

**CITY OF EAST WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON
REGULAR SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED
MAYOR STEVEN C. LACY, PRESIDING
NOVEMBER 10, 2009
6:30 P.M.**

ROLL CALL

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mayor Lacy said with tomorrow being Veterans Day it is an important day, particularly this year with so much sacrifice going on in our State and Nationwide among service men and women. He said he would like to acknowledge the sacrifices made by Veterans of all branches of the armed forces.

Eastmont Metropolitan Parks District Director, Dave Schwab, passed out Buddy Poppies. He said on behalf of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 3617 he would like to ensure City Councilmembers are properly attired with a Buddy Poppy on Veterans Day.

BUDGET ISSUES

City Treasurer/Finance Director, Nick Gerde, said the Budget Committee met on November 3rd to review all of the cost areas and determine the necessity for adjustments, some of which were made. They also reviewed and considered other areas of concern that had been brought up by Councilmembers since the Budget Workshop that was held on October 5th. He said the Public Defender Contract for the Court has been settled. The original proposal of the Information Technology Department had been reviewed and they settled on a capital budget for 2010 which will extend into 2011. They discussed the expense of a piece of equipment for the Street Department and decided they would delay the expenditure and rent equipment rather than making that investment.

Mr. Gerde said the revenue forecast for 2010 will go down by \$37,200 and we will be increasing our cost over \$680,000 in 2010. He reviewed the costs the City has to incur, such as Kentucky Annexation debt service, and choices the City can make, such as hiring a City Engineer. He said at the November 24th Council meeting the City will hold a public hearing on the City's 2010 Budget. He added the Preliminary Budget is now available to the public.

Councilmember Hendricks expressed concerns regarding the expenditures in the 2010 Budget compared to the 2009 Budget. He also questioned why the budget amounts have increased in the 2009 Budget without there being any budget amendments done this year.

Mayor Lacy said that Councilmember Hendricks does raise a question in which he is not sure of the answer. Mayor Lacy asked Mr. Gerde if the City does require a budget amendment if we start out with one figure and end up with another figure in terms of total expenditures.

Mr. Gerde said it is his understanding that the city does not have to adopt a budget amendment as long as the ending balances turn out to be higher than what we expected them to be based on the approval of the previous years budget, the City is not required to do a budget amendment. However, If Council wishes to acknowledge certain budgeted or unbudgeted items that occurred during the year, a budget amendment can be done.

Council asked additional questions and received clarification for Mr. Gerde regarding specific budget items. Mr. Gerde also reviewed the City's major sources of revenue.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Lacy said he received a notice from the Civil Service Commission Secretary that she is resigning her position. He said the Civil Service Commissioners will need to take action to appoint a new Secretary.

Mayor Lacy said the next Collective Bargaining Meeting has been scheduled for November 20th.

Mayor Lacy said the City Audit is being done by the Washington State Auditors and an entrance meeting has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m., Thursday, November 12th. He added that if more than 3 people attend an additional meeting will need to be held.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes – Regular Session, October 27, 2009
2. Consideration of Bills

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Johnson, second by Councilmember Raab, 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, November 10, 2009, Council does approve warrant numbers 22312 through 22366 in the total amount of \$295,502.10. No warrants were voided.

ACTION ITEMS

09-11-02 Authorization for the Mayor to sign Flood Damage Prevention Grant G1000156 for the Headwork's Facility for Canyon A Eastmont Avenue Culvert project.

Street Superintendent, Brandon Mauseh, said \$25,000 in grant funding was awarded to East Wenatchee for the Canyon A project, by the Department of Ecology for flood damage prevention projects. He said these funds will be used upon completion of the final phase of the Canyon A project, Phase II built in conjunction with the East Approach to George Sellar Bridge Project in 2010 and 2011, in which a connection will be made to the existing culvert crossing Eastmont Avenue. Currently there is no inlet protection for this culvert; a debris cage protecting the inlet must be completed prior to finishing Phase III of the Canyon A pipeline and conveying water to the Columbia River. He added design and advertisement for bids will be complete this winter, grant funding will be used for construction in spring of 2010.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Hendricks, second by Councilmember Johnson, to authorize the Mayor to sign a Flood Damage Prevention Grant G1000156 for the Headwork’s Facility for Canyon A Eastmont Avenue Culvert project. The motion carried, 7-0.

ORDINANCES

09-11-03 First reading of an ordinance regarding property taxes in the proposed 2010 East Wenatchee Budget.

Mayor Lacy read first reading of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY AND AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE WHICH MAY BE ALLOWED IN THE AMOUNT UNDER THE NEW CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENTS TO PROPERTY AND STATE ASSESSED PROPERTY PROVISIONS OF STATE LAW LEVYING THE GENERAL TAXES FOR THE CITY OF EAST WENATCHEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2010, ON ALL PROPERTY, BOTH REAL, PERSONAL AND UTILITY, IN SAID CITY WHICH IS SUBJECT TO TAXATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING SUFFICIENT REVENUE TO CARRY ON THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF SAID CITY FOR THE ENSUING YEAR AS REQUIRED BY LAW; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Lacy said this ordinance does not include a 1% increase. Mayor Lacy elevated the ordinance to second reading without objection of the City Council.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Bremmer, second by Councilmember McCourt, to adopt the ordinance regarding property taxes in the proposed 2010 East Wenatchee Budget. The motion carried, 6-1. (Barnhart)

09-11-04 First reading of an ordinance fixing and confirming salaries and compensation to be paid to certain officials and employees of the City of East Wenatchee during the year 2010.

Mayor Lacy read first reading of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON, FIXING AND CONFIRMING THE SALARIES AND COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF EAST WENATCHEE DURING THE YEAR 2010, CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Lacy elevated the ordinance to second reading without objection of the City Council.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Johnson, second by Councilmember Bremmer, to adopt the ordinance fixing and confirming the salaries and compensation to be paid to certain employees of the City of East Wenatchee in 2010. The motion carried, 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:27 p.m. Mayor Lacy called a 20 minute Executive Session

- 10 minutes regarding Collective Bargaining Session – RCW 42.30.140 (4)
- 10 minutes for Potential Litigation.

At 7:47 p.m. Council reconvened.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Raab submitted a written report from meetings he attended which included the Douglas County Solid Waste Advisory Committee Executive Team Advisory Committee meeting held on October 15, 2009, the Stormwater Utility Management Team meeting held on October 29, 2009, and the Douglas County Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting held on November 5, 2009.

Councilmember Barnhart said he would be attending a Census workshop in Spokane, Washington being held on November 13, 2009.

Councilmember McCourt, submitted minutes from the Housing Authority of Chelan County & the City of Wenatchee meeting held on October 22, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:50 p.m.

Dana Barnard
City Clerk