

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2007

Mayor Stormont called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Roll Call

Mike Couch had an excused absence

Mayor Stormont present

Debra Heinzman present

Mike Swanson present

Karen Griffith present

Jeff Chester present

Debra Heinzman made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 13, 2007 council meeting. Karen Griffith seconded the motion. Motion carried with a.i.f.

Treasurer's report \$131,149.81

Karen Griffith made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Debra Heinzman seconded the motion. Motion carried with a.i.f.

Unpaid bills \$7887.46

A question concerning the \$54.00 bill from Ferrell Gas was raised. It is the tank rent for the Jackpot.

A motion was made pay the bills for December. Karen Griffith seconded the motion. Motion carried with a.i.f.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Kevin Bell, pastor of Christ the King Church came to give the council an update and renew the contract for rent of the hall on Saturday nights. He said that they were having a great time and would like to extend the contract so they would not have to come before the council every 6 weeks. Debra Heinzman asked if there was one contact person that would be making decisions as far as using the hall on different dates than the original Saturday nights as requested. Kevin Bell states that CTK is a community church and as people come forward and ask permission to do outreach, if he agrees then he encourages them in their ideas. He asks if it is in reference to the Video Game Night on Friday the 14th.

Debra Heinzman stated that those things were not discussed at the original meeting with the council.

Mr. Bell said he did not think he would have to come to council on those matters and apologized if he did not follow the existing policy for use of the hall.

Ms Heinzman is concerned that originally CTK asked for specific dates and times to rent the hall, and now there seems to be changes and additions.

Mr. Bell asks what the council would like him to do concerning these issues.

Ms Heinzman asked if adding extra dates would be ongoing.

Mr. Bell answers hopefully yes. CTK specializes in outreach ministries that enrich the community.

Mayor Stormont suggests that Mr. Bell give a list of people he designates as spokesman for his ministry, pertaining to new dates and functions at the hall on behalf of CTK.

Mr. Bell at this time asked the council to extend the contract.

A discussion follows with concerns raised that the Town hall is for the community and if it is monopolized by one entity there could be a problem.

Debra Heinzman asks if CTK has an interest in the community and possibly build a church, or is the plan to always use the city hall as their meeting place.

Mr. Bell states that he hadn't yet addressed that, but his interest is in the community and CTK is a community church.

Karen Griffith asks if they ever have a church in the community or do they always use other buildings. Mr. Bell answers that normally they rent facilities rather than spend resources on buildings.

Karen Griffith asks then as long as you are involved in this community you will always want to use the hall. Mr. Bell states that they do have other options such as the School and that although they are not opposed to owning a building, they would rather turn those resources back into community.

More concerns are raised that the Town Hall is for everyone in the community and should available for all. When it is established that someone is coming in on an ongoing basis, with no end in sight it may be seen as a "church". This differs from the situation with Lyman Baptist Church, as they were already an established part of the community and the Council decided to help them in their time of need, knowing that they will be using the hall temporarily until a new church is built.

Mayor Stromont states that the hall has been used throughout the years for funerals, weddings, family reunions, etc. and some, as the Bluegrass Association Christmas party, for many years in a row. Things such as funerals are not planned and may conflict with some of the things planned by CTK. The concern is that others in the community may not be able to use the facility if a long term contract is drawn up.

A suggestion is made that a month to month contract would work, or every other month.

Kevin Bell asks the council to maybe shift their thinking a little bit and not think of them as an extra entity, but as part of the community because the people coming to church are part of Lyman. He explains that Stan is putting on a fun night for kids 7th grade and up, on Friday the 14th as an outreach.

Stan explains that he would like to do something with the youth about once a month.

Next month may be dodge ball at the school.

Stan Werner asks if there is a fee for the Friday Night Video night.

Mayor Stormont states that there is no charge for Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, or Brownies, or the Harvest Festival or for Funerals anything that is a community event.

Debra Heinzman states that she would like to research this a bit to see what other City's do in the same situation, and asks Mr. Bell if there are a lot of other things planned already. He answers that all he is asking to reserve right now on a continual basis is the Saturday evenings, and additional events as the facility is available, but not project out a series of events.

Mike Swanson voices his concern that this is a little unusual for Lyman, and others may feel shut out if CTK is using the facility too much.

Ms Heinzman states again that her concern is that the town hall will be thought of as a church, because of church services Saturday night and Sunday mornings; this is a city hall and is for all public use.

A motion is made to extend the contract to CTK, with an update being brought to the council every other meeting. The motion is seconded. Motion carries with a.i.f.

Mr. Bell states that in his absence he would like to appoint Stan Werner as spokesman for him.

Code Enforcement Officer Stan Werner reports that he has had a problem finding a kennel. He asks if the council would have a problem with a \$25.00 or so delivery fee, because of his hours and lack of a proper vehicle to haul a kennel here.

Mayor Stromont states that he sees no problem with that as the council has already authorized the purchase of a kennel. Stan states that he just did not want to overstep his bounds by having it delivered without speaking to the council first.

NEW BUSINESS:

A short comment period about the 2008 budget establishes it as the preliminary working copy, needed are the bid for the Bathrooms at the park and the cost of a fence around pump house 1.

Debra Heinzman makes a motion to accept the preliminary budget with the bids to be added before the final Budget resolution is adopted.

Karen Griffith seconds the motion. Motion carries with a.i.f.

A decision is made to advertise for a new Town Attorney, as Mr. Day is unable to fulfill the town's needs. This will be done by placing an add in the paper.

Councilman Chester would like Ordinance 187 to be rewritten to conform to the Outdoor Burning Laws as they read now. The old ordinance was written in 2005, although it refers to the January 2007 permanent burn ban for the Town of Lyman and the RCW chapters, it is confusing as it includes residential fires, which are now banned. He feels that this needs to be rewritten instead of amended to clear up any confusion.

After a short discussion it is agreed upon that a new Ordinance will be written up and presented to the council at the next meeting for their review

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed with a.i.f.

Mayor Stormont adjourned the meeting at 8:12 pm

Debbie Boyd, Deputy Clerk