

Everson City Council November 24, 2009

The Everson City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Pratt presiding. Council members Lautenbach, Rowlson, Perry, Brouwer and Hammond were present. Also present were Clerk Treasurer/City Administrator Davidsen and Chief Ramstead. Attorney Sitkin, Public Works Supervisor Holt and Planner Harper were excused. **It was moved by Councilmember Hammond to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2009 Council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Lautenbach. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION- None

NEW BUSINESS- Mayor Pratt's reading of the 2010 budget message- Mayor Pratt read her 2010 budget message.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None

PUBLIC HEARING- Ordinance # 698-09 2010 budget- Public hearing closed with no audience comment. **It was moved by Councilmember Lautenbach to approve ordinance #698-09, seconded by Councilmember Hammond. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

COMMITTEE REPORT- none

CLAIMS APPROVAL- The following claims were presented for approval:

Claims vouchers # 18866-18898, \$136,079.68

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

OTHER ITEMS- Councilmember Perry stated he had toured the EOC station put together for the Olympics.

Councilmember Lautenbach reported she had spoken with Public Works Supervisor Holt and he would like to purchase a sander. There is currently \$5,000.00 in the budget for it. It is a needed item as the current sander is not functioning. Estimates are coming in at \$5,900.00 for a new sander. Council approved the purchase of the new sander as it was already a budgeted item.

Councilmember Lautenbach also stated there is no bus shelter at the bus stop across from the credit union. She will work with WTA and the credit union to get a bus shelter.

Councilmember Rowlson mentioned there was discussion at the last COG meeting on the car tab fee for road repair. There will be a presentation at the next COG meeting.

Councilmember Rowlson asked about the Nooksack letter concerning the treatment plant. He was told the contract needs to be sent to Nooksack for them to look over.

Councilmember Lautenbach mentioned she would like to have someone appointed as a public relations person for the community. This person would let the public know when things happen in the city such as: the new police vehicles and other grant items. The person would send information to the newspapers for publication. It was mentioned the city website could have a grant tab so citizens could see what grants are being applied for and given. It was suggested maybe department heads could write up a statement of projects/grants for the month and then have the Deputy Clerk Treasurer send it to the newspapers and put it on the website.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- None

A motion was made by Councilmember Rowlson to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Lautenbach. Motion carried with unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

Jaleen Pratt, Mayor

Stacey Wood/ Deputy Clerk Treasurer