

June 22, 2006

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Tjeerdsma called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Members present: Bensen, Doyle, Aslett, Valentine, Straathof and Montgomery. Staff present: Aarstad, Cavanaugh, Garrett, Harmon, Sheahan and Thomas.

A motion was made by **Councilors Bensen/Valentine** to excuse **Councilor Loving** from tonight’s meeting. All approved. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by **Councilors Doyle/Aslett** to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2006 Council meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**AUDIT OF BILLS:**

**Councilor Aslett** presented the bills. A motion was made by **Councilors Aslett/Bensen** to approve vouchers 46842 – 46964 in the amount of \$292,578.35. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Current Expense	\$ 54,161.93
Current Expense Cumulative Reserve	1,092.50
Fire Equipment Cumulative Reserve	994.74
City Street	40,177.97
Library	416.67
Parks & Recreation	12,351.33
Cemetery Fund	294.16
Local Capital Improvement Fund	21,486.14
Parks & Recreation Reserve	100,542.21
Sewer Fund	61,060.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 292,578.35</b>

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Ms. Beverly Harrington, 325 S. Burlington Blvd., Skagit Auto Licensing. She suggested a revision to the street between her building and Hulbush Funeral Home. Within a two week period she had a response (good idea) and the revision was complete. She thanked the City for their prompt action to a citizen suggestion.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

**Parks & Recreation Director Cavanaugh** announced the restrooms at Skagit River Park should be completed prior to the Evergreen Soccer Tournament which is held near the end of July. He noted that that vandalism occurred last night at SRP which included removal of all hanging baskets and the posts pulled up out of the ground. Also some sanacans were tipped over.

**Parks & Recreation Director Cavanaugh** noted that the Berry Dairy Days Festival begins tomorrow. Vendors will begin setting up in the morning at Maiben Park. At Skagit River Park there will be a band playing music after the tractors arrive from the Twilight Parade. The fireworks begin at dusk (about 10pm).

**City Administrator Aarstad** asked that Councilmembers to consider a Resolution to declare two automobiles surplus so that they could be sold. The surplus sale was this past weekend. As we set up for the sale we realized that two vehicles to be sold had not been declared surplus. An individual bid on the vehicles but cannot pay for them or take possession until a resolution is approved. A motion was made by **Councilors Aslett/Bensen** to approve the resolution declaring two vehicles surplus. All approved. Motion carried.

**(Resolution # 12-2006)**

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**City Administrator Aarstad** noted an emergency repair to one of the sewer pump stations took place this past week. He distributed information regarding costs.

**City Administrator Aarstad** announced a trip is being planned August 21<sup>st</sup> to California with Skagit County Public Works Director Chal Martin. Mr. Martin has extended an invitation to an elected official from Burlington to go along on this trip to visit areas that have provided flood protection for their communities. **Councilor Bensen** offered to go on the trip.

**City Administrator Aarstad** noted mail in councilor boxes from Mr. Mayer Baron regarding his development plans for the west side of Burlington near Highway 20.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

**Mayor Tjeerdsma** asked Mr. Dan Berentson to read the proclamation proclaiming June 18 – 24, 2006 as “Rotary International Week” in the City of Burlington. Following the reading of the proclamation, Mr. Berentson presented **Councilor Helen Doyle** with a certificate declaring her “Rotary Citizen of the Year”. He thanked her for her years of dedication to the City of Burlington as a member of the Parks Board, Parks Foundation and City Council. He noted that this is the first time this award has been given and they are proud to have **Councilor Doyle** be the first recipient. **Councilor Doyle** thanked the Rotarians for the award.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no Unfinished Business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PORT GARDNER FIREWORKS CONTRACT.**

**Parks & Recreation Director Cavanaugh** presented the contract with Port Gardner Fireworks Company to provide a fireworks display the evening of Friday June 23, 2006 at Skagit River Park. This is the same company that has provided a fireworks display the past several years during Berry Dairy Days. The price is the same as previous years, \$6,000.00 for the 20-minute show. This contract has already been approved by the City Attorney and Skagit County Dike District #12. A motion was made by **Councilors Bensen/Doyle** to approve the contract with Port Garner Fireworks Company. All approved. Motion carried.

**Parks & Recreation Director Cavanaugh** noted the Rotary recently donated \$30,000 toward the ball fields at Skagit River Park. He thanked them for their continued support of the City.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Mayor and Councilmembers adjourned to Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss personnel. The Mayor and Councilmembers returned from Executive Session at 8:19 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by **Councilors Doyle/Straathof** to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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Richard A. Patrick  
Finance Director / City Clerk

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Roger “Gus” Tjeerdsma  
Mayor