

Everson City Council October 28, 2008

The Everson City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Pratt presiding. Council members Rowlson, Perry, Hammond and Laird were present. Also present were, Clerk Treasurer/City Administrator Debbie Davidsen, Planner Harper, Public Works Supervisor Rick Holt, and Police Chief Erik Ramstead. City Attorney Sitkin and Councilmember Lautenbach were excused. **It was moved by Councilmember Hammond to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2008, seconded by Councilmember Perry. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION- None

NEW BUSINESS- Mary Dumas-Economic Development- Mary discussed some options for the City of Everson to look at for direction on economic development. Mary suggested a work session with the Council to get an idea of what steps they are looking to take. Mary will be in contact with Planner Harper to discuss setting up a meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- Whatcom 2031- Councilmember Rowlson spoke about the planning process with Whatcom County to estimate the growth rate for 2031.

Mission Road phase II- Public Works Supervisor Holt and Wilson Engineering reviewed the work being done to complete the project. **It was moved by Councilmember Perry to accept the change orders as proposed by Public Works Supervisor Holt in the amount of \$103,502.18, seconded by Councilmember Hammond. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

PUBLIC HEARING- None

COMMITTEE REPORT- Public Properties- Councilmember Hammond discussed a possible increase in the water and sewer rates for the city. This issue will go to the finance committee before Council approval.

CLAIMS APPROVAL- The following claims were presented for approval:

Claims vouchers # 17843-17872, \$49,787.11

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

OTHER ITEMS- Clerk Treasurer/City Administrator Davidsen announced the budget amendment ordinances will be open for public hearing at the November 10, 2008 Council meeting. A proposed budget will need to be completed so a public hearing can be held before the 2009 budget can be adopted. Council would like to see \$25,000.00 in the budget for sidewalks, \$10,000.00 for building repair and maintenance and \$75,000.00 for street repair.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- None

A motion was made by Councilmember Rowlson to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Perry. Motion carried with unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Jaleen Pratt, Mayor

Stacey Wood/ Deputy Clerk Treasurer