

LEAVENWORTH CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 10, 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 Carrie Brewer.

AGENDA

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

1. Approval of Agenda
2. March 12, 2007 Special Council Meeting Minutes
3. March 27, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes
4. March 2007 Payroll \$135,496.12

Councilmember DeVries moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lak. The motion passed unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember DeVries reported he had met with the Finance Committee that afternoon and had received the Quarterly Investment Report and Interim Financial Report. Finance Director Ron Hupp will discuss these further in his presentation to the Council.

Councilmember Eaton reported the Parks Committee met and dealt with the following eight items; Farmers Market, 8th Street Plaza, Songs of Memorial, a wireless node for Front Street Park, downtown signs, the entrance signs on the east and west ends of town, pool rates and the skate park.

Councilmember Eaton also asked the Council to recognize a group of students representing the skate park that are present, in the fact that they are willing to help the City in the clean-up of the offensive graffiti in the skate park that appeared over the week-end. Public Works Director Al Kulp added he would also like to recognize Cory Smith and Sheldon Douglas for stepping up and wanting to put together a group of people, who also use the park, in effort to remove the graffiti. Later in the day, Mr. Kulp was driving by the skate park, and noticed Cory and Sheldon were back with their own cleaning supplies, removing graffiti. Mr. Kulp would like to recognize their leadership for taking on this issue. Council and Audience gave a round of applause.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Sgt. Mike Harris reported on the infraction statistics within the City limits for March, letting the Council know they are doing more foot patrol due to the kids being outside because of better weather. Sgt Harris also stated that he is working on a grant for putting up lighted school zone/speed limit signs and asked who the contact person would be for City. Mayor Wyles stated Mr. Kulp would be his point of contact.

MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Wyles reminded all City Council members to finish up getting either their picture and/or their background on the web-site. He also reported on a letter he received from the Washington State Department of Transportation regarding traffic signal requests and issues brought forward from the community at the March 27th council meeting. The letter stated the intersection of Hwy 2 and Ski Hill Drive does warrant a traffic signal based on analysis done and has been put into a prioritization list and is a candidate for future funding. The signal timing at the intersections of Hwy 2 and Chumstick and Riverbend Dr. are working properly, the timing is actually changed throughout the season to accommodate for traffic volume changes. Also in response to the request for a pedestrian bridge over Hwy 2 to the downtown area, currently there are no State funds programmed for such a structure. With a low pedestrian accident history over the past 5 years, the project is unlikely to happen. The Mayor would like to request Council approval to have more radio time at KOHO for himself or the City Administrator to take questions over the air regarding the current City construction projects. The Council agreed and approved the request. Councilmember Rader also suggested working with the Chamber and recording a message on stations 88.7 or 101.x regarding construction. These are informational stations with pre-recorded messages.

City Administrator Rich Brinkman stated approximately 15 months ago, the City Council authorized the Staff to approve the annual requests instead of going in front of the Council every year. For example, the Living Nativity Scene in front of the Nazarene Church every year. The Cascade Booster Club has requested to be able to use the City Hall parking lot, the adjacent lot to the east and the State Department of Transportation lot for their annual fund raising event. This would include taking donations for the Booster Club for parking in these lots. The staff would like to approve this request with the conditions that Booster Club provides the suitable number of disabled parking stalls. City Administrator Brinkman also informed those in attendance that David Allen from Hammond, Collier, Wade and Livingstone is present with the visual construction material regarding the 9th Street project if anyone would like to review them.

Public Works Director Al Kulp report that the seasonal parks crew is busy working on Lyons Club Park, around Hwy 2 and Front Street Park. They were able to make it out to the cemetery to make the grounds look presentable for Easter week-end. The Utility crew has been working on several ongoing water leaks and some pothole patching. A dust treatment will be used to control dust on Commercial and 9th Streets instead of putting a thin layer of asphalt down.

Director Krueger reported Chelan County Planning had contacted her and are looking at applying for a grant to be an early adopter of an update for the shoreline management plan. The state law doesn't require the City to update until 2013. The funds are available now to do this project; it's a very expensive and arduous task. Chelan County is asking all cities involved to submit a letter of support. Director Krueger will be meeting with Chelan County on Friday. She also wanted to let the Councilmember's know, there is a planning short-course available through Chelan County, if anyone is interested, contact Director Krueger and she will let them know of the date/time. Also the Hearing Examiner has released the Cascade Medical Center Conditional Use permit and it has been approved with the recommendations made by the City. Cascade Medical Center will be moving forward with the building permit phase, submitting the building permit to the Department of Health. Cascade Medical Center will be working cooperatively with the Department of Health.

Director Hupp distributed Association of Washington Cities packets to Council members; registration is on April 17 for those who are interested in attending. Please let the Finance Department know and we will register you for the conference. Summer water meter reads are being done this week to show on the May bills, the first read of the summer will detect any water leaks, if the resident has a water leak and can prove that the leak was fixed by invoice, the city can credit 90% of the water overage bill. The first quarter Investment Report and Interim Financial Report has been distributed to Council Members, if anyone has any questions, please contact the Finance Department.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. Motion to approve Utility Upsizing Agreement with Leavenworth 24

Councilmember Langston moved to approve the Utility Upsizing agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lak and passed unanimously.

2. Claims Vouchers \$131,963.15

Councilmember Rader moved to approve the Claim Vouchers in the amount of \$131,963.15. The motion seconded by Councilmember Lak and passed unanimously.

3. Motion to approve formal request letter to Amtrak

Councilmember Miller moved to approve the formal request letter to Amtrak and authorize the Mayor to sign the letter. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rader and passed unanimously.

4. Motion to approve 2007 Emergency Management Contract with Chelan County

Councilmember Eaton moved to approve the motion of the 2007 Emergency Management Contract with Chelan County. The motion was seconded by Councilmember DeVries and passed unanimously.

5. Resolution 3-2007 adopting the Chelan County Solid Waste Plan

Councilmember Miller moved to approve Resolution 3-2007 adopting the Chelan County Solid Waste Plan. The Resolution was seconded by Councilmember Langston and passed unanimously.

6. Motion to appoint Christine Jakobsen to the Planning Commission

Councilmember DeVries moved to approve the appointment of Christine Jakobsen to the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lak and passed unanimously.

7. Ninth Street Project Update - Hammond, Collier, Wade, and Livingstone (HCWL)

David Allen of HCWL presented an update to the Council and public on the Ninth Street Reconstruction project.

8. Motion to approve 2007-2008 Agreement with the Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce

Councilmember DeVries moved to approve the 2007-2008 Agreement with the Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Miller and passed unanimously.

Information Items for Future Consideration

Resolution 4-2007: Pool Rates – Rich Brinkman reported that he has been working with Pool Manager Patti Martin regarding changes for the new season; he will present those changes at the April 24th Council Meeting.

Comments from the Public on Items Not on the Agenda

Elmer Larson, 506 Orchard St. Leavenworth would like the Council to consider moving the public comment portion to the front of the meeting. He would also like to see the web-site used more efficiently by posting the agenda/minutes and other items for the public to review. Also would like to see a newsletter or some sort be produced by the City to be sent out the residents informing them of major changes coming. Councilmember Eaton added the Parks Committee is considering the possibility of adding a Kiosk on Front Street for informational purposes.

Shanda Holme, 2750 White River Rd, Leavenworth wanted to let everyone know there will be a rally in Leavenworth on Saturday April 14th called “Step-it-up rally” one of over 1300 rallies nation wide that is asking Congress to pass a legislation to cut carbon emissions by 80% by 2050. The rally will end in the Lyons Club Park and there will be education material/information for the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no other business, Councilmember DeVries moved to adjourn the April 10th, 2007 meeting of the Leavenworth City Council. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lak. Councilmember's Eaton, Miller, DeVries, Molohon, Rader and Langston voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

APPROVED

ATTEST

Mel Wyles, Mayor

Ronald G. Hupp, Finance Dir/City Clerk