

May 27, 2010

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Brunz called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present: Aslett, Bieche, Edmundson, Loving, Montgomery, and Sexton. Staff present: Ackermann, Bond, Butterfield, Judy, Martin, Sheahan, Small, Stafford, Thomas, Thramer, Toth and Van Wieringen.

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

MINUTES:

A motion was made by **Councilors Loving/Bieche** to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2010 Council meeting and Council workshop. All agreed. Motion carried.

AUDIT OF BILLS:

Councilor Edmundson presented the bills. She noted that the audit committee met this afternoon and reviewed the vouchers. A motion was made by **Councilors Edmundson/Sexton** to approve vouchers 58050 – 58138 in the amount of \$153,888.91. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Current Expense	\$ 77,587.26
Current Expense Cumulative Reserve	205.57
City Street	15,365.78
Parks & Recreation	7,492.35
Cemetery Fund	105.43
Parks & Recreation Reserve	849.32
Sewer Fund	33,495.96
Sewer Cumulative Reserve	6,864.89
Storm Drainage Utility	11,922.35
Total	\$ 153,888.91

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Mark Kramer, 506 South Cherry Street, congratulated Police Department on recent state accreditation. He complained about businesses that are out of business and have let the grass grow and look unkempt in front of their empty buildings. He suggested the jail crew mow those properties to help the City look better.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Police Chief VanWieringen stated that the Police Department recently received state accreditation. This process began about twenty years ago under Chief Goodman. Following Chief Goodman’s departure to position of County Sheriff, Chief Bowers focused on policies, construction of new building and upgrade of technology and patrol cars. He noted that the department received accreditation by passing all 140 points. He praised **Assistant Police Chief Stafford** for his efforts as the person in charge of completing this process. He presented the plaque to **Mayor Brunz**.

Finance Director Thramer reviewed sales tax revenue to date. The 2010 sales tax revenues are down about 4.5% to date from the same period 2009. He compared Burlington revenues to Mount Vernon, Sedro-Woolley and Anacortes. He noted that Anacortes sales tax revenue is up substantially because of construction activities within the city. He noted that Burlington sales tax revenue from automobile sales is up over last

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year. He stated that the 2009 annual report has been completed and submitted to the State Auditor. **Councilor Aslett** stated there are two large construction projects underway in the city at this time, thus the city receives 1% of sales tax revenue.

City Attorney Thomas noted that a meeting with Skagit County Fire District #6 scheduled for this week had to be cancelled. A new date for this meeting has not been set.

City Attorney Thomas noted that details and schedules for Workshops prior to each Council meeting for each department are being worked out. He is hopeful that the first workshop will be scheduled for June 25th.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Special Event Permit for Berry Dairy Days Road Run.
2. Special Event Permit for Berry Dairy Days Berry Cool Car Show.
3. Special Event Permit for Berry Dairy Days Grand Parade and Festival in the Park.

A motion was made by **Councilors Aslett/Montgomery** to approve Consent Agenda items 1-3. All agreed. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

AGREEMENT WITH INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 4111.

City Attorney Thomas stated that this agreement establishes wages and conditions of employment for the firefighters for the years 2010 – 2012. **Councilor Loving** asked about the number of hours in a workweek. **City Attorney Thomas** stated the workweek is based on 45 hours per week. He noted that Captains and Lieutenants are exempt from overtime under the Fair Labor Standards Act. **Councilor Bieche** requested time in Executive Session to discuss this agreement further. The Mayor and Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:39 p.m. for about 15 minutes to discuss labor relations. The Mayor and Council returned from Executive Session at 7:51 p.m. A motion was made by **Councilors Edmundson/Montgomery** to approve the agreement with International Association of Firefighters Local 4111. All agreed. Motion carried

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH PUBLIC WORKS TEAMSTERS LOCAL 231.

City Attorney Thomas stated that this union agreed to no cost of living increase and a shortened workweek for 2010, the employees also changed to a lower cost medical plan and will pay 10% of the premium for dependent coverage. This agreement will expire December 31, 2010. The City and Teamsters members have been working under the provisions of the agreement but had not completed a signed agreement. A motion was made by **Councilors Edmundson/Loving** to approve the agreement with Public Works Teamsters Local 231. All agreed. Motion carried.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CLERICAL TEAMSTERS LOCAL 231.

City Attorney Thomas stated that the union agreed to a shortened workweek for 2010. The employees have moved to a lower cost medical plan and will pay 10% of the premium cost for dependent coverage. This agreement will expire December 31, 2010. A motion was made by **Councilors Aslett/Sexton** to approve the agreement with Clerical Teamsters Local 231. All agreed. Motion carried.

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NEW BUSINESS:

PRESENTATION ON PROPOSAL FOR A NEW DOWNTOWN EVENT DURING BERRY DAIRY DAYS (STREET CLOSURE WILL BE NEEDED).

This item was removed from tonight's agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Mayor and Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:59 p.m. to discuss personnel. **City Attorney Thomas** stated he expected the session to last about 15 minutes. The Mayor and Council returned from Executive Session at 8:24 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Brunz adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Greg Thramer
Finance Director

Edward J. Brunz
Mayor