



**CITY OF WHITE SALMON**  
**City Council Regular Meeting – Wednesday, October 2, 2019**

**Council and Administrative Personnel Present**

**Council Members:**

Jason Hartmann  
Marla Keethler  
Amy Martin  
Ashley Post

**Staff Present:**

David Poucher, Mayor  
Pat Munyan, City Administrator  
Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer  
Ken Woodrich, City Attorney (by phone)  
Bill Hunsaker, Building Official/Fire Chief  
Russ Avery, Public Works Operations Mgr.

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor David Poucher called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. There were approximately 60 people present.

**2. Roll Call**

*Moved by Ashley Post. Seconded by Marla Keethler.  
Motion to excuse Donna Heimke. CARRIED 3-0.*

*It is noted for the record that Jason Hartmann arrived at the meeting at approximately 6:45 p.m.*

**3. Comments – Public and Council**

There were no public or council comments.

**4. Changes to the Agenda**

There will be no Executive Session.

**5. Certificate of Appreciation – Stephanie and Randy Porter**

Marla Keethler presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Stephanie and Randy Porter for the use of their projector equipment and time in assisting with the 2019 Movies in the Park.

**6. Ordinance 2019-10-1053 Adopting WSMC 8.50 Single-Use Carryout Bags**

Jan Brending provided an overview of proposed ordinance 2019-10-1053 Adopting WSMC 8.50 Single-Use Carryout Bags. She said two community-led presentations have been made before the city council encouraging the adoption of an ordinance related to single-use plastic bags. Brending noted that representatives from Community Upcycle also met with the Community Development Committee to discuss the proposed ordinance. She said the city has received 11 emails regarding the proposed ordinance. Brending noted that a letter signed by 28 businesses in support of the ordinance is included in the council's packet.

Anne Stringer, Community Upcycle, made a presentation in support of the proposed ordinance.

**Brad Bookmyer, Snowden Road** said he supports the proposed ordinance.

**Darach Foskett, Northshore Café** read a letter (provided to the city council) into the record in support of the proposed ordinance.

**Michelina Roth** said that she supports proposed ordinance because she cares about the community and the world. She said people can change their habits particularly when they see change is necessary. Roth said she thinks White Salmon can be an inspiration for the world.

**Kabe Grant and Jango Grant, White Salmon** said they support the ordinance and that it reinforces the voice of the 4<sup>th</sup> graders who make a presentation to the city council last spring.

**Brittany Bernard** said she supports the proposed ordinance.

**Smith** said he feels the cost of paper bags is already passed onto the consumer. He said he feels the 10 cents charge is the way to get people to bring their own bags.

**Becky Miles, Community Upcycle** said that she grew with no bags. She said they are not needed.

**Chris Johnson, Loop Road** expressed his gratitude to the children from the schools who brought the issue to the city council. He thanked Community Upcycle for their work and thanked the council for considering the ordinance.

**Michelle Mayfield, White Salmon** said she watched a NPS report about a study that found plastics in mussels. She said people are weekly ingesting plastics that amount to the size of a credit card. Mayfield said she supports the proposed ordinance.

**Emma Mattson** said she studied about the Pacific Ocean and garbage in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. She said she supports the proposed ordinance.

**Alex Ballencheck** read excerpts and statistics from a United Nations report issued this year related to micro and macro plastics. He said the city has the chance to reduce pollution and asked the council to pass the ordinance.

**David Dierck, White Salmon** said he is a White Salmon business owner and resident. He directed the council to its mission statement. Dierck said he does not see how the council could argue against the ordinance.

**Mike Burly** said that plastics are not being recycled and the county should stop using the plastic blue bags for recycling as they end up in the landfill.

**Burly** said a documentary titled "Plastic Ocean" will open your eyes. She said the city has the opportunity to show future generations that the city cares about their health.

**Shelly Baxter, White Salmon** said she was not sure about the proposed ordinance until she visited the landfill. She said paper bags can provide biomass for the landfill, but they don't need plastic bags. Baxter said she is favor of a plastic single-use bag ban but is not sure about requiring recyclable paper bags.

**Abbie Butterfield** said she fully supports the ordinance as it is proposed. She said she feels that plastic bags are not needed for produce in grocery stores and would like to see that issue addressed in the future.

Mayor Poucher closed the public hearing.

Amy Martin thanked Community Upcycle for bringing the ordinance to the city. She said she dives and has seen the issue of plastics in the ocean.

Ashley Post said she is impressed with how thorough the research is. She said she has experienced beaches that are covered with particles of plastic.

Marla Keethler said the proposed ordinance is the effort of adults and children. She said there have been letters to the editor on both sides of the issue. Keethler said she believes the fee can cause a change in habits. She said she believes today's adults need to set an example for the next generation. Keethler said she feels there is overwhelming support for the ordinance.

David Poucher said he is against charging 10 cents for the paper bags. He said government is normally an advocate for the consumer and now White Salmon is telling businesses how much they need to charge for a paper bag. Poucher said he feels the city needs to hear more from the public about this issue. He said he feels it is wrong to require a fee and may veto the ordinance. Poucher said he is standing up for the silent majority. He noted that the ordinance has not been implemented yet and therefore has not affected people's pocketbooks.

Marla Keethler said the council has heard compelling argument from business owners. She said she feels the fee makes it transparent as to what the cost of a bag being used is. Keethler said the city shouldn't be shelving something based on a silent group of people. She said that a majority of business owners are supporting the proposed ordinance and that is important.

Ashley Post noted that Harvest Market has a bin with bags that are available for free to those who did not bring their own to the store.

David Poucher said his concern is that it is a mandatory fee. He said it should be up to the businesses as to what they want to charge for the bag.

Marla Keethler noted that the city's ordinance could be seamless with what may be adopted by the state in the future.

Ken Woodrich reviewed what happens when a mayor vetoes an ordinance. He said if the mayor vetoes an ordinance is returned to the city council for reconsideration at their next meeting. Woodrich said a super majority is required to override a veto.

Jason Hartmann asked why a veto is being discussed. Note: Jason Hartmann arrived at the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

David Poucher reviewed his objections to the proposed ordinance and that he has stated he may consider vetoing the ordinance if it is passed by the council. He said the required fee is anti-consumer and benefits the business.

Ashley Post said she feels the statistics that have been provided show when there is no fee the use of paper bags increases. She said she questions if it is the government's right to require a fee.

Jason Hartmann said he feels it is the role of government to help protect the environment.

**Moved by Marla Keethler. Seconded by Amy Martin.**

**Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-10-1053, Adopting WSMC 8.50 Single-Use Carryout Bags. CARRIED 4 to 0.**

David Poucher said he has ten days to sign the ordinance and he will take the full ten days to make his decision.

**7. Ordinance 2019-10-1054, Repealing Ordinance 2019-08-1048 and Amending WSMC 10.08.010 State Routes 14 and 141 Speed Limits**

Jan Brending provided an overview of the proposed ordinance. She said the city council adopted Ordinance 2019-08-1048 that identified the area for the 20 mile per hour speed limit as from Garfield Street to Seventh Street. Brending said Washington Department of Transportation rejected the designated area. She provided the reasons why the specific area was not acceptable. Brending said the city council had originally requested an area from Garfield to Grandview. She said she contacted WSDOT and requested that the area be the existing area that serves the 25 mile per hour speed limit, from Garfield to Dock Grade. Brending said WSDOT has agreed. She noted the ordinance also covers changing the 35 mile per hour area northwest of Garfield to 30 miles per hour.

Ashely Post said she does feel this is a good compromise. She said ultimately, she would like to see the 20 mile per hour area go further east. Post said she feels that have a lower speed limit that goes past Dock Grade will allow cars to more easily merge onto Jewett Blvd.

**Moved by Amy Martin. Seconded by Jason Hartmann.**

**Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-10-1054, Repealing Ordinance 2019-08-1048 and Amending WSMC 10.08.010 State Routes 14 and 141 Speed Limits. CARRIED 4 to 0.**

**8. Resolution 2019-10-492, Authorizing Interfund Loan from General Fund Reserve to USDA Rural Development Fund**

Jan Brending presented Resolution 2019-10-492 which authorizes a \$100,000 interfund loan from the General Fund Reserve to the USDA Rural Development Fund. She said cash flow is needed until the city receives funding from its USDA Rural Development loan. Brending said the

loan will be repaid by the end of the year with the interest rate being set at the August 31, 2019 rate for the State Investment Pool.

**Moved by Amy Martin. Seconded by Ashley Post.  
 Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-10-492, Authorizing \$100,000 Interfund Loan from General Fund Reserve to USDA Rural Development Fund. CARRIED 4 to 0.**

- 9. 2019 Budget Amendment, Ordinance 2019-10-1055 Amending the 2019 Budget**  
 Jan Brending presented an amendment to the city’s 2019 budget. She said the budget amendments cover a number of items that have been approved by the city council that now need to be reflected in the budget.

**Moved by Marla Keethler. Seconded by Amy Martin.  
 Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-10-1055 Amending the Budget for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2019. CARRIED 4 to 0.**

- 10. Consent Agenda**
- a. Approval of Meeting Minutes – September 18, 2019
  - b. Approval of Meeting Minutes – Joint Meeting September 25, 2019
  - c. July 2019 Budget Report
  - d. August 2019 Budget Report
  - e. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2019.

Type	Date	From	To	Amount
Claims	10/2/2019	35414	35454	268,885.35
			<b>Claims Total</b>	<b>268,885.35</b>
Payroll	10/4/2019	35407	35413	1,433.32
		EFT	EFT	93,820.67
			<b>Payroll Total</b>	<b>95,253.99</b>
Manual Claims	9/23/2019	35406	35406	1,136.66
			<b>Manual Total</b>	<b>1,136.66</b>
			<b>Total All Vouchers</b>	<b>365,276.00</b>

**Moved by Jason Hartmann. Seconded by Amy Martin.  
 Motion to approve consent agenda as presented. CARRIED 4-0.**

**11. Department Head and Council Reports**

**Bill Hunsaker, Building Official/Fire Chief** said that discussions have been occurring with himself and Fire District about the possibility of co-locating Fire District 3 and White Salmon Fire Department together in the White Salmon fire station. He said ultimately the goal would be to see public works and city council move to other locations to make the best use of the facility. Hunsaker said there is currently no timeline. He noted that Fire District 3 has 30 months in which to designate how the department intends to spend its bond funds.

Jason Hartmann said he thought there were some discussions about building a new facility.

Hunsaker said land is expensive but that possibility is still being discussed.

David Poucher said the city works very closely with Fire District 3.

Tom Montag, Fire District 3 Commission said it is the District's desire to reduce response times. He said ultimately sleeping quarters to staff volunteers would be nice. Montag said he thinks District 3's fire chief would still be located in Husum.

Pat Munyan said one of the biggest expenses would be to move Public works to Spring Street although the cost could be spread out over several funds.

Ashley Post said she hesitates to sell any city property because it is so difficult to acquire property.

**Pat Munyan, City Administrator** said the repairs to the 14-inch water main are almost complete. He said the city's engineer is writing up specifications for the park restrooms. Munyan said he feels there is more work that needs to be done to the restrooms because they are not ADA compliant.

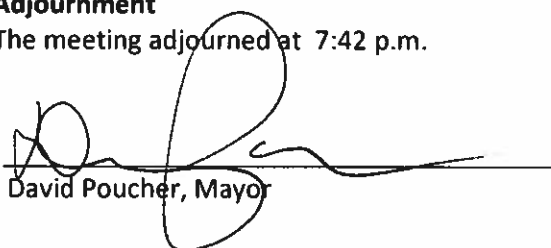
**Marla Keethler, Council Member** said it was an interesting note to discover that the "blue recycling bags" are not recyclable and that is something that should be discussed.

Jason Hartmann said the Solid Waste Committee is discussing the use of bins for recycling and the possibility of getting compost and glass curbside pickup.

**Ashley Post, Council Member** said the Tree Board is working on getting bids for tree maintenance and removal for park and street trees.

**13. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

  
David Poucher, Mayor

  
Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer