

September 8, 2005

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Tjeerdsma called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Members present: Bensen, Doyle, Loving, Aslett, Valentine, Straathof and Montgomery. Staff present: City Administrator Aarstad, Finance Director Patrick, Administrative Assistant Sheahan and City Attorney Thomas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by **Councilors Doyle/Valentine** to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2005 Council meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried. A motion was made by **Councilors Loving/Doyle** to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2005 Council workshop. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDIT OF BILLS:

Councilor Straathof presented the bills. A motion was made by **Councilors Straathof/Aslett** to approve vouchers 44384 – 44478 in the amount of \$371,781.83. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Current Expense	\$ 84,068.86
Current Expense Cumulative Reserve	4,004.76
City Street	172,287.11
Library	5,616.54
Library Permanent Book	379.16
Parks & Recreation	22,958.34
Cemetery Fund	1,613.58
Stadium Fund	4,092.17
Park & Recreation Reserve	2,460.12
Sewer Fund	73,103.30
Sewer Cumulative Reserve	1,197.89
Total	\$ 371,781.83

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Mark Kramer, 506 South Cherry, complained about the timing of the signal light on Burlington Boulevard at Whitmarsh Road. He complimented the city for including short messages on the utility bills.

OFFICER REPORTS:

City Administrator Aarstad asked that Councilmembers wishing to attend the AWC Regional meeting October 6, 2005 to please let him or Judy Sheahan know soon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS FOR AUGUST 2005.

City Administrator Aarstad announced the Yard of the Month residential winners for August as: the Underdorfer family, 205 E. Victoria Avenue; Ms. Della Young, 821 E. Greenleaf Avenue; Ms. Joyce Wiemerslage, 1721 Lewalice Lane; and the Rodriguez family, 709 S. Pine Street. The business winners for August were Skagit River Chiropractic of 839 E. Fairhaven Avenue and Michael’s Crafts of 1567 S. Burlington Blvd.

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STREET VACATION RESOLUTION TO SET THE DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER VACATING A PORTION OF MAGNOLIA AVENUE BETWEEN THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN RAILWAY AND NORTH OAK STREET.

City Administrator Aarstad stated that the date of the public hearing for a proposed street vacation on Magnolia Avenue between the Burlington Northern Railway and North Oak Street needs to be set by Resolution. **Planning Director Fleek** has requested that the Burlington City Council hold the Public Hearing Thursday October 13, 2005. A motion was made by **Councilors Bensen/Montgomery** to approve the resolution setting the public hearing to consider vacating a portion of Magnolia Avenue between the Burlington Northern Railway and North Oak Street as October 13, 2005. All agreed. Motion carried.
(Resolution #8-2005)

INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT – SKAGIT RIVER IMPACT PARTNERSHIP:

City Administrator Aarstad stated that the cities of Burlington, Sedro-Woolley and Mount Vernon as well as Skagit County Dike Districts No. 1, 3, 12, 17 and 22 have been meeting to create a single and stronger voice to State and Federal agencies relating to issues regarding flood protection and flood management of the Skagit River. This partnership will create a coordinated effort to fund development and plan the implementation of flood reduction measures for the citizens of the Skagit Valley. The partnership will begin with the governmental entities noted, but other agencies will be encouraged to join as the partnership grows. He asked council to approve the draft version and authorize the Mayor to sign the final version if there are not any substantial changes. A motion was made by **Councilors Bensen/Loving** to approve the Inter-local agreement among the Skagit River Impact Partnership. All agreed. Motion carried.

CHANGE OF DATES FOR SECOND CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2005:

City Administrator Aarstad noted that the second council meeting in November falls on Thanksgiving Day. It is recommended the Council formally move to reschedule this meeting to Tuesday November 22, 2005. This year the second meeting in December falls on December 22, 2005. In past years the Council has formally adopted to cancel this meeting. If the Council chooses to cancel this meeting, a motion should be made now to allow staff to notify the citizens of this change. A motion was made by **Councilors Valentine/Doyle** to reschedule the November 24, 2005 council meeting to Tuesday November 22, 2005 and to cancel the December 22, 2005 Council meeting. All agreed. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Mayor and City Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. to discuss personnel and litigation. The Mayor and City Council returned from Executive Session at 7:58 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by **Councilors Straathof/Aslett** to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Richard A. Patrick
Finance Director / City Clerk

Roger "Gus" Tjeerdsma
Mayor