

March 4, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Brunz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present: Aslett, Bensen, Doyle, Edmundson, Loving, Montgomery and Valentine. Staff present: Aarstad, Fleek, Thramer, Tingley, VanSickle, VanWieringen, O'hara, Ackerman and Acero.

Mayor Brunz asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence in honor of Spud Walley, former Mayor of Sedro-Woolley who passed away this morning.

City Administrator Aarstad stated that **City Attorney Thomas** is not at tonight's meeting as he is attending a meeting with **Parks & Recreation Director Cavanaugh** regarding water rights for Skagit River Park.

Mayor Brunz introduced Mr. Colton Eagle a student at Burlington-Edison High School. Colton has done a job shadow with the Mayor this week as he has an interest in politics and government.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF RECOMMENDATION FOR CITY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION.

Mayor Brunz stated that his recommendation for the position of City Administrator is Ms. Jana Hanson. She is currently employed by the City of Mount Vernon and previously worked for the Town of LaConner and City of Renton. He noted that she is well thought of by others in municipal government. She is aware of issues that affect both Burlington and Mount Vernon. A motion was made by **Councilors Valentine/Bensen** to approve the recommendation of Ms. Jana Hanson for the position of City Administrator. All agreed. Motion carried.

ANOUNCEMENTS:

City Administrator Aarstad announced that the Mayor/Council/Department Head retreat has been scheduled for the morning of Wednesday March 25, 2009. He noted that a notice will be published in the paper; this will be a public meeting as we will have a quorum of council members.

Mayor Brunz announced that he received a letter of resignation from **City Administrator Aarstad**, confirming his retirement date of March 31, 2009.

Councilor Valentine noted that several Mount Vernon City Council members were in attendance. She welcomed Councilor Ragan, Councilor Urban and Councilor Lindquist.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by **Councilors Valentine/Doyle** to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. All agreed. Motion carried

Greg Thramer
Finance Director / City Clerk

Edward J. Brunz
Mayor