

Regular Council Meeting
June 11, 2009

Present: Mayor Keith Vradenburg

Council Members: Lalla Przespolewski
Tom Martin
Joy Draper
Joseph Stegeman
Jackie Shelton

Staff: Karen Sweeney, City Clerk-Treas., Susan Driver, Community Development Director

Consultants: Larry Cordes – Engineers, Hammond, Collier, Wade, & Livingstone

Guests: Bob Sweeney, John Huselton, Jim Caldwell, Millie Tirapelle, Sheriff Curt Varner, and Joe & Judy Bell.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Vradenburg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Established a quorum.

2. Consent agenda:

MOTION #1: Council Member Joy Draper moved Council Member Tom Martin seconded to approve consent agenda as follows:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2009
- B. Approval-Payroll Warrants #09-10-Warrants #6786-6816 5-31-09 \$44,999.48
- C. Approval-Payable Warrants #09-11-Warrants #16620-16666 6-11-09 \$238,683.24
- D. Outlay #26 - \$111,374.59 Construction and Engineering Management for grant funds.

ALL YEA. MOTION PASSED.

3. Public Hearing: Purpose of hearing to take public comment on applying for grant funds from CTED.

Public Hearing opened at 7:02 pm. Community Development Director Susan Driver opened by saying that the Community Block Grant is what we are applying for. This is to solicit funds for a Housing Needs Analyst from which the local housing office can apply for HUD funds to build new facilities. They can't apply for funds until we do this Needs Analyst and we don't have the funds to do the Needs Analyst so therefore we are asking for the Community Development Block Grant Funds. Essentially they are HUD funds they are intended to benefit low income families and individuals. They come with Federal Rules and Guideline on how it can be spent.

Comments: Council Member Jackie Shelton asked how much are we applying for? **Community Development Director Susan Driver** replied \$15,000.00 this is for the Planning Only Grant. One of the rules for the Planning Only Grant is that each entity can only apply for this once a Year.

Engineer, Larry Cordes asked what is the purpose of the grant? **Susan Driver** reported it is to fund a housing reassessment. The local Housing Authority wants to apply at HUD for federal dollars to build a new facility but they have to have the assessment in there.

MOTION #2: Council Member Jackie Shelton moved Council Member Lalla Przespolewski seconded to apply for the CTED grant

ALL YEA. MOTION PASSED.

Public hearing closed at 7:07 pm

7. Reports:

7-K. Chelan County Deputy Curt Varner reported that in the month of May, Entiat had 23 citations, 25 violations, and conducted 15 interviews of suspicious persons. There were 57 hours of patrol for the month of May. Between Chelan County Sheriff's Patrol and other Law Enforcements Patrol the City of Entiat received around 200 hours of patrolling in the month of May. Deputy Varner went on to report that they could tell that the local residents have really slowed down with the new 40-mile and hours speed limit.

6.A. Rivercom – Millie to discuss financing Rivercom: Millie stated that she was here to explain what Rivercom is intending to do with the one tenth of one percent sales tax coming up. When they consolidating the two counties around five years ago they had about \$600,000.00 that was left over from the 911 money that was granted to the counties. The Port put that into Capital Improvements. When they consolidated, the Boards agreed not to have a Capital Improvement. There was no money requested from any of the entity's to put in the Capital Improvement Fund. That \$600,000.00 will be exhausted by the end of this year. They use that money to make repairs on the radio system. We are now at the point where some action needs to be taken. We need that radio to be able to talk to the deputies, fire fighters, and medical personnel for employment. Rivercom itself can't apply for Grants or a Bond. We need \$800,000.00 to put in a new internal radio system. We hope to enter into that contract at the end of this year and stretch out the payments as long as we can. If the one tenth of one percent sales tax does not pass then an assessment will be assessed to each one of the entities.

Mayor Keith Vradenburg asked for an Advisory Note from City Council in support of the one tenth of one percent sales tax increase to go to Rivercom.

Motion #3: Council Member Tom Martin moved Council Member Jackie Shelton and Council Member Joy Draper seconded for an Advisory Note in support of the one tenth of one percent sales tax increase to go to Rivercom

ALL YEA. MOTION PASSED.

4. Resolution 346 resolving to submit application for grant funds from CTED for a CDBG Planning only grant.

Motion #4: Council Member Lalla Przespolewski move Council Member Tom Martin and Council Member Joy Draper to pass Resolution #346 of the City of Entiat, Washington resolving to submit a grant application, in association with the Housing Authority of Chelan County & the City of Wenatchee, to the state Department of Community Trade and Economic Development for a CDBG Planning Only Grant in the amount of \$15,000.00

ALL YEA. MOTION PASSED.

6.B. Fire District #8 – Since Fire Chief Mike Asher is out of town on a Type 2 Fire, **Tom Martin** reported they did not receive the large grant. Tom did report that they have applied for a new grant in the amount of \$732,000.00. Mayor Keith Vradenburg stated they have applied for another grant from the Stimulus Package money. Fire District #8 has hired an architect. A topographical and geo tech survey needs to be done. They are going ahead with the one million dollar bond money. Cal Jordan is the architect they have hired. The grant application is still a top consideration for the new Stimulus Money.

7.A. Engineer – Engineer Larry Cordes reported that the UV System is still being addressed. The Department of Ecology approved the Water Rights transfer from the Entiat Irrigation District to the City. The net benefit to the city will be our connection capacity will increase by 141 ERU's (water rights). Our connection capacity was 1036 ERU's and within the next few months we will have 1036 ERU's plus the additional 141 ERU's. **Mayor Keith Vradenburg** stated that the city is appealing to the Department of Ecology to increase the connection capacity even more because there are no septic systems in the new development. **Larry Cordes** reported that he just got back the Stonebasin Development Construction plans. He was sure that they had addressed his comments and within a couple of weeks he would be able to give them the go ahead to start their project.

7.B. Maintenance – Mayor Keith Vradenburg reported that Public Works Director, Bob Whitehall was on vacation. Mayor Vradenburg stated all the sidewalks are done except for some black top on Olin Street.

7.C. Community Development Director/Planning Commission: Community Development Director Susan Driver reported that she had gone to a conference regarding “Green Development”. Susan went on to report that the Federal Recover Act money has been geared toward the “green” sector. Susan reported that next month she will be coming back to the City Council with an ordinance to formally adopt the Park Plan.

7.F. Economic Development Board – Community Development Director Susan Driver stated that the committee has been working on a project to up-date our website. They have spoken to five different companies. Earlier this week one of the committee members, Mayor, and Susan met with Courtney Prather of River Media and she gave a presentation. Susan then call a special meeting with the Economic Development Committee where Courtney gave a presentation to the committee. Susan reported that the Economic Development Committee is recommending to the City Council to go with River Media to develop a City Interactive Website. **John Huselton** stated that he thought that the new Website would be a great benefit to the community. Not only would the city be able to tie into this but possibility the Chambers and Columbia Breaks. **Jackie Shelton** stated that she was unable to see Courtney’s work but she heard how it would tie everything together including sporting activities. **John Huselton** reported that it could even tie into park reservations. **Mayor Keith Vradenburg** reported that there is a \$3,500.00 set up fee which also includes training. The monthly charge is \$35.00. **Motion #5: Council Member Jackie Shelton moved and Council Member Lalla Przespolewski seconded** to allow the Mayor to go forward to discuss and establish a contract with River Media for a Website Development.

ALL YEA. MOTION PASSED.

Economic Development Member John Huselton stated that they sent between 75 to 80 letters to businesses who have business licenses within the community. John reported that he personally handed out half of those letters and only 6 responded to the meeting. Not a very good representation of people being concerned about improving businesses in the Entiat Community. The few that did show up did have some very good comments. One of the major concerns that was brought up is the conditions of the unkept properties and no enforcement. If we look shabby we are not going to attract businesses.

Council Member Jackie Shelton stated that she thinks it is really

important to get the highway cleaned up. Jackie suggested sending out a letter to businesses and property owner asking them to clean up their Properties.

Community Development Director Susan Driver reported that her and Public Works Director, Bob Whitehall actually went out this last Tuesday and did a scan of pretty much the entire City. They created a list, wrote down the location and what the violations were. When he returns from vacation he is going to take the first step himself and personally contact each of those individuals. They don't want to start by sending them a nasty gram. Then Susan will start the process of writing letters after a certain period of time has lapsed. The one thing that Bob and Susan talked about is once they get to the stage where they are saying that the property owner owes a fine because they didn't comply, is the City Council going to back them up in forcing fines.

Council Member Lalla Przespolewski asked if our City Attorney has been involved?

Susan Driver stated that she has contacted Steve Smith and he has reviewed all of our documentations and has been making some up-dates and changes. We actually have in our code the ability to fine \$1,000.00 a day for failure to comply. If they can't pay then we will put a lien on their property.

7.D. Park Board – Mayor Keith Vradenburg reported the Park Board did not meet with Chelan County PUD. The PUD. has hired a consultant to finalize the Park Plan upgrade.

7.E. Tree Board – Tree Board Secretary Judy Bell stated that they met w/ROC on grant application for the Park at the bottom of Town Hill. ROC suggested that they do a little more work on handicapped and put in more about recreation.

7.G. Building Inspector – See report – Mayor Keith Vradenburg reported that our Building Inspector Frank Spaun received two building permits yesterday for two homes in Saska Hills, Lot 1 & Lot 9. There is a Grand Opening Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony & BBQ at Saska Hills starting at 11:00 am. on Saturday, June 27th. Mayor Vradenburg will be out of town and Mayor Protem Jackie Shelton will be doing the Ribbon Cutting.

7.H. Finance & Administration: see attached report – City Clerk-Treasurer Karen Sweeney reported that she would like to request the Council to set a Public Hearing for the July 9th Council Meeting to adopt the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program.

Motion #6 Council Member Jackie Shelton moved Council Member Tom Martin seconded to approve to set the public hearing on July 9, 2009 for the Six year Transportation Improvement Plan and if

necessary for the Park and Recreation Plan.

ALL YEA. MOTION PASSED.

7.I. Council – Council Member Tom Martin reported that they had their first Public Safety Meeting with Chelan County Sheriff's Department today with Lt. Kent Sesson at City Hall. Through our contract they have an obligation to meet with us monthly. The Sheriff's office has about five open spots and will not be filled. The Undersheriff is retiring and that job will be eliminated. Chief Criminal Deputy and one other will absorb the duties. Tom stated that we will get a nameplate for Officer Varner and he will be seated with staff at Council Meetings.

7.J. Mayor – See attached report – Mayor Keith Vradenburg reported that we are going to survey the property from the PUD. Susan has been talking with Lisa Graves, they are in the process in deeding the property over to us. We ran into a problem because all that PUD property is under one parcel number and they will not deed over that middle section. What we were given was 8.538 acres on the south end and the area on the north end is in question. We basically have 4 lots on the north end and the plan is to sell one lot or maybe two to pay for in 2012 the \$379,000.00 that was in the contract for the remaining 9.3 something acres.

Mayor Vradenburg stated the PUD approved 1.162 million for the sewer plant. We have a loan based on 1.3 million from the PUD. The PUD did not have to give us any funds, infact, FERC instructed not to but we have had several meetings with them. Jackie Shelton, Bob Whitehall and Keith Vradenburg went to the PUD Commissioners meeting where it was Approved, so we have it in writing. We are going to take the money we get from the PUD and pay off the 1.050 million loan and then we will have enough money left over to pay some of the interest. Rose Running has been good at helping us with several emails.

8. VISITORS COMMENTS: NONE

LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS: City Clerk-Treasurer Karen Sweeney apologized for handing out at the Council Meeting Ordinance 692 for approval but she had just received it that afternoon.

MOTION #7 Council Member Jackie Shelton moved Council Member Joy Draper seconded to adopt Ordinance 692 relating to the sewer system of the City; providing for the issuance of \$3,893.00 aggregate principal amount of sewer revenue bonds of the City for the purpose of providing funds to pay the City's sewer system; fixing the date, form, maturity, interest rate, terms and bonds; creating and adopting certain funds and accounts; providing for the issuance of additional bonds; approving the sale and providing for the delivery of the bonds

to the United States of America acting through the Department of Agriculture; and providing for other matters properly relating thereto.

ALL YEA. MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Keith Vradenburg reported that on Friday, June 26th, there is a AWC meeting in Spokane. This is an annual business meeting and it runs from 10:30 am to noon. They would like to know if we would send three voting members. If not, we can send a proxy to the Vice President. Since no one from the City Council volunteered, Mayor Keith Vradenburg stated that we would send a proxy.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

10. ADJOURN:

Keith Vradenburg, Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:01 pm

Submitted by:
Karen M. Sweeney, CMC
Clerk-Treasurer