MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN
FEBRUARY 19, 2013

Roll Call

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on February 19, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, Pullman, Washington with the following present:

Glenn A. Johnson	Mayor
Bill Mulholland	Finance Director
Francis Benjamin	Councilmember
Jeff Hawbaker	Councilmember
Fritz Hughes	Councilmember
Bill Paul	Councilmember
Derrick Skaug	Councilmember
Pat Wright	Councilmember

Councilmember Wright moved, Councilmember Skaug seconded to excuse Councilmember Weller from the meeting.

Motion Carried.

Call to Order

Mayor Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Announcements

Mayor Johnson made three announcements.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of Recommendations of Consent Agenda Items

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Johnson reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda with the Council and audience. He stated that items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by a single motion of the Council without separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda by Council request. Councilmember Benjamin moved, Councilmember Skaug seconded to read the Consent Agenda by title only.

Motion Carried.

City Attorney McAloon read the items on the Consent Agenda by title only. Mayor Johnson asked if there were any requests for removal of items from the Consent Agenda from the Council. There were none. Councilmember Hughes moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

Motions

Minutes - February 5, 2013

1. The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 5, 2013, and approved them as submitted.

Claim for Damages - Vermeulen

2. The Council referred a Claim for Damages submitted by Carlyn Vermeulen for the sum of $324.44 to the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA).

Claim for Damages - Mattes

3. The Council referred a Claim for Damages submitted by Mikaela A. Mattes for the sum of $208.70 to the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA).

Claim for Damages - Camacho

4. The Council referred a Claim for Damages submitted by Jose Camacho for the sum of $2,096.84 to the Washington State Transit Insurance Pool (WSTIP).

Resolution

Resolution No. R-14-13 - Kamiaken Bridge Deck Repair

5. Resolution No. R-14-13

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A PROJECT PROSPECTUS AND LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR THE KAMIAKEN BRIDGE DECK REPAIR PROJECT.

Resolution No. R-14-13 was adopted unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

Ordinances

Ordinance No. 13-7 - Claims for Damages

6. Mayor Johnson announced that an ordinance has been prepared amending Pullman City Code on Claims for Damages. City Attorney McAloon went through the reasons for the changes.

Ordinance No. 13-7 by title only reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN, WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES, AMENDING PULLMAN CITY CODE 1.98.030 AND PULLMAN CITY ORDINANCE NOS. 85-26 §3, 1985 AND 07-15 §1, 2007, AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO.

Councilmember Skaug moved, Councilmember Wright seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 13-7. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 13-8 - Standard Construction Specifications

7. Mayor Johnson announced that an ordinance has been prepared revising the City of Pullman Standard Construction Specifications. Public Works Director Gardes presented the staff report. He went through his memo and noted that Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Standard Specifications for road, bridge and municipal construction are updated every two years. He said that amendments to this document are minor.

Ordinance No. 13-8 by title only reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REVISED “CITY OF PULLMAN STANDARD CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS”; AMENDING SECTION 10.44.010 OF THE PULLMAN CITY CODE AND PULLMAN CITY ORDINANCE NOS. B-348 §1 (1977), 80-16 §1 (1980), 81-9 §1 (1981), 83-6 §1 (1983), 89-7 §1 (1989), 91-6 §1 (1991), 94-5 §1 (1994), 97-10 §1 (1997), 98-10 §1 (1998), 00-11 §1 (2000), 02-14 §1 (2002), 04-37 §1 (2004), 07-01 §1 (2007), 08-07 §1 (2008), AND 10-13 §1 (2010) AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING PROPERLY THERETO.

Councilmember Benjamin moved, Councilmember Hawbaker seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 13-8. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion

Shirrod Family Memorial Fund

8. Mayor Johnson announced that a motion is requested to approve funding of $18,059 from the Shirrod Family Memorial Fund for 2013 maintenance services of the Neill Public Library Heritage Addition. City Supervisor Workman went through Library Director Bailey's memo and the reason for the donation.

Councilmember Paul moved, Councilmember Wright seconded to approve funding of $18,059 from the Shirrod Family Memorial Fund for 2013 maintenance services at the Neill Public Library Heritage Addition. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion

Property Tax

9. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on 2012 for 2013 property tax levies, receipts, and assessed valuation. Finance Director Mulholland presented the staff report, noting that the City's levy rate increased .47 percent over last year, increasing the cost on a $200,000 home $3.69. The school levy amounted to 33.8 percent of the total levy and the City's portion amounted to 28.89 percent. The total Pullman levies were $13.7742, an increase of 4.49 percent over last year.

Councilmember Paul asked about liquor excise tax payment returns to the City. Finance Director Mulholland said he doubted the legislature would give back to the cities. Councilmember Skaug wanted to know about increasing the Library levy. Finance Director Mulholland said that currently the levy is $.50, but there is a movement to increase this to $.75. If this is done, we would revisit the issue.

Finance Director Mulholland said that in the coming months, various options for revenues will be brought to the Council. He said that most of the options will require voter approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Johnson asked if there was any new business. Councilmember Skaug wanted to thank the Council for its efforts on helping the legislature defeat the differential tuition bill.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Johnson announced that the Council would adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the strategy or position to be taken by the City during the course of collective bargaining or grievance proceedings.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m. He stated the Executive Session would last for 30 minutes. The Executive Session was extended three times for a total of 40 minutes. Mayor Johnson reconvened the regular meeting at 8:37 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Skaug moved, Councilmember Hughes seconded to adjourn the regular meeting of the City Council.

Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council at 8:37 p.m.