

## LEAVENWORTH CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES July 12, 2007

Mayor Mel Wyles called the July 12, 2007 Study Session to order at 9:00 A.M.

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

Staff Present: Richard Brinkman and Connie Krueger.

### 1. Waste Management Proposal – Ted Woodard

The proposal was rescheduled for the August 14, 2007 Study Session as no Waste Management representatives were available to attend the meeting.

### 2. STP Funds/ISTEA Funding: Connie Krueger

Director Krueger reported the County has \$250,000 banked for the City to use on major arterial roads and enhancement projects. She stated the County needs a commitment from the City on what project the City would be using the funds for by the end of the year. She suggested using the funds for lighting and safety enhancement along Hwy 2 for pedestrian safety or a bicycle/pedestrian trail along the Chumstick Hwy. She informed Council there would be a 13.5% local match needed by the City. The Council discussed various potential projects and concluded they would decide which project to commit to in the coming months.

### 3. WSDOT Parking Lot and City Park and Ride – Connie Krueger

Director Krueger stated there is an ongoing problem with parking in the WSDOT Parking lot and the City Park and Ride. She informed Council the Sheriff will not tow vehicles until they know who will be paying the towing bill making enforcement difficult. The Council stated the City already had an ordinance regarding vehicles for sale and abandoned vehicles. The Council discussed the need to put up a sign at both lots stating what types of vehicles could park and what hours the vehicles could park. The Council decided to find out what the City currently has in place regarding the parking issue and consider day use parking only with overnight parking by permit only.

### 4. Tree Mitigation – Rob Eaton

Councilmember Eaton stated that as development occurs in the City trees are removed for construction and suggested having mitigation for replanting and funding for replacement for old growth trees. The Council discussed the issue. Councilmember Langston stated he was against regulating personal property and tree removal regulations.

### 5. Staffing Update – Richard Brinkman

Administrator Brinkman updated the Council on what was happening with hiring a new Finance Director. He explained to Council the City had a couple of local candidates for the Finance Directors position and would be starting the interview process along with the finance committee. He asked the Council for permission to re-direct Prothman to finding the City a new Public

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Works director rather than a Finance Director. He informed Council there would be a candidate for the Finance Directors position at the finance committee meeting that evening to interview. Councilmember DeVries asked Administrator Brinkman if the Council could go into Executive Session at the Council meeting if the finance committee found the candidate interesting to discuss that person with the other Councilmember's. Administrator Brinkman informed Council that there was another candidate from Oregon that he would like the finance committee to interview in addition the person they would interview that evening.

The Council discussed moving the Oktoberfest marathon to a different location and possibly a different date to minimize congestion in the downtown area with all of the other activities going on in conjunction with Oktoberfest.

Seeing no other businesses, Mayor Wyles adjourned the Study Session at 10:00 A.M.

**APPROVED**

**ATTEST**

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**Mel Wyles, Mayor**

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**Richard Brinkman, City Administrator**