

TOWN OF LYMAN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

Mayor Stormont called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Stormont	present
Karen Griffith	present
Debra Heinzman	present
Jeff Chester	present
Mike Couch MPT	present
Mike Swanson	excused absence

Silent reading of minutes from council meeting of August 14, 2007

A motion was made and seconded to accept minutes of 8/14/07

Motion passed with a.i.f.

Treasurer's report was read aloud.

A motion was made and seconded to accept treasurer's report.

Motion passed with a.i.f.

Unpaid bills were read aloud.

A motion was made and seconded to pay the bill for the month of September 2007.

Motion passed with a.i.f.

No petty cash

CORRESPONDANCE:

Mayor Stormont signed the contract with the Humane Society of Skagit Valley for the year 2008.

A letter from Deluxe Recycling and Disposal LLC was read to the audience by Mayor Stormont.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The new NO DUMPING sign, that will be put up by Skagit County was shown to the audience and Mayor Stormont explained that fines will be imposed for any illegal dumping on the banks of rails to trails or anywhere else in town.

John Ruthford a Commissioner from District 8 brought a list of improvements that District 8 has paid for on the Lyman Fire Station. This list dated back to 1993. A question of raising the rent from \$1500.00 a year to \$3600.00 a year was raised when the amount paid to Dist 8 by the Town of Lyman went from 22,000 a year to 30,000. It was later determined that a mistake had been made in the calculation of the billed amount. Mr. Ruthford and the Council decided that a renegotiation of the rent should be done at a later time with one or two people from both parties. A date will be decided and a meeting set up.

Jacob Martin applied for a variance on his property 8321 S Main St. in Lyman to decrease the minimum setback of the rear yard to 10 feet.

Mike Couch made a motion to approve the variance. Karen Griffith seconded the motion. Motion passed with a.i.f.

Mr. Martin also applied for a building permit to add a garage to his property. A motion was made and seconded to approve the building permit. Motion passed with a.i.f.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kevin Bell a pastor for Christ the King church asked the council if CTK could rent the town hall on Saturday evenings for 3 hours for worship service. He asked about an 18 week commitment. After discussion about the parking situation, or lack there of, it was decided that a shorter commitment of 6-8 weeks on a trial basis would be better. Mr. Bell said he would get some flyers up and see many residents in town are interested in attending service. A schedule would then be made and the hall reserved. The Town Council and the Mayor welcomed him to town.

Leo Jacobs from Sedro Woolley is working on a Recycling waste grant that would include a service to the Town of Lyman and its residents. This would include a large dumpster being placed in town for a short period of time each month for residents to put in yard waste as an alternative to burning. The council is interested, and asked Mr. Jacobs to keep them updated on the progress he is making on getting the project off the ground.

Christina Coneff asked permission to have 2 miniature horses at her residence at 31044 W Main St. West Park in Lyman. Opposing this was her neighbor Carrie Annett. Mrs. Annett is concerned that the property the horses would be pastured on is in the flood plain and in the event of a flood there would be nowhere for the horses to go. She also stated that the Coneff's had started building a fence that was in conflict with the covenant that the West Park residents are bound to. The council stated that they do not enforce the covenant, and do not have a problem with a fence being built, but did advise Mrs. Coneff that the neighbors did have a legitimate concern. Mayor Stormont also voiced his concern about with livestock, even in the best of conditions, there is a possibility of rodents, and then it would definitely become a concern of the town. He suggested an agreement between neighbors would be the best action.

The council voted to purchase a new US flag and a new WA state flag, at the estimated cost of \$177.00

A list of new city and street signs was presented to the council for consideration. The new signs and hardware are approximately \$1,000.00.

A motion was made by Jeff Chester to purchase the new signs. The motion was seconded by Karen Griffith. After a brief discussion, a vote was taken, motion carried. Mike Couch voted nay.

The Council stated that the signs were to be put up in a timely manner.

CITIZEN AND COUNCIL REMARKS:

Mayor Stormont opened the floor to the Audience for discussion:

Code Enforcement Officer Stan Werner brought to the attention of the council the matter of a dog belonging to Steve and Dawn Whitten. The dog, a rotweiler named Rusty had been taken to the Humane Society by Stan because of a continuing lack of control of the dog by the owners. The code enforcement officer had received several complaints by Lyman residents that they were growled at by the dog, and did not feel safe around him. He has been seen by several people jumping in and out of the Whitten's fence with ease. Several residents were present at the meeting to verify that the dog has been seen at large both when the owners were home and gone.

The council agreed that Stan was within jurisdiction to put a temporary hold on the dog at the Humane Society until he could be sure that the owners could and would maintain complete control of their dog. Stan agreed to take the hold off the dog, and allow the Whitten's to pick up their dog, although it was against his better judgment, because of the potential of the dog to be aggressive.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Karen Griffith and Mike Couch.
Meeting was adjourned at 9:02