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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, Loving, Aslett, Valentine, and Montgomery. Staff present: City Administrator Aarstad, Planning Director Fleek, Library Director Perkins, Administrative Assistant Sheahan, and City Attorney Thomas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by **Councilors Loving/Doyle** to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2005 Council meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDIT OF BILLS:

Councilor Aslett presented the bills. A motion was made by **Councilors Aslett/Montgomery** to approve vouchers 43649 – 43747 in the amount of \$104,157.46. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Current Expense	\$ 20,516.07
Current Expense Cumulative Reserve	2,448.60
Fire Equipment Cumulative Reserve	9,294.92
City Street	9,821.58
Library	729.67
Parks & Recreation	6,411.30
Cemetery Fund	232.15
Stadium Fund	4,868.04
Park & Recreation Reserve	9,684.17
Sewer Fund	4,450.50
Sewer Cumulative Reserve	32,273.06
Storm Drainage Utility	3,427.40
Total	\$ 104,157.46

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

OFFICER REPORTS:

City Administrator Aarstad distributed copies of the most recent map showing city limit boundaries to the Council members.

City Administrator Aarstad distributed a memo asking the City Council to consider options for the use of the existing City Hall building. He would like council to consider if the Parks and Recreation Department should be located at the new City Hall or the current City Hall building. He noted that their decision will have an impact on the size of the new City Hall as well as site planning for the new Library building and surrounding parking area.

City Administrator Aarstad distributed information obtained in a survey of Code Cities in Washington state with populations similar to Burlington. A staff member at each Code City was asked if they had experienced any disadvantages resulting from the transition to Code City status. He also asked what advantages had resulted from the transition to Code City status.

A motion was made by **Councilors Doyle/Valentine** to excuse **Councilor Straathof** from tonight’s meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilor Doyle complemented the Cemetery crew for the work they had done at the cemetery and its beautiful appearance for Memorial Day.

Councilor Aslett congratulated the 2005 Burlington-Edison High School graduating class. He noted that his daughter is one of the graduates. **Councilor Doyle** noted that her grandson **J.J. Doyle** is also one of the graduates.

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Mayor Tjeerdsma announced that there would be an executive session at the end of tonight's meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

RECONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT & REZONE FROM R-1-9.6 SINGLE-FAMILY TO 4-3 MULTI-FAMILY. APPLICANT IS PAUL ERICSON.

Planning Director Fleek stated that the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on May 17, 2005 to hear comments on the revised request for a rezone and comprehensive plan amendment and made a recommendation to approve the request. The proposed zoning is consistent with the zoning of the site to the west and south. To the east, the zoning is R-2 Duplex and R-1 Single Family. To the north, the zoning is Single Family. The goal of the project is to rezone the site to increase the allowable density for the future. This is one of few remaining vacant sites in this part of Burlington. Staff recommends granting the comprehensive plan amendment and rezone request. Council discussed the future plans for Highway 20 and Peterson Road in that vicinity. **City Administrator Aarstad** noted that construction will begin in 2006 on Highway 20 near Fredonia and move east with completion estimated in 2009. When completed, Peterson Road will not connect to Goldenrod and should reduce the amount of traffic at the location of the property under discussion tonight. A motion was made by **Councilors Bensen/Valentine** to adopt the resolution to amend Comprehensive Plan map from single family/duplex to multi-family. All approved. Motion carried.

(Resolution # 4-2005)

A motion was made by **Councilors Bensen/Loving** to adopt the ordinance rezoning property (known as Assessor's Parcel Numbers P62617 and P105093) from single family to multi-family. All approved. Motion carried.

(Ordinance # 1574)

NEW BUSINESS:

PROPOSED PRELIMINARY SUBDIVISION FOR 9 LOTS REPLATTING A PORTION OF A TWO LOT SHORT PLAT. APPLICANT IS LOWELL AND FAYE ENGBERG. SITE IS LOCATED AT 935 E. GILKEY ROAD.

Planning Director Fleek stated that the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on May 17, 2005 to hear comments on the proposed subdivision and made a recommendation to approve the request, subject to twelve conditions. **Councilor Aslett** asked if there would be room for parking on the new street. **Planning Director Fleek** noted that parking would be allowed on only one side due to the width of the street. **Councilor Loving** stated that he is not as concerned about lack of parking as the street will serve only nine (9) lots with a cul-de-sac at the end. If the city requires a wider street that would cut down on the number of lots for residential construction. He noted that the City should use the available in-fill areas for residential construction. A motion was made by **Councilors Loving/Bensen** to approve the preliminary subdivision subject to recommendations of the Planning Commission. Voting in favor were **Councilors Loving, Bensen, Montgomery** and **Valentine**. Voting against were **Councilors Aslett** and **Doyle**. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION REGARDING AN INCREASE IN ELECTED OFFICIALS MONTHLY SALARY.

City Administrator Aarstad stated that salary increases may not raise the salaries of current councilmembers during their term of office. This means that the city council can vote to increase salaries, but the new salaries would not take effect until after the next election at the beginning of a new term. As long as the salary increase ordinance is passed prior to the election, councilmembers are eligible to receive the pay increase as soon as they begin a new term of office. It has been suggested that any salary changes be made prior to the election filing period (July 25-29, 2005) so that potential candidates are aware of the new salary. A change would affect only the council positions currently held by **Councilors Doyle, Loving,**

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Bensen and Aslett. Councilmember Montgomery will be required to run for the Ward #1 Council position during the next election this fall to retain the seat. The current term of the position runs through December 31, 2007, thus the salary for Ward #1 would not change until January 2008 (the beginning of the next term). Salary increases for the other council positions would be effective January 1, 2008. The salary of the Mayor may be raised during the term of office because the Mayor does not vote to pass the applicable ordinance. **Councilor Valentine** stated that it has been four years since salaries for elected officials have been raised. She suggested that they be raised \$200.00 per month for both Mayor and Council positions effective January 1, 2006. A motion was made by **Councilors Bensen/Valentine** to increase City Council monthly salaries by \$200.00 per month effective with the beginning of the next term of office and also raise the Mayor's salary by \$200.00 per month effective January 1, 2006. All approved. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Mayor and City Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. to discuss litigation. The Mayor and City Council returned from Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by **Councilors Doyle/Montgomery** to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Richard A. Patrick
Finance Director / City Clerk

Roger "Gus" Tjeerdsma
Mayor