

Everson City Council December 9, 2008

The Everson City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Pratt presiding. Council members Rowlson, Laird, Perry, Lautenbach and Hammond were present. Also present were, Clerk Treasurer/City Administrator Debbie Davidsen, Public Works Supervisor Rick Holt, Police Chief Erik Ramstead and City Attorney Sitkin. **It was moved by Councilmember Perry to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2008 Council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Rowlson. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION- Gretchen Hoyt- Would like to have a community garden in the City of Everson. Council will take the information to the Public Properties committee meeting for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS- Resolution #483-08-Identity theft prevention program- **It was moved by Councilmember Lautenbach to approve resolution #483-08, seconded by Councilmember Laird. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

Interlocal agreement- Whatcom County for growth management- **It was moved by Councilmember Rowlson to authorize the Mayor to sign the interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the cities of Whatcom County regarding cooperative work towards compliance with the growth management act, seconded by Councilmember Perry. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

Oath of office-reserve officers Riddle and Andriff- Chief Ramstead had reserve officers Jon riddle and Jerry Andriff take their oath of office to become reserve officers for the City of Everson police department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- Resolution #484-08-Small Works Roster- **It was moved by Councilmember Hammond to approve resolution 484-08, seconded by Councilmember Laird. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

PUBLIC HEARING- Ordinance #686-2009 Budget- Public hearing was closed with no audience comment. **It was moved by Councilmember Hammond to approve ordinance #686, seconded by Councilmember Lautenbach. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

Ordinance #688-2009 Salaries- Public hearing was closed with no audience comment. This ordinance will be brought back to the December 23, 2008 Council meeting for approval.

COMMITTEE REPORT- Finance Committee- Councilmember Laird stated they had been given the current numbers through November. The city should come out with \$70,000 more then budgeted.

CLAIMS APPROVAL- The following claims were presented for approval:

Claims vouchers # 17934-17984, \$159,863.12

Payroll vouchers# 11043-11089, \$93,407.55

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

OTHER ITEMS- Councilmember Rowlson stated he had received an email regarding a new trail project for a loop trail going through some Whatcom County cities. A meeting will be held Monday for this project.

Councilmember Rowlson also mentioned the process for filling an upcoming Council position vacancy. Attorney Sitkin stated the Mayor will nominate a candidate and the Council will approve him/her. The position will need to be filled within 90 days after the resignation of the current Councilmember. Council would like to have a deadline of January 23, 2009 5pm. for applications to be due. **It was moved by Councilmember Hammond to have a deadline of January 23, 2009 at 5pm for application submittal for Council candidates, seconded by Councilmember Lautenbach. Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

Councilmember Lautenbach stated the holiday festival held last Friday went very well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Council went into executive session regarding union negotiations. Council resumed regular council with no action taken.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rowlson to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Lautenbach. Motion carried with unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm.