

**CITY OF EAST WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON
REGULAR SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED
MAYOR PRO TEMPORE JOHNSON, PRESIDING
APRIL 14, 2009
6:30 P.M.**

ROLL CALL

Councilmember's Present: Councilmember Bremmer, Councilmember Raab, Councilmember Barnhart, Councilmember Buckner, and Mayor Pro Tem Johnson.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Bremmer, second by Councilmember Barnhart, to excuse Councilmember Hendricks from this meeting. The motion carried, 5-0.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Barnhart, second by Councilmember Bremmer, to excuse Councilmember McCourt from this meeting. The motion carried, 5-0.

Staff Present: Dana Barnard, Brandon Mauseh, Devin Poulson, Lori Barnett, Randy Harrison, and Catalina Garibay.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Pro Tempore Johnson read a proclamation declaring May 1, 2009, as Silver Star Banner Day, the official day to honor the wounded and ill soldiers in the City of East Wenatchee.

PRESENTATION

Columbia River Pipeline Bridge

City of Wenatchee Public Works Director, Steve King, gave an update regarding the Columbia River Pipeline Bridge. He said the project came about for the reason that Link Transit had requested access to use the bridge for the transit system. An engineering study was completed and the community and the Wenatchee Reclamation District engaged in a further engineering study which resulted in recommendations to repair the bridge. He said the repairs were successful and if the bridge is maintained the bridge has at least an additional 50+ years of useful life for its current uses. He said the bridge painting project should be completed this summer as they were able to secure stimulus funds through the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Mr. King asked the City to consider participation by way of funding in the amount of \$10,000. He said they have received commitments from: Port of Douglas County, \$5,000; Washington State Department of Transportation, \$10,000; Wenatchee Valley Visitor's Bureau, \$5,000; Northern Fruit, \$10,000; and City of Wenatchee \$15,000. He said they are hopeful to receive commitments from: Chelan County, \$5,000; Douglas County, \$10,000; and East Wenatchee, \$10,000. He added they are looking at other fund raising opportunities as there would still be a shortfall of approximately \$40,000.

Councilmember's discussed the City's current financial status and decided to place the issue on the next Budget Committee meeting agenda to review the request and come back with a recommendation.

Wenatchee Valley Visitor's Bureau – 2008 Annual Report

Executive Director, Roger Clute, Wenatchee Valley Visitor's Bureau (WVVB) gave a presentation of the WVVB annual report for 2008.

BUDGET ISSUES

City Treasurer/Finance Director, Nick Gerde, said the Budget Committee decided to cycle the Councilmember's in and out of the Budget Committee meetings so that by the time Council starts the budget process all Councilmember's would have an understanding of the City's financial status. He said the Budget Committee have discussed a financial planning model and a policy procedure in order to address long term financial issues and to plan for capital improvement projects.

Mr. Gerde said after reviewing the sales tax receipts for the months of February and March the City is ahead of the anticipated budget due to higher than anticipated sales tax revenues.

DEPARTMENT REPORT**Community Development**

Community Development Director, Lori Barnett, gave an update with regards to the Interlocal Agreement for the North Baker Avenue Project from 15th Street NE to 27th Street NE in which Council agreed to pay \$45,000 during the March 24, 2009, City Council meeting. She said subsequent to the City Council meeting she had met with Douglas County Engineer, Doug Bramlette, regarding the engineer and design work for the Sand Canyon Crossing as staff understood that it was to be included in the \$45,000 Council had agreed to pay. She said that Mr. Bramlette informed her that the engineer and design work was not part of the offer. Mayor Lacy asked her to bring this information to Council to clarify that what they agreed to pay for only included the materials that Douglas County have already prepared to date. She said the Interlocal Agreement will be revised and brought back to Council for approval.

Councilmembers discussed whether the engineer and design work was part of the agreement as they were under the impression that they were paying for a shelf ready project. They concluded that they feel committed to paying the \$45,000 even though the engineer and design work is not included.

Mr. Bramlette said when the information was presented he was not certain which way the Council was going to go, so during the discussion he brought up a proposed alternative to provide information to do the culvert replacement project. However, in order to provide a full package deal ready to go, it would include an additional \$15,000 to \$35,000 for engineering and contract administration work. He added the County needs the City to submit payment for the \$45,000 to continue with the current project.

Ms. Barnett reiterated that the Interlocal Agreement will consist of Douglas County submitting the following to the City: a Geotechnical Report; Infiltration Report; Storm Water Reports and Design; Value Engineering Study; Sand Canyon Biotechnical work; Sand Canyon Wetland Report and all correspondence regarding Sand Canyon; Field Survey work; Right-of-Way work; Project Design work including specifications from 15th Street NE to the north City limits; Concept Design Solutions information; and Aerial Mapping. There would not be any preliminary designs or anything else included.

Street Department

Street Superintendent, Brandon Mauseh gave an update on the Canyon A project. He said Interlocal Agreements have been executed with Douglas County P.U.D and the East Wenatchee Water District for improvements to be made during the project. He added they are discovering some challenges with the Douglas County Sewer District (DCSD) due to the fact that when Valley Mall Parkway was widened DCSD had an existing easement adjacent to Valley Mall Parkway from the Allen Furniture property owners. The City is looking into how that easement relates to City right-of-way because the sewer lines that were once on private property are now in the middle of the City right-of-way.

Mr. Mauseth said this is a Storm Water Utility Project being funded through a Public Works Trust Fund Loan with the City being the lead agency on the project and ultimately the Storm Water Utility needs to review the information and make a decision before proceeding with the project. He added the schedule has been bumped back until any issues are resolved and hope to submit a call for bids by the end of April and be in the construction phase by the end of June.

Legal Department

City Attorney, Devin Poulson, said that Council approved the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Steve Marvich at the March 24, 2009, Council meeting. Mr. Marvich reviewed the agreement and wanted to ensure the City would be installing an underground cement pipeline and not an open ditch. The Purchase and Sale Agreement was amended to reflect that change and is back for approval by the City Council.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Raab, second by Councilmember Bremmer, to Amend the Purchase and Sale Agreement documents for the purchase of a portion of Jo Ann Fabrics property for the Canyon A Project. The motion carried, 5-0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of revision to Page 7 of Minutes-Regular Session, March 10, 2009
2. Consideration of Minutes-Regular Session, March 24, 2009
3. Consideration of Minutes-Special Session, March 31, 2009
4. Consideration of Bills

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Buckner, second by Councilmember Raab, to approve the consent calendar as presented. The motion carried, 5-0.

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded in a listing, which has been made available to Council.

2009 Payables

As of this date, April 14, 2009, Council does approve warrant numbers 21424 through 21427 and 21476 through 21526 in the total amount of \$97,267.36. Warrant 21023 and warrants 21428 through 21475 were voided.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

09-04-01 Authorization for the Mayor to sign an Easement Purchase and Sale Agreement for a portion of the El Porton Property for the Canyon A Project. (Devin Poulson, City Attorney)

City Attorney, Devin Poulson, said this is an easement that is part of the Storm Water Utility Project for Canyon A. The Council had authorized a purchase price of \$40,000, and a counter offer has come back in the amount of \$40,610. He is requesting this Agreement be approved as presented.

Ms. Barnett expressed her reservations regarding sections 5.2 and 5.3 of the Easement Purchase and Sale Agreement.

Mayor Pro Tempore Johnson suggested that Mr. Poulson and Ms. Barnett review the documents and bring it back after these items have been resolved.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Barnhart said RiverCom will place an issue on the next ballot relating to the imposition of one-tenth of one percent sale and use tax for the purpose of providing funds associated with financing, design, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing and improvement of emergency communication systems and facilities.

Councilmember Johnson said he has agreed to be on the Emergency Medical Services Trauma Care Council Board as an elected official of Chelan, Douglas, Okanogan and Grant Counties.

Councilmember Johnson said he was asked by the Community Action Council to serve on the Community Action Council Board representing the City of East Wenatchee on the Community Action Council.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Bremmer, second by Councilmember Buckner, to authorize Councilmember Johnson to represent the City of East Wenatchee on the Community Action Council Board. The motion carried, 4-0.

Councilmember Buckner submitted minutes from the Wenatchee Valley Transportation Council meeting, held on March 12, 2009, and from the North Central Washington Resource Conservation and Development meeting held on March 11, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:00 p.m.

Dana Barnard
City Clerk