

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 10, 2013
7:00 pm

Mayor Heinzman called the regular council meeting to order at 6:59 pm.

Roll Call: Mayor Heinzman, Mike Swanson, Rita Burke, Gail Ganga, Eddie Hills and Mike Couch were present.

Gail G. made a motion to **accept the minutes** from the August meeting. Mike C. 2nd the motion. Discussion: Eddie Hills would like to amend the minutes to state that the schedule 22 and the code of conduct have nothing to do with each other. Motion passed with a.i.f.

Mike C. made a motion to **accept the treasurer's** report for August. Rita B. 2nd the motion. Motion passed with a.i.f.

Mike C. made a motion to **pay the bills** for September. Eddie H. 2nd the motion. Motion passed with a.i.f.

Agenda Review/Mayor's Report: A letter from DOH with the comments from the WSP as been received. A meeting with Gray and Osborne is scheduled for Monday to go over the possible changes.

Department Heads & Council/Committee Reports: Councilmember Eddie H. suggests that the council and staff take the time to get all the changes to the WSP done, because the fee charged by DOH only includes 1 review. He also tells council that he met with PUD and they have given him prices for them to do a 1", a 1.5", and a dual service connection. They will amend the Interlocal agreement already in place and add any prices to it. He would like add it to the WSP to avoid any conflict regarding contractors and who is or is not experienced in water lines.

Eddie tells council that he and Mark met with Tony from Skagit County regarding the leak on Pipeline. The county can cut the road. Mark will then be able to see where and how big the leak is. They estimate the cost at approx \$2500 to fix the leak.

Mike S made a motion to spend up to \$3500 to fix the leak. Mike C. 2nd the motion. Motion passed with a.i.f.

Mark K tells council that the records show 45,000 gals of water saved in the first 10 days of Sept. Before it was still virtual water loss, but now he can depend on the numbers from the meter, since it is calibrated and working properly. Mark encourages everyone to come to the pump house and check it out.

Eddie asks about exercising the hydrants and valves. Ryein Kitchen states her boyfriend will come up on Fridays and help Mark do that, because it will take 2 people.

Mark K says he needs help in getting the north side of the Minkler House painted. He also says there is dry rot on the corner. He said he doesn't have the time to do it.

Mayor Heinzman asked him to contact Joe Miller to come and assess the situation. So they can decide if it should get fixed now or wait until spring.

Mark asks council if they want him to replace the Gross Weight sign on Prevedell. They tell him no.

Correspondence: A letter from the Skagit County Commissioners was read regarding the Flood Control Study. They asked the Town's and City's to contribute to the cost of the study.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: Mr. Nilson the principle at Lyman Elementary told the council that the Back to School Parade was going to be a light version this year. He said that it was going to start at the church and the classes will walk to the school. There will be no floats this year but the bands would still be coming. He asked for permission to close Main Street from 5:45 to 6:30. Mayor Heinzman said that was fine and that the invitation for anyone on council to help with traffic was out there. Mr. Neilsen thanked the council.

Sheriff Will Reichardt was present to talk to the council about the new Jail Facility Use Agreement. The rest of the City's in Skagit County met and agreed to 3/10 of 1% of sales tax would go towards the new jail. He asked the council to consider doing the same. The money will be restricted by the DOR for Public Safety. He said that if the town decide to give the project their 3/10 of 1% and ever changed their mind, with a 12 month notice, the agreement could be changed.

Mike C made a motion to accept the New Jail Facility Agreement terms. Rita B 2nd the motion. Motion passed with 4 yays. Mike S. was opposed.

Sheriff Reichardt also said that Officer Kading from the up river office could be available to come to council meetings if council would like him to.

Citizen Comments: Ryein Kitchen asks if the minutes in the paper are the minutes that are handed out. The clerk tells her that the minutes are sent to the SVH and to the Concrete Herald Editor and they use what they want. She also tells her that the minutes are posted in the hall by the front door for anyone to read. Ryein asks for minutes for the year 2013.

Anna a resident on Meyer streets asks if there is anything that can be done about dogs running at large. Mayor Heinzman advises her to make a formal written complaint and then she can have a letter written to the dog owner so they can address the complaint.

Jody Brown is present and passes out information on ACN. They offer phone, cable, and internet services. She would like council to check it out, because she feels she can help save the town money on phone service.

Mike C. asks Mark if it is time to look at getting a new mower. He said yes. A short discussion on O-turn vs. tractor type mowers follows.

Mayor Heinzman asks if there are any more comments.

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Adjournment: Gail G. made a motion to adjourn. Rita B. 2nd the motion. Motion passed with a.i.f. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25.