

Everson City Council November 10, 2008

The Everson City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Pratt presiding. Council members Rowlson, Perry, Lautenbach, 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. The City Attorney was excused. **It was moved by Councilmember Perry to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2008 Council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Laird. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION- Russell Tucker- Mr. Tucker was inquiring on the status of the Wilshire Development. Public Works Supervisor Holt stated the developer has been issued a grade and fill permit and is currently moving forward. Mr. Tucker also asked the Council if there had been any comment from the homeowners in the area concerning truck traffic during construction. Council stated they had not heard from any homeowners about this.

NEW BUSINESS- Draft interlocal agreement-Nooksack Police services- **It was moved by Councilmember Rowlson to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2009-2011 interlocal agreement for Nooksack Police services, seconded by Councilmember Hammond. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

Confirmation of new Everson Police Officer- Chief Ramstead introduced Francisco (Frank) Estrada. Frank took his oath of office and was sworn in by the Mayor and Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- Councilmember Rowlson asked Planner Harper if Mary Dumas has contacted him. Planner Harper stated he had not heard from her.

PUBLIC HEARING- Tiger-Van Boven annexation- Councilmember Lautenbach was excused from the public hearing due to a conflict of interest. Planner Harper reviewed the information sent out in the Council packet.

Fred Cockle- Mr. Cockle had a letter submitted on his behalf to be put into record.

Miss Gilbert- 7017 Mission Road- Miss Gilbert does not want this annexation approved and would like to keep the land zoned agricultural.

Ken Isenhardt-Tiger Construction- Mr. Isenhardt discussed his proposal of what he would like to do with the land he would like annexed. He feels it would be good for the City of Everson bringing in jobs and tax revenue.

Dale Vander Steldt- 2420 Plum Tree Drive- Mr. Vander Seldt asked what structures would be on the property and what the long term plan for the property would be. He also asked if the zoning could ever be changed from light industrial to commercial.

John Van Boven- Mr. Van Boven stated he had no future plans for the property at this time. But would like the zoning changed for future use if needed.

Planner Harper stated he received a letter from Whatcom County Planning regarding zoning changes.

Resident at 2456 Plum Creek Drive- Asked if the light industrial zoning uses were going to be looked at and possibly changed.

Ken Isenhardt- Ken introduced pictures into the record.

Public Hearing closed with no further comment from the audience.

Council would like to research the impact sewer from SELCO would have on the sewer system and they would like more time to look over the zoning and zoning use codes before they proceed with this issue.

Ordinance #682 2008 budget amendments- Public hearing closed with no comment from the audience. **It was moved by Councilmember Laird to approve ordinance #682, seconded by Councilmember Perry. Motioned carried with unanimous approval.**

Ordinance #683 2008 budget amendments- Public hearing closed with no comment from the audience. **It was moved by Councilmember Hammond to approve ordinance #683, seconded by Councilmember Perry. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

Ordinance #684- Establishing a Capital Improvement Fund- Public hearing was closed with no comment from the audience. **It was moved by Councilmember Rowlson to approve ordinance #684, seconded by Councilmember Hammond. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

Ordinance #685-2009 Property taxes- Public hearing closed with no comment from the audience. **It was moved by Councilmember Rowson to approve ordinance #685, seconded by Councilmember Hammond. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

COMMITTEE REPORT- Finance Committee- Councilmember Laird reported the committee looked at the 2009 budget. Water and sewer rate increases were also discussed and will be looked into more before any changes are made. There was discussion about delinquent court fines. The city has some delinquent accounts which are more than 10 years old. Council will get more information on this at a later date.

There was discussion about spending money on building maintenance. Council would like to approve spending on maintenance before it is done.

CLAIMS APPROVAL- The following claims were presented for approval:

Claims vouchers # 17873-17900, \$34,623.72

Payroll vouchers #10997-11042, \$84,787.50

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

OTHER ITEMS- Councilmember Perry asked for an update on the completion of the Mission Road phase II project. Public Works Supervisor Holt said it is within budget and almost completed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- None

A motion was made by Councilmember Hammond to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Perry. Motion carried with unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Jaleen Pratt, Mayor

Stacey Wood/ Deputy Clerk Treasurer