

LEAVENWORTH CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 27, 2007

Mayor Mel Wyles called the regularly scheduled Leavenworth City Council meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Council Present: Rob Eaton, Peter DeVries, Tibor Lak, Larry Langston, Cathy Miller, Chris Rader, and Michael Molohon.

Staff Present: Rich Brinkman, Terry McCauley, Al Kulp, Connie Krueger, Ron Hupp and Andrea Thompson.

Jeff Adamson from the Washington State Department of Transportation presented to the Council and audience the Upper Valley Projects Update. He reviewed some of the major highway projects that would be starting this spring including the Leavenworth to Cashmere paving project, the Dryden signal, and the Stevens Pass West paving project. Councilmember Eaton asked Jeff if there was any way to change the signal timing to improve traffic flow through Leavenworth during the busy travel months. Jeff stated he would look into signal timing. Councilmember Miller asked if the DOT had considered putting in a pedestrian bridge in Leavenworth to make crossing the highway safer for pedestrians. Jeff stated he was not aware of any request or talk of installing a pedestrian bridge at this time.

Jay Kehne of the North Central Washington Resource, Conservation, and Development and Economic Development District updated the Council on recent as well as ongoing projects that affect the Leavenworth area. He spoke about the VIA 97 project which is a program to promote many small towns along Highway 97.

AGENDA

Mayor Wyles asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approval of Agenda
2. March 13, 2007 Study Session Minutes
3. March 13, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes
4. Claims Vouchers \$164,126.83
5. PRSA Voucher #97 - \$20,000.00
6. Ordinance No. 1285: Amendment to the Leavenworth Municipal Code
7. Ordinance No. 1286: Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Leavenworth Municipal Code

Councilmember Lak moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Langston. Councilmember Eaton asked to amend the motion and move Ordinance No: 1286 Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Leavenworth Municipal Code to item #3 under Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business for further discussion. The amended motion was seconded by Councilmember Rader with Eaton, Rader, Molohon, DeVries,

and Miller voting yes and Councilmember's Langston and Lak voting no. The vote on the motion as amended was unanimous.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Rader reported the LINK meeting had been cancelled and she had no report.

Councilmember Langston reported Public Works had met earlier in the day and discussed the updating of the pipe project between Bergstrasse and the Chumstick, the 9th street project and an agreement with the PUD to work out the storm water and sewer water assessment of the Chumstick.

Councilmember Lak reported the Economic Committee had met earlier in the day with three members of the golf course board who laid out future plans to incorporate more tourism and more partnerships with the Winter Sports Club to use the golf course to its full potential all year.

Councilmember DeVries reported he and Councilmember Eaton met with the LAP Committee the previous Tuesday and reviewed some different advertising options. He stated it was a very good meeting with Councilmember Eaton chairing.

Councilmember Eaton reported the previous Saturday he attended the National Association of Rail Passengers meeting in Tacoma and presented the Leavenworth Icicle Station project. He stated the conference went well. He also reported the new Public Notice signs were working well.

MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Administrator Brinkman announced the Council had kicked off the 2008 Budget Planning Process that afternoon. He commended the Council for adopting a very progressive way of carrying out the City's defining process and thanked them for their time that afternoon.

Director Kulp reported the utility crew was working hard sweeping the streets and is working to have the streets flushed. He also stated he was waiting on asphalt pricing later in the week as the plants are just now coming back on line. He advised the parks crew is back and starting to clean up the parks.

Director Krueger reported she and Administrator Brinkman had met with the Chelan County Commissioners the week before and started communications on a variety of issues. She stated since the Council had approved funding for a Transportation Plan update the City would be going through a CTED contract amendment. She stated she had attended the Chelan County hearings the night before and The Chelan County Planning Commission had recommended the option of all of title 18 of our zoning code. They also recommended the adoption of the bicycle/pedestrian loop. She also reported the monthly building permit report the Council had requested is now available and will be in the Councilmember's mail boxes.

Director Hupp reminded the Council the Public Disclosure information is due to the state by April 15th. He also reminded the public the spring cleanup would begin on April 16th and go until the end of April.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. Motion to approve expenditure of up to \$2,000 for Council Chamber Recording System

Administrator Brinkman stated the current system is outdated, inefficient, and unreliable and the City would like to pursue a digital system to eliminate the cassette tapes. Councilmember Eaton moved to approve expenditure of up to \$2,000 for Council Chamber Recording System. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Miller and passed unanimously.

2. Motion to approve expenditure of up to \$2,000 for refurbishment of the City entrance signs.

Administrator Brinkman reported the need to refurbish the City entrance signs and encouraged the Council to vote for the funds to do so. Councilmember Langston moved to approve expenditure of up to \$2,000 for refurbishment of the City entrance signs. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lak and passed unanimously.

3. Ordinance #1286: Amendments to Comprehensive Plan and Leavenworth Municipal Code

Councilmember Eaton stated he wanted to have this item moved to regular business out of public concern for this issue. He also stated he was against voting on this issue at this time with the Planning Commission still wanting to do more research on the issue. Councilmember DeVries moved to table Ordinance #1286 until the September 1st date and send it back to the Planning Commission with the following conditions: the Council be provided with an overlay to show what properties are affected, that all of the approved design elements would apply to homes in a 40' wide lot as well as for a 30' lot, all sewer and water lines shall be in the City right of way, that provisions for storm water runoff shall be resolved, that all lots shall conform to the following-25' front setback, 15' rear setback, 5' yard setbacks, minimum lot width at the 25' setback shall be 40', the maximum lot coverage shall be 40% and shall be a minimum of 4000 sq ft, all streets shall meet City standards, cul-de-sacs shall have a turning radius to allow fire trucks to turn around. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Eaton for discussion. Councilmember Miller moved to amend the motion by tabling the ordinance, remanding it back to the Planning Commission to develop an overlay to bring back to the Council, to include minimum design standards, to strike Exhibit B from the motion and to include an inventory of existing lots affected and bring it back to the Council on July 10th. The amendment to the motion was seconded by Councilmember Rader and passed unanimously. The vote on the motion as amended was unanimous.

4. Ordinance No. 1286 Exhibit B striking the September 1st date from the Ordinance

Councilmember Eaton moved to approve Ordinance No. 1286 Exhibit B effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rader and passed unanimously.

Mayor Mel Wyles turned the meeting over to Mayor Pro-Tem Eaton.

Items for Future Consideration

1. Agreement with the Chamber of Commerce- Administrator Brinkman stated the annual agreement with the Chamber would be on the April 10th agenda.
2. Expenditure for water main over sizing on Leavenworth 24 project-Director Kulp stated prices on steel have gone up significantly and the information provided in August will need to be updated. He guessed the estimate on the upsizing will be approximately \$55,000 instead of \$32,000.

Comments from the Public on Items Not on the Agenda

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no other business, Councilmember DeVries moved to adjourn the March 27th, 2007 meeting of the Leavenworth City Council. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Molohon. Councilmember's Eaton, Miller, DeVries, Molohon and Rader voted yes while Councilmember's Langston, Lak voted no. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

APPROVED

ATTEST

Mel Wyles, Mayor

Ronald G. Hupp, Finance Dir/City Clerk