

LYNDEN CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

March 3, 2008

I CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jack Louws called to order the March 3, 2008 regular session of the Lynden City Council at 7:00 P.M. at the Lynden City Hall Annex.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Mayor Jack Louws; Councilors Doug Adelstein, Gary Bode, Dave Burns, Ron De Valois, Tobey Gelder, and Nick Laninga.

Members absent: Councilor Gerald Kuiken with notice.

Staff present: Fire Chief Gary Baar, Administrative Assistant Rachel Byers, Finance Director Teresa Camfield, Planning Director Amy Harksell, Public Works Director Duane Huskey, Parks and Recreation Director Vern Meenderinck, and City Administrator Bill Verwolf. Also present was City Attorney Bob Carmichael.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Louws noted a correction to the minutes presented to Council. Under the Executive Session Councilor De Valois had made the motion authorizing staff to make a formal offer to purchase property.

Councilor De Valois moved and Councilor Gelder seconded that the corrected minutes of the February 19, 2008 regular session be approved. The motion carried.

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Scheduled - None

Unscheduled - None

II CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Payroll

Direct Deposits, Draws and Warrants No. 12834 through 12884 \$ 377,895.26

Set Public Hearing Date for Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan

Adjust Public Hearing Date for Sewer Comprehensive Plan

Bids for Surplus Equipment – 1990 Vac Con – Public Works

Berthusen Park Annual Report - 2007

Councilor Bode moved and Councilor De Valois seconded that the items on the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion carried.

III NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Final Plat – Scenic Estates

The developers of the Scenic Estates Long Plat have requested final plat approval for their 34 single family lots west of Line Road. The development has met the requirements of preliminary plat approval and the Public Works Department has done the final inspection and generated a

punch list of items left to be completed. The applicant is bonding for the final lift of asphalt, trail construction and the fencing on the south property line.

With the bonding of the trail for better construction weather, the applicants are also requesting that they received credit for the developer's share of the Park Impact Fees. They have paid the full amount for Transportation and Fire Impact Fees, and will provide the City with the certified cost once construction is completed. Based on the estimated cost, it is possible that the homeowner's share could be credited as well. The City agreed to consider this request during the preliminary plat approval when the requirement for trail construction was imposed.

The Planning and Public Works departments are recommending final plat approval on the following conditions:

- Completion of all punch list items;
- Approval of as-built drawings; and
- Final submittal of all required performance and maintenance bonds.

Councilor Bode moved and Councilor Kuiken seconded that final plat approval for Scenic Estates long plat be granted based on the conditions listed above; that the Mayor be authorized to sign the mylar drawings when completed; and that Council will consider granting credit toward Park Impact Fees once construction is completed. The motion carried.

Mr. Len VanderVelden, 1481 Pine Street, Lynden informed Council that City staff had been a pleasure to work with. Mayor Louws thanked Mr. VanderVelden for attending the meeting and for his comments.

Other

Report of 15 Minute Water Outage Last Week

Public Work Director Duane Huskey updated Council on the water outage that occurred last week. Mayor Louws completed City staff for their prompt response. Councilor Laninga also extended his appreciation and also thanked City staff for their work over the winter clearing all the snow we received.

Letter From Lynden Boy Scout Troop 28

Councilor Laninga read a letter that was address to Council from Boy Scout Troop 28 asking for members of Council to attend one of there meetings to discuss government and what the troop can do for the Lynden Community. Councilor Laninga agreed to be the liaison for Council.

Lynden Christian Girls Basketball Team's Championship

Councilor Burns congratulated the Lynden Christian girl's basketball team for their State Championship. He said they were 29-0 for the year. Mayor Louws stated that our community is very proud of them.

VI EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council went into Executive Session at 7:17 P.M. to discuss labor contracts. It was anticipated that the Executive Session would last approximately 5 to 10 minutes and that action may be taken following the session. Council came out of Executive Session at 7:24 P.M. and no action was taken.

VII ADJOURNMENT

The March 3, 2008 regular session of the Lynden City Council adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Rachel Byers, Administrative Assistant

Jack Louws, Mayor