

**CITY OF EAST WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON
REGULAR SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED
MAYOR STEVEN C. LACY, PRESIDING
OCTOBER 13, 2009
6:30 P.M.**

ROLL CALL

Councilmember's Present: Councilmember Buckner, Councilmember Barnhart, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Raab, Councilmember Hendricks, Councilmember Bremmer, Councilmember McCourt, and Mayor Lacy.

Staff Present: Dana Barnard, Devin Poulson, Brandon Mauseth, Catalina Garibay, Randy Harrison, Dawn Collings, and Nick Gerde.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Finance Department – September Financial Report

Finance Director/Treasurer, Nick Gerde, reviewed the Financial Report for the month of September and the year-to-date totals through September 30, 2009.

Street Department – Energy Efficiency Grant

Street Superintendent, Brandon Mauseth, said he had submitted a grant application to the Washington State Department of Commerce requesting the maximum eligible amount of \$135,000 in Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant funding. He said if the City receives this grant, the funds would be used towards two projects the City would like to complete, which totals approximately \$154,000. These projects include a pedestrian crossing on Grant Road at Georgia Avenue; and replacement of incandescent traffic signal lamps with Light Emitting Diode (LED) lamps citywide.

Mayor Lacy clarified that when the City has applied for a grant and then receives an indication that they have been successful in procuring the grant, the final decision shall be made by Council as whether to accept or reject the grant funds. He added he makes the decision as to whether the City shall submit a grant application as long as it does not affect the budget of the City.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Lacy said he would like to open a discussion as to how Council wishes to proceed with the City owned rental home adjacent to City Hall. He said the options that have been brought up consist of the following:

- Remodel the rental to move the library into that building;
- Move one or more City Departments from the west wing of the City Hall to the rental;
- Utilize the rental for additional housing of Police Department employees;
- Rent the property for income; or
- Sell the property.

Mayor Lacy said he would prefer Council make a proposal by way of a motion to get a discussion started.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Buckner, to house as many Police officers as necessary in the rental home to relieve congestion in the current office space.

Mayor Lacy suggested authorizing a cost analysis for all options prior to making a final decision on what to do with the property. He added the City purchased the property in 2007 for \$265,000.

Councilmember Buckner withdrew his motion.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Buckner, second by Councilmember Raab, to authorize a study of all options including a cost analysis for all options prior to making a final decision on what to do with the property. The motion carried, 7-0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes – Regular Session, September 22, 2009
2. Consideration of Bills

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Johnson, second by Councilmember Buckner, to approve the consent calendar as presented. The motion carried, 7-0.

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, October 13, 2009, Council does approve warrant numbers 22172 through 22207 in the total amount of \$61,872.99.

August 2009 Payroll

As of this date, October 13, 2009, Council approves warrant numbers 428 through 444 for advances and direct deposits, and warrant numbers 27724 through 27807 in the total amount of \$317,155.73, paid September 2, 2009, for the month of August 2009.

PUBLIC HEARING

09-10-01 A public hearing regarding property taxes in the proposed 2010 East Wenatchee Budget.

Mayor Lacy opened the public hearing at 6:52 p.m. hearing no comments Mayor Lacy closed the public hearing at 6:53 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

09-10-02 Authorization for the Mayor to sign a Grant Agreement between the State of Washington Department of Ecology and the City of East Wenatchee for FY 2010-2011 Phase II Stormwater Pass-Through Grants Program.

Street Superintendent, Brandon Mauseth said this is a Local Government Stormwater Grant through the Department of Ecology in the amount of \$50,000. He added this funding will be used for the development and implementation of the Wenatchee Valley Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program being developed by Chelan County, Douglas County, City of Wenatchee, and the City of East Wenatchee as each of these

jurisdictions will receive a \$50,000 grant. He added the grant does not require matching funds and must be expended by June 30, 2011.

Mayor Lacy explained the difference with this type of grant. He said that upon execution of this agreement, these funds are guaranteed. Therefore, by applying for this grant the City is agreeing to accept and expend these funds.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Johnson, second by Councilmember Bremmer, authorizing the Mayor to sign a Grant Agreement between the State of Washington Department of Ecology and the City of East Wenatchee for the FY 2010-2011 Phase II Stormwater Pass-Through Grants Program. The motion carried, 7-0.

09-10-03 Authorization for the Mayor to sign an amendment to an Agreement for Services between the City of East Wenatchee and the Wenatchee Valley Convention and Visitor's Bureau extending the term of the Agreement to October 13, 2010.

Mayor Lacy said this agreement will extend the term of the agreement from its current expiration of October 13, 2009, to October 13, 2010, to the Visitors Bureau.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Barnhart, second by Councilmember Johnson, authorizing the Mayor to sign an amendment to an Agreement for Services between the City of East Wenatchee and the Wenatchee Valley Convention and Visitor's Bureau extending the term of the Agreement to October 13, 2010. The motion carried, 7-0.

RESOLUTION

09-10-04 A resolution of the East Wenatchee City Council to execute a Possession and Use Agreement to the State of Washington regarding State Route 28 Spur, E. End of George Sellar Bridge to 3rd Street.

Mayor Lacy said this property is the land beneath the wall at Fred Meyer. He indicated that by adopting this resolution Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is granted a right to possess and use the property for the East End George Sellar Bridge project. He added WSDOT are suggesting that they are still open to the idea of a land exchange, but if the land exchange does not happen then the amount that they are paying for this ground is still open for negotiation.

Mayor Lacy said this is a Possession and Use Agreement and pursuant to condemnation law, the first step is a question of possession and use, which can be done separately from the negotiated price. He said WSDOT will simply deposit the \$370,000 under conditions it will be returned in the event that there is an exchange of land, but it was very clearly communicated that WSDOT representatives understood that we still have the ability as a City to challenge the amount in the second phase of the condemnation.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Barnhart, second by Councilmember Buckner, to adopt Resolution of the East Wenatchee City Council to execute a Possession and Use Agreement to the State of Washington regarding State Route 28 Spur, E. End of George Sellar Bridge to 3rd Street. The motion carried, 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:08 p.m. Mayor Lacy called a 40 minute executive session. He said they would take 30 minutes regarding the Collective Bargaining Session – RCW 42.30.140 (4), and 10 minutes to discuss a Potential litigation regarding Juvenile Detention Center.

At 7:48 p.m. Mayor Lacy extended the Executive Session an additional 10 minutes.

At 7:58 p.m. Council reconvened.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Bremmer, second by Councilmember Johnson, to appeal the Superior Court Decision regarding who pays costs for the Juvenile Detention Center. The motion carried, 7-0.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember McCourt submitted minutes from the Chelan-Douglas Governing Board meeting, held on September 14, 2009, and from the Housing Authority of Chelan County and the City of Wenatchee meeting held on August 27, 2009, as well as 2009 Cherry Harvest Statistics.

Councilmember Buckner submitted minutes from the North Central Washington Resource Conservation & Development meeting held on September 9, 2009.

Councilmember Raab submitted minutes from the Wenatchee Valley Stormwater Program Development meeting held on September 30, 2009.

Street Superintendent, Brandon Mauseth, submitted minutes from the Wenatchee Valley Transportation meeting held on September 17, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:10 p.m.

Dana Barnard
City Clerk