

Everson City Council August 12, 2008

The Everson City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Jaleen Pratt presiding. Council members Perry, Rowlson, Hammond and Laird were present. Also present were, Clerk Treasurer/City Administrator Debbie Davidsen, City Attorney Sitkin, Planner Rollin Harper, Public Works Supervisor Rick Holt and Police Chief Erik Ramstead. Councilmember Lautenbach was excused. **It was moved by Councilmember Hammond to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2008 Council meeting with one change, seconded by Councilmember Laird. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION- Family to Family Committee- Cheryl Brown spoke about the committee and what they would like to see in the Strandell neighborhood. Cheryl went over the information sent out in the Council packet. The committee would like some direction on how to go about presenting the City with information and opportunities. Mayor Pratt suggested researching some grant options available for these types of projects. Councilmember Rowlson suggested speaking with the Lions Club about purchasing play equipment and talking to the City of Everson about a possibility of using land the City of Everson already owns for a park area. Cheryl also wondered if there was a plan for addressing the gang problems within the City. Chief Ramstead suggested the committee come and speak with him if they would like to know more about the gang intervention programs the City of Everson is involved in.

NEW BUSINESS- DeBoer Estates subdivision-final plat- Planner Harper went over the information sent out in the Council packet. **It was moved by Councilmember Rowlson to authorize execution of the DeBoer estates subdivision final plat, seconded by Councilmember Hammond. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- Final report of decision The Crossing subdivision- Councilmember Rowlson was excused from the motion. **It was moved by Councilmember Hammond to approve the final report of decision for the Crossing Subdivision, seconded by Councilmember Laird. Motion carried with unanimous approval with Councilmember Rowlson excused from vote.**

PUBLIC HEARING- 2nd amended plat of Wilshire- Public hearing re- opened. Planner Harper reviewed the information sent out in the Council packet. **Jon Rohman 406 Cashmere Lane-** Jon stated he currently lives on a dead end street and does not want the subdivision put in. Although he realizes it will probably be approved he would like to see the City of Everson hold the builder to a higher standard. He would like to see the surrounding neighborhoods get the streets re-paved and sidewalks put in when the developer puts in the subdivision to keep the neighborhood together.

Caroline Wadsworth 110 Sable Drive- Caroline asked about the sewer through Chestnut. She also stated she is for growth but she would like to see her neighborhood improved. She would like to the City, the builder and the community work together to make the neighborhood nicer. Planner Harper stated the improvements to the sewer in the Sable neighborhood would just be re-piping and sending it in the direction of the Wilshire development to the larger pump station.

Steve Schuyleman 401 Cashmere Lane- asked when the time frame is set for the second phase to be finished. Planner Harper stated there is a five year limit set for the phasing to be completed in once it begins.

Jeff Bergman 204 Sable Drive- Mr. Bergman stated he would like to see Sable and Cashmere re-paved and curbs and gutters installed. Mayor Pratt stated the City of Everson would like to see it done but there is no money in the budget for it and there has not been much interest with the property owners to implement an LID.

Gerado Ruiz 808 Chestnut- Willing to pay money for improvements. Councilmember Perry stated 60% of the neighborhood needs to come to the City of Everson and ask for an LID.

Russell Tucker 301 Sable Drive- An LID will not work for Sable Terrace. He has the 60% interest needed for the LID. Mr. Tucker stated there is a better way. He then Stated Mr. Langdon would need to team up with the City of Everson to do the drainage improvements. He feels this would be considerably less then and LID. He feels the residents of Sable Terrace could afford the improvements if they are done this way.

Grant Langdon- Plans to start the first phase is the fall and continue on as the market allows within the 5 years.

Steve Tjoelker 109 Sable Drive- Stated he agrees with Russell Tucker.

Keith Shelly- 408 Cashmere Lane- Stated he would like to see the community decide what improvements get done to the park not the City. **Public hearing closed with no further comment from the audience.**

It was moved by Councilmember Perry to approve the 2nd amended plat of Wilshire in up to four phases and accepting the SEPA conditions, seconded by Councilmember Laird. Councilmember Rowlson made a friendly amendment to separate out how the park is funded from the above motion to be discussed later. Friendly amendment accepted by Councilmember Perry and Councilmember Laird. Motion carried with 3 in favor one opposed. It was moved by Councilmember Rowlson to require the \$15,000.00 park contribution to be given in full by phase II, seconded by Councilmember Hammond. Motion carried with 3 in favor one opposed.

COMMITTEE REPORT- Finance Committee- Councilmember Laird reported Debbie is going to look into the fees for professional services. The City is moving forward with the notification for the LID's. There was discussion about old court debt over 10 years old and what will need to be done with this debt.

Councilmember Rowlson mentioned the County wide planning group met.

CLAIMS APPROVAL- The following claims were presented for approval:

Claims vouchers # 17622-17687, \$409,823.38

Payroll voucher # 10848-10896, \$92,013.77

Councilmember Laird moved the claims be approved, and warrants drawn, seconded by Councilmember Perry, motion carried with 3 in favor one opposed.

OTHER ITEMS- Mission Road special meeting- Debbie stated the question was asked if the City was going to have a special public meeting for the Mission Road project. Council would like to hear comment from the audience.

Neil Velthuisen- Mr. Velthuisen is concerned about the depth and size of the water gardens. He does not like the way they look and does not feel they are safe or necessary. He feels there are other ways to treat the storm water.

Barbara Frost- Barbara stated she is very disappointed in the project and the information she received from the Council and the City staff. She feels she has missed some communication about the project since she is a new home owner. She feels the rain gardens are ugly and unsafe.

Mrs. Davis- Does not like the water gardens and feels they are unsafe.

Mr. McClintock- Had driveway removed. Does not like the water garden does not feel they are necessary.

Cara Flora- Was not informed about this project before it began. Does not like the rain gardens. Feels there should have been a meeting held before the project began.

Jarrold Baker - Does not like the rain gardens agrees they are unsafe.

Mrs. McClintock- Concerned about the safety of the rain gardens.

Neil Velthuisen- The road is a nice road since the improvement, but there is a gas line running so shallow under ground it is not safe. I would also like to see an additional street light installed. Rick Holt stated he has been in touch with Intalight about the possibility of more lights being added.

Councilmember Perry asked what size of gas line is there. Rick Holt told him it is a 4 inch gas line, but it is not a high pressure line. It is down the allowable depth.

Fred Cockle- Mr. Cockle stated the City Council does things backwards. He feels the Council should have met and listened to the residents before this project was done. He does not want phase 3 ever begun. He was also wondering what the City will do to compensate the homeowners for property devaluation. Mayor Pratt stated she agreed with the residents but when she looked at the plans she was confused. She agrees this is not acceptable. This is now common practice for building for DOT and DOE standards. She has talked with Rick and Wilson Engineering and is working on a solution to this problem. Councilmember Rowlson feels more should have been done to educate the public about projects.

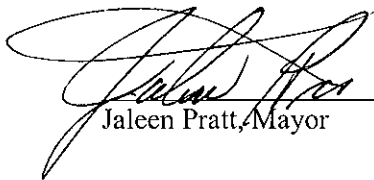
Barbara Frost- She was told there was communication with the residents. The engineering firm told her the plans were approved by the City of Everson. All people she has talked to have told her the responsibility is to the City of Everson.

Councilmember Perry stated it is the City's responsibility and they are working on a solution to the problem. They do not have an answer at this time but are working toward one.

Councilmember Rowlson asked Rick when we may be able to come up with a solution. Rick stated he has spoken with Wilson Engineering and has been told we need to be aware the area is within the 1-5 year well head protection area and needs to be careful about how the run off water is treated. The City also has to comply with storm water treatment as they have done. Options are being discussed for treatment of this water within the regulations of the well head protection area and storm water treatment rules.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Council went in to executive session at 9:36. Council resumed regular Council at 9:42 with no action taken.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried with unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 9:42 pm.



Jaleen Pratt, Mayor



Stacey Wood/ Deputy Clerk Treasurer