of Kirkland in 1968. He stated he would be interested in being on the committee as an impartial member. Marylou Jones from the City of Nooksack stated the finances of both cities need to be looked at by a person who understands finance to get an educated study on the combining of the two cities from a governmental financial standpoint.

**NEW BUSINESS-** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS-** Resolution 485-09-Tiger Van Boven annexation- Councilmember Rowlson stated the industrial zoning code will need to be changed before he would be in support of finalizing the annexation when it returns from the boundary review board. **It was moved by Councilmember Rowlson to approve resolution #485-09, seconded by Councilmember Hammond. Motion carried with unanimous approval. With Councilmember Lautenbach abstaining from the vote.**

**COMMITTEE REPORT-** Finance Committee- Councilmember Lautenbach reported the new passport revenue with \$1,075.00 collected in January and February. A copy of the 2009 budget was handed out to the Council.

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

Claims vouchers # 18190-18238, \$66,790.97

Payroll vouchers # 11183-11229, \$95,516.64

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

**OTHER ITEMS-** 10 year UGA review- Planner Harper reviewed the information sent out in the packet. There will be a joint public hearing held with the planning committee at the March 24<sup>th</sup>. 2009 Council meeting.

Mayor Pratt stated she spoke with Mary Dumas and was told the Council needs to set a date for the 4 hour workshop. Debbie will be emailing the Council with available dates.

Attorney Sitkin stated everything has been sent off to the publishing company for the municipal code updates. There will be a few more items sent to the publisher as they become available.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-** None

**A motion was made by Councilmember Perry to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Rowlson. Motion carried with unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.**

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Jaleen Pratt, Mayor

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Stacey Wood/ Deputy Clerk Treasurer