

TOWN OF LYMAN
COUNCIL MEETING
November 14th, 2006
PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPERTY TAX
PUBLIC HEARING FOR BUDGET 2007

THE PROPERTY TAX PUBLIC HEARING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:15 P.M.

Mayor Stormont explained the property tax procedure. The percentage of tax that the town is able to collect stands at 1%, however the previous 6% that was legal to collect may still be legal. The county said that if the 6% is established legal we would be able to receive the amount. If we put 1% that would be all that the Town would receive. Debbie Heinzman made a motion to ask for the 6% tax increase. Mike Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried with a.i.f. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

THE BUDGET 2007 PUBLIC HEARING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Stormont read the draft of the budget for 2007. Different issues were brought up such as a fence for the cemetery which the Council decided that it was necessary however the Lyman Estates should fence the area and pay for it. The draft was sent home with the council members to go over the budget and make decisions. The need for two new computers was brought up as the hard drive was dangerously low on disk space. The last computer purchased for the town was in 1997 and we received two 20 gig used computers from the county. Mike Couch made a motion to purchase the needed computers right away and the motion was seconded by Karen Griffith. The motion carried with a.i.f. Due to the necessity of the computers it wasn't in the 2006 budget. The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

The 7 p.m. November 14th Town of Lyman Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Chris Stormont.

The roll call was called with one excused absence, Mike Swanson.

The October 10th minutes were silently read and a motion to accept the minutes was made by Mike Couch with a second by Debbie Heinzman. Motion carried with all in favor.

The treasure's report was read and a motion to accept the report by Mike Couch and seconded by Debbie Heinzman. The motion carried and passed with a.i.f.

October 31, 2006	Checking Account	\$ 62,974.00
	Saving Account	1,935.68
	C D Account	<u>95,210.07</u>
		\$160,119.75

Mike Couch made a motion to pay the November bills. Debbie Heinzman seconded the motion to pay the bills. The bills were \$11,474.27 including payroll.

Mike Couch made a motion to replenish petty cash of \$63.94 Debbie Heinzman seconded the motion. The motion carried with a.i.f.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Debbie Boyd has called Puget Sound Energy and also e-mailed them twice with no response from them about energy saving bulbs. She will continue to pursue the energy saving feature for the town.

Mayor Stormont reads the minutes from the Public Hearing held on Nov 8, 2006 to the audience.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed with a.i.f.

Preliminary Subdivision Application / Dennis and Teresa Conner

Mayor Stormont reads the modified MDNS to the audience. A short discussion by Jeff Chester and Mayor Stormont about the mail service to the new project Debbie Boyd states that Roberta Melton the Lyman Postmaster is consulting with the Sedro Woolley Postmaster on the issue.

Mayor Stormont gives the floor to Mr. Requa. He introduces himself and Mr. Conner. He passes out to the council and audience the new drawing of Lyman Estates. The new drawing shows the recommended changes and modifications suggested at the Nov 8, 2006 public hearing. He also passes out a partial copy of the FEMA flood map that they used for reference during the planning of the subdivision. It shows the triangle of land that is owned by Mr. Conner that is actually in the county, and why the Critical Areas Ordinance concerning wetlands has been an issue with this project.

Mr. Requa addresses the emergency vehicle access. Mayor Stormont comments that the SS&E drawing has Davis Lane and Reece St backwards. SS&E acknowledges the mistake. He states that the access is designed to the minimum radius that is allowed. It is to be fenced and not to be used by residents. Mayor Stormont asks if the access is going to be gravel. A yes response is given.

Debra Heinzman asks about lot 18. SS&E answers that lot 18 will use Davis Lane because it is the existing home on the property. SS&E also states that lot 18 is the only lot that is allowed to use Davis Lane. Jeff Chester also questions the way the access looks on the drawing. Mayor Stormont voices his concern that people may want to use this as a short cut into town. Debra Heinzman again questions the lot 18 issue stating that it could be a problem if they were to use this area as a parking place and block the emergency vehicle access to the property. Mr. Requa states that the actual access to lot 18 can be moved, so that will not occur. Mayor Stormont suggests that the access be moved to the southeast corner of lot 18 to avoid this problem. That is agreed upon as a solution.

The next issue addressed is the stormwater plan. This is discussed at length. Lot 19 is brought up as an issue and discussed. After a long discussion Debra Heinzman suggests that since the accepted MDNS states that the town requires that the project is to be looked

at by a Civil Engineer of the towns choosing, before any construction starts, that the council give the preliminary plat approval subject to the Engineer's report. Jeff Chester agrees and makes a motion for the subdivision approval on the stated conditions. The motion is seconded. Mike Couch abstains from the vote. Motion passed with 3 yea's.

The amendment to the Dog Ordinance was discussed. The ordinance will be voted on at the December meeting. The council will be deciding on the first offense, the time it takes to return the dog to the owners, the expense of taking the dogs to the pound and the fines for the second and third offense.

The purchasing of the broadband was discussed. Mike Couch will talk to Keith Nelson about what it will take other than \$\$'s to make the broadband work for the Town. Purchasing the system was agreed upon by the Council. The Town will pay for the tower etc. and a meeting will take place with the other users for a proper division that will be equal and satisfactory for all.

NEW BUSINESS:

Margaret Cabe had to leave the meeting early but left her plans to build on to her house for the council to see. The plans are for an addition to her bedroom. The council looked the plans over and a motion was made and seconded to approve the plans. Mayor Stormont signed her building permit.

Mike Couch brought up the renting of the Town Hall. He said that the town should not allow any alcohol even if the people have a banquet permit. The council agreed that it would be better if no alcohol was allowed even for a toast at a wedding etc. Mike Couch made a motion that no alcohol will be allowed in the Town Hall and Jeff Chester seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 ayes and 1 nay.

Comments on the fences for the cemetery, pump house, and shop were discussed. The council would like a second estimate. Guyline Fencing was mentioned.

Citizen Comments:

Cheryl Wick asked the Mayor and Council when her curb would be fixed. Mayor Stormont said that it would be built the coming Friday.

A motion to adjourn was made and a second. It passed with a.i.f. Motion carried.

Eileen Wartchow

