

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 10, 2007

A. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Gainer called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call – Excused Absences Councilmembers present included Councilmember Harris, Councilmember Rast, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Stockton, Councilmember Trulove and Councilmember McKeehan. Staff members present included Ms. Niemeier, Mr. Maggs, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Ableman, Mr. Winters, Mr. Wahl, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Steiner, and Ms. Showalter. Mayor Gainer stated that Councilmember Overhauser requested to be excused due to illness. Councilmember McKeehan moved to approve the request. Councilmember Stockton seconded. Carried unanimously. Mayor Gainer stated that Councilmember McKeehan requested to be excused from the July 24 meeting due to vacation. Councilmember Huff moved to approve the request. Councilmember Rast seconded. Carried unanimously.

C. Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of June 26, 2007 were approved as distributed.

D. Claims and Vouchers nos. 90653 through 90656 and 90796 through 90905 in the amount of \$686,964.42; payroll warrants nos. 52446 through 52520 in the amount of \$71,922.40; direct deposits nos. 21830 through 21986 in the amount of \$234,979.01; claims warrants nos. 90657 through 90689 and 90906 through 90907 in the amount of \$289,360.71; and transfers to claims clearing fund for distribution in the amount of \$9,822.30 for a total payroll of \$606,084.42 were approved as read.

E. Claims for Damages Ms. Niemeier stated that there are claims from Rosa Flores in the amount of \$30.00 and Jana Adams in the amount of \$31.27. Councilmember Harris moved to deny the claims. Councilmember McKeehan seconded. Carried unanimously.

F. Small Contracts Ms. Niemeier stated that there are two small contracts. They are with Studio Cascade for review of binding site plans at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 and Thomas McAndrew, Planning Intern, at a cost of \$300 per credit hour with a maximum of eight credits. Councilmember Harris moved to approve the small contracts. Councilmember McKeehan seconded. Councilmember Huff questioned if we approved a planning intern last quarter. Mr. Richardson stated that an intern was approved, but he is working on another project. Discussion followed. Carried unanimously.

G. Information Items Mr. Winters stated that we had a member of our local business community step up to help replace equipment. Mr. Steiner stated that there is \$1,600 in the budget to replace the CPR mannequins and related materials. They found an opportunity to apply for some money through State Farm's Good Neighbors grant program. He wrote a proposal and took it to Jackie Olson's State Farm office. She stated that it would fit into their program. She helped with getting it to them and getting it through their approval process. We received a check for over \$1650 for the replacement of the mannequins and purchase of infant mannequins. Some of the old mannequins were given to the pool for training. The new mannequins are lighter and easier to use in a class. Mr. Steiner presented Jackie Olson with a Certificate of Appreciation.

H. Appointments None

I. Citizen Comments Barry Miller, PO Box 130, thanked Councilmember Huff and John Montague for helping to resolve the land issue with the City. He stated that he received a bill for \$12,000 in legal fees. He lost time from work, had great financial expense, and was drug through the mud.

J. Action Items

1. 07-087 – Ordinance U-50 – Public Hearing for Vacation of Alley Right-of-Way for Hargreaves Hall Expansion Mayor Gainer opened the public hearing at 6:10 p.m. Mr. Ableman stated that this would vacate the alley that was platted in 1882. There is a sanitary sewer that will be relocated to our C Street right-of-way. Jim Moeller from EWU is available to answer questions. Councilmember Rast stated that he has noticed the City giving away property for these deals. He would like to refer this to the Public Works & Utilities Committee to look at parking. He stated that this will take away some of the parking spaces EWU has been utilizing. He thinks the City should negotiate something with EWU to alleviate some of the parking problems.

Mr. Maggs stated that we have the right to trade property or receive money if that is what is provided for. Councilmember Trulove asked if this property is currently being used for parking. Mr. Ableman stated that it is a service entrance that is twelve feet wide. Mr. Moeller stated that they will be reconfiguring the lots to the north and the south. There will be a net gain of twenty-five spaces. Councilmember Huff stated that we do not have a great need for the property and does not see a problem with it. Councilmember Trulove stated that it used to be important when we had a street that went in front the President's House. It lost its value when we vacated that street. Roberta Lass, 706 7th Street, stated that they use the alleyway to access their driveway. Mr. Moeller stated that the new configuration would still allow them to use it. Councilmember Trulove asked if this will cause a problem in terms of emergency vehicle access. Mr. Winters stated that it should not be an issue. Mayor Gainer closed the public hearing at 6:20 p.m. Councilmember Huff moved for the first reading of Ordinance U-50 in title and summary form only and deferred to the next meeting. Councilmember Trulove seconded. Carried unanimously.

2. 07-080 – Resolution D-294 – Filming Agreement – SR 904 WSDOT Mayor Gainer stated that this is for closure of First Street for filming of a movie by North by Northwest. Councilmember Huff moved for approval of Resolution D-294. Councilmember Rast seconded. Carried unanimously.

3. 07-078 – Resolution D-302 – Well Two Pump Repair – Appropriation Increase Mr. Ableman stated that there was a change order to replace a stainless steel filter. Councilmember Huff moved for passage of Resolution D-302. Councilmember Trulove seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. 07-082 – Resolution D-305 – Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with EWU for the Cheney Hangout Mr. Simmons stated that we already appropriated the funds. This is an amendment to the agreement that was approved in March. EWU requested a change in the hold harmless language. WCIA and Mr. Maggs wanted some additional changes. This allows EWU to have supervision of the Hang Out teen program in our facility starting this summer. Councilmember Huff moved for passage of Resolution D-305. Councilmember McKeehan seconded. Carried unanimously.

5. 07-086 – Resolution D-309 – Rodeo Parade Permit Agreement with DOT Mr. Simmons stated that this is an agreement with WSDOT for closure of SR 904 for the Rodeo Parade and the festival put on by Pathways to Progress. Councilmember Stockton moved for passage of Resolution D-309. Councilmember Rest seconded. Carried unanimously.

6. 07-088 – Resolution D-310 – Sutton Park Restroom Utilities Project – Contract Award Mr. Ableman stated that this is an agreement with CXT for moving the underground utilities and setting up the building. The building was purchased off the State contract. Councilmember Huff moved for passage of Resolution D-310. Councilmember Harris seconded. Carried unanimously.

7. 07-071 – Ordinance U-49 – Adoption of 2006 International Building Codes Mr. Richardson stated that this is for revising the codes mandated by the State of Washington. Councilmember McKeehan moved for the second reading of Ordinance U-49. Councilmember Trulove seconded. Carried unanimously. Councilmember McKeehan moved to defer this to the next meeting. Councilmember Trulove seconded. Carried unanimously.

K. Council Reports Councilmember Rast reminded councilmembers of the invitation they received from Pathways to Progress regarding their dinner next Tuesday. Councilmember Huff thanked everyone that was involved in saving the young man's life last week. The last he heard was that the young man was doing better. He thanked Councilmember Trulove for the information regarding his trip and reminded everyone of the rodeo this weekend. Councilmember Stockton also thanked Councilmember Trulove for the information on the AWC meeting.

L. Staff Reports Mr. Simmons stated that the summer concerts begin tomorrow. They are on Wednesday nights from 6-7:30 p.m. Staff will be handing out flyers at the rodeo parade. Mr. Winters stated that the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA require that all employees of the City are trained to a certain level in order to receive funds in the event of a disaster. This year they are requiring all elected officials to take the course.

M. Mayor's Report Mayor Gainer stated that we are looking for a new City Administrator. We are receiving applications and Ms. Showalter has been reviewing them. We will keep the job open until we find the right person. He has not made a decision on what to do in the interim. He should have a proposal ready for the next Council meeting.

N. Executive Session None

O. Adjournment Councilmember McKeehan moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Trulove seconded. Carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor