



CITY OF WHITE SALMON
City Council Regular Meeting – Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Council and Administrative Personnel Present

Council Members:

Jason Hartmann
Donna Heimke
Marla Keethler
Ashley Post
Amy Whiteman

Staff Present:

David Poucher, Mayor
Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer
Ken Woodrich, City Attorney
Kevin English, Public Works Operations Mgr.
Mike Hepner, Police Chief
Bill Hunsaker, Fire Chief/Building Official

1. Call to Order

Poucher called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. There were approximately 7 people present.

2. Roll Call

All council members were present.

3. Comments – Public and Council

Kevin Herman, Cherry Hill Road, White Salmon said he understands the city has no policies governing trees on private property. He said that recently some trees have been cut down for development purposes and that he is concerned. Herman said that the rush to develop quickly will impact the foliage around White Salmon.

Shelly Baxter, Cherry Hill Road, White Salmon said she is also concerned about the trees and the impact of global warming. She said the city's current ordinance only addressed city trees. Baxter said there is no municipal code for the preservation of heritage trees. She said her favorite trees is on Estes and hopes that it will never be cut down. Baxter said she would like to see trees preserved on private property.

Mayor Poucher noted that Sequoia trees, such as the one on Estes, are not native to the area.

Marla Keethler noted the tree Board meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month and the meetings are open to the public. She said the Tree Board has discussed the issue of protecting trees on private property.

Tao Berman, White Salmon asked for an update regarding the cougar sitings.

Mike Hepner, Police Chief said he has been in close communication with representatives from Fish and Wildlife regarding the cougar sitings. He said one of the cougars was tracked moving west and had not been seen since last Thursday. Hepner said the young cougar sited in Gaddis Park is not the same as the one on Strawberry Mountain.

Tao Berman said that he hopes no one tries to tell him what to do with the trees on his property.

Tammy Kaufman, Insitu and White Salmon-Bingen Rotary said that on Saturday one of Insitu's Scan Eagles will be dedicated to the WAAM museum. Kaufman noted that the Rotary event "It Takes a Village" will be held on September 11 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Rheingarten Park. She said the event is being coordinated with Farmers' Market, Insitu, Chamber of Commerce and Community Partners.

4. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

5. White Salmon Farmers' Market/Rotary Request

Tammy Kaufman said the White Salmon Farmers' Market and Rotary are requesting to block off a total of six parking spots for the "It Takes a Village" event held in conjunction with the Farmers' Market on Tuesday September 11. She said two parking spaces are already authorized and an additional four are being requested for the event.

Ashley Post moved, Donna Heimke seconded.

Motion to authorize four additional parking spaces to be blocked off for the "It Takes a Village" event scheduled for Tuesday, September 11 from 3 to 7 p.m. CARRIED.

Kevin English, Public Works Operations Manager, said a form requesting the use of cones provided by the public works department will need to be filled out.

6. Notice of Intent to Annex – Jim and Deanna Hulbert

Jan Brending reviewed the Notice of Intent to Annex submitted by Jim and Deanna Hulbert. She said the proposed annexation involves a single parcel owned by Jim and Deanna Hulbert and is surrounded on three sides by property within the city limits. Brending said the proposed zoning is RL Single-Family Large Lot Residential. She said staff recommend accepting the Notice of Intent as presented and applying RL Single-Family Large Lot Residential zoning to the subject property.

Marla Keethler moved, Jason Hartmann seconded.

Motion to accept Notice of Intent to Annex submitted by Jim and Deanna Hulbert, property described as Klickitat County Parcel 03102424000300, TL 120A in NWSENW; 24-3-10; with proposed zoning of RL Single-Family Large Lot Residential and requiring the assumption of all City indebtedness. CARRIED.

Ken Woodrich and Jan Brending reviewed the annexation procedures.

7. Interlocal Agreement – City of Goldendale, Video Inspection of Sewer Main

Jan Brending said the proposed interlocal agreement covers services provided by the City of Goldendale for video inspecting the city's main sewer line between Garfield to the city limits.

She said the inspection is needed to identify where the sewer laterals are located and to identify any conflict with the proposed installation of the new Jewett Blvd. water main.

Ashley Post moved, Amy Whiteman seconded.

Motion to authorize the interlocal agreement with the City of Goldendale to for video inspection services of a City of White Salmon sewer main at the hourly rate of \$65.00 per hour for labor and \$100.00 per hour for camera services at an estimated total of \$4,600 for the project. CARRIED.

8. Resolution 2018-09-473, Adopting Design Standards for Water and Sewerage Facilities

Kevin English said he presented the proposed design standards at the last meeting.

Jan Brending noted that the Resolution and language in the design standards has been modified to allow the standards to be remised and modified by the Public Works Director from time to time without further Council approval.

Moved Amy Whiteman, seconded Donna Heimke.

Motion to Approve Resolution 2019-09-473, Adopting Design Standards for Water and Sewerage Facilities. CARRIED.

9. Treasurer's Report – July 2018

Jan Brending presented the Treasurer's Report for July 2018.

Amy Whiteman moved, Donna Heimke seconded.

Motion to accept the July 2018 Treasurer's Report. CARRIED.

10. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes of August 5, August 8, August 15 and August 27, 2018

b. Approval of Vouchers

Vouchers audited and certified as required by RCW 42.24.080 and expense reimbursement claims as required by RCW 42.24.090 as of this 5th day of September, 2018.

Type	Date	From	To	Amount
Claims	9/5/2018	34161	34211	166,129.68
		EFT	EFT	0.00
			Claims Total	166,129.68
Payroll	8/20/2018	EFT	EFT	63,495.81
	8/20/2018	34134	34142	4,552.52
	9/5/2018	EFT	EFT	100,888.27
	9/5/2018	34146	34160	5,224.55

			Payroll Total	174,161.15
Manual Claims	7/3/2018	EFT	EFT	1,181.11
	7/6/2018	EFT	EFT	454.55
	8/6/2018	EFT	EFT	452.35
	8/21/2018	EFT	EFT	9,269.65
			Manual Total	11,357.66
			Total All Vouchers	351,648.49

Donna Heimke moved, Amy Whiteman seconded.
Motion to approve consent agenda. CARRIED.

11. Department Head and Committee Reports

Bill Hunsaker, Building Official and Fire Chief said new radios have been received and he hopes to have the mobiles installed later this month. Hunsaker said there will be a Fireman's Breakfast at the fire hall on Saturday from 7 to 10 a.m. for Huckleberry Festival.

Mike Hepner, Police Chief said the police department will assist with the Huckleberry Festival parade on Saturday. He noted that Fish and Wildlife has not intention of killing the cougar's in the area. Hepner said if located they will be treed and moved.

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer reported the auditors will be in the office later this month and she is working on the 2019 budget.

Dave Poucher, Mayor said he attended a meeting with the Port of Hood River regarding the bridge. He said he feels things are going really well and it looks like everything is moving forward.

Marla Keethler asked if the Washington entities are sitting on the advisory committee.

Poucher said yes as long as things continue to move forward in a positive way. He said he believes the name of the committee will be changed to the "Bridge Replacement Committee." He noted the advisory committee has not yet met.

Ken Woodrich, City Attorney said he has no report.

Kevin English, Public Works Operations Manager said work on the 4th Street project has begun and that Klickitat County will start work on Wyers Street next week.

Marla Keethler asked about the overgrown sidewalk on Riverwatch Drive.

Bill Hunsaker said he is working with the landowners on the issue.

Mayor Poucher noted that the Public Works Department will also be addressing the stormwater issue on Riverwatch Drive.

Jason Hartmann said he attended a meeting regarding conflict resolution and found it beneficial.

Mike Hepner noted that the group will meet again at the end of September.

Hartmann said he met with Fire District 3.

Ashley Post said the Parks and Recreation Committee met with several property owners from Snowden who had questions about the metropolitan park district ballot measure. She said Jan Brending provided information and facts about the pool.

Marla Keethler said it will be nice to get the updated plans from W.M. Smith Aquatics. She asked when the extra garbage cans are going to be placed in the park.

Marla Keethler said the Tree Board is interviewing finalists for the request for proposals related to hiring an arborist to conduct an inventory of city park and city street trees. She said the city's new website should go live next week.

Keethler asked about the legal process of public hearings related to annexations. She said she would like to encourage the city to take extra steps to notify property owners directly about an annexation that includes their property.

The council discussed the exterior of city hall and options for completing the work.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.


David Poucher, Mayor


Jan Brending, Clerk-Treasurer