

January 16, 2007

TOWN OF LYMAN  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

7:03 Mayor Chris Stormont called the first meeting of the new year 2007 to order.

Roll Call All members with the exception of Mike Couch were present. Mr. Couch had an excused absence.

Minutes A motion to accept the December 12<sup>th</sup> minutes as if read aloud was made by Debra Heinzman and the motion seconded by Karen Griffith. The motion carried with a.i.f.

Treasurer's Report The treasurer's report was read. A motion to accept the report was made by Mike Swanson with a second to the motion by Jeff Chester. The motion carried with a.i.f.

Checking	68446.77
Savings	1941.71
CD accts	<u>95210.07</u>
TOTAL	165,598.55

Bills The current unpaid bills were read. A motion to pay the unpaid bills was made by Mike Swanson. Debra Heinzman seconded the motion. The Motion carried with a.i.f.

16,106.18

Petty cash Karen Griffith made a motion to pay petty cash with a second by Jeff Chester. The motion carried with a.i.f.

75.76

Correspondence:

A letter from AWC asking the cities to help celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary In 2008 by sending in history and pictures for an anniversary booklet that will be made. Three suggestions of interest is the closing of the saw mill that reduced the population of Lyman from 840 down to 325. The new Water System that is adding population due to the fact that Lyman can now add customers to the system. The last house was built in the late 70's due to a water moratorium. The population of the town is now 450 and still growing. The rails to trails was also brought up as a subject. Any help will be much appreciated.

## Unfinished Business:

Being as burning is no longer allowed in the Town of Lyman a discussion took place regarding the storm damage to the park, cemetery and town. A lot of branches were blown all over and what to do with them was the question. Mayor Stormont told the Council that he has been asked to testify in Olympia for AWC Legislature regarding the burn ban. No one could tell Mayor Stormont which was worse, the noxious fumes from chippers, truck fuel hauling the debris or burning. There has not been any studies made on this subject. Mayor Stormont told the council that a commercial grade chipper with the funding and training would be furnished by Northwest Clean Air if the Town would like to apply and take responsibility of this project. The chipper would be a commercial grade with the responsibility going along with it. At this time Lyman does not have anyone willing to train as an operator or give their time to the public. A suggestion was made by Mike Swanson to call Northwest Clean Air and apply for a burning permit. Eileen said that she would call and find out about a burning permit for the organic waste left by the snow, rain, and wind.

Northwest Clean Air was called and we were told that Skagit County Site lists the alternative for the burn and only if none of the alternatives can be met only then could we apply for a burn permit and it is very rare that one would be issued. The receptionist said that “if there was a permitting process and if it was that easy to get a permit they wouldn’t have a burn ban.” (slight snicker)

Street Light Report by Debbie Boyd. A report is filed in the office. Anyone that would like to see report please ask the Clerk. The report tells of the cost of each light and that the Town owned lights have a better deal than the ones owned by Puget Power .

Tree Removal on Davis Lane. Quotes have not yet been given. Will be on February agenda.

## New Business:

Code Enforcer Report by Stan Werner. Stan reported that two tickets have been given for dogs running loose. The request for another dog trap has been made with permission given to Mr. Werner to purchase the trap and the trap will be paid for from petty cash. A dog was taken to the Skagit County Humane Society. The dog was wandering the streets without a Collar or tags.

Stan May from BHC Consultants have the Lyman Estates report from Skagit Surveyors. He will be contacting the Town as soon as he has

had an opportunity to review.

Eddie Shields presented a building permit for a modular home and shop on 31437 Prevedal Road. Mayor Stormont signed the permit.

Gravel and Street repair was discussed. Mayor Stormont said that he would contact Arne Swenson and get a bid to fix all of the streets.

Council Comments:

Debra Heinzman said that she would like all projects kept on the agenda so the council would know how long it takes for a project to get off the ground and be finished. A report of all projects that have been voted to take place and haven't yet started will be on next months agenda,

An executive meeting was called. The regular meeting will be continued After the "E" meeting.

Adjournment: The January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting was adjourned by the Mayor.