

LYNDEN CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

MARCH 15, 2010

I CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Scott Korthuis called to order the March 15, 2010 regular session of the Lynden City Council at 7:00 P.M. at the Lynden City Hall Annex.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Mayor Scott Korthuis; Councilors Gary Bode, Dave Burns, Ron De Valois, Tobey Gelder, Jerry Kuiken, Nick Laninga, and Brent Lenssen.

Members absent: None.

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 attorney Simi Jain, attending for City Attorney Bob Carmichael.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor De Valois moved and Councilor Gelder seconded that the minutes of the March 1, 2010 Regular Council Session be approved. The motion carried.

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Scheduled

Lions Club Proclamation

Mayor Korthuis read and signed a proclamation declaring March 26, 2010 as Lions Day.

Mayor Korthuis thanked the Lions Club for their important contributions to the City of Lynden. He was then presented with a Lions Club flag for the City to fly on March 26, 2010.

Unscheduled

Mr. Michael Gleeson – E-Verify

Mr. Gleeson, 4761 Mosquito Road, Deming, WA 98244, appeared before Council. He passed around information relating to a program called E-Verify that he would like the City of Lynden to implement.

Council agreed to refer this matter to the Finance Committee for review.

II CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Claims

Manual Warrants No. 52281 through 52292	\$ 103,466.89
Voucher Warrants No. 52302 through 52452	\$ 447,386.98
Direct Payment	\$ 13,813.25
Total	<u>\$ 564,667.12</u>

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

III NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1375 – South Kok Road

The 45 day comment period that would require the Boundary Review Board to invoke their jurisdiction and schedule a public hearing if comments had been received has passed without comment. This Ordinance is the last step of the process for annexation of the area located south of Kok Road and west of Fishtrap Landing Interiors.

If Council approves the Ordinance at this meeting, the annexation will be effective on March 22, 2010, allowing the City to collect property tax for 2011 and sales tax immediately from those properties and business in the annexation area.

Councilor Kuiken moved and Councilor Bode seconded that Ordinance No. 1375, providing annexation to the City of Lynden, be approved and that the Mayor be authorized to sign said Ordinance. The motion carried.

North Prairie Long Plat

Mr. Bob Libolt submitted an application for a long plat east of Line Road and south of East Badger Road. While the property does not have direct access to Line Road, Mr. Libolt has made arrangements for access and construction of the Aaron Drive extension through the Arneson property.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the request on February 11, 2010. While no one spoke in direct opposition to the application, there were several people in attendance with interest in the extension of Aaron Drive. The Planning Commission encouraged the Technical Review Committee and Mr. Libolt to be very proactive in working with those property owners on access to Northwood Road.

The second point of interest in the Planning Commission's discussion was the request from the Parks department for a wider sidewalk for pedestrian access to the school property. This resulted in a note within a staff report that suggested that the street section could be slightly reduced to allow the wider sidewalk within the proposed right-of-way. After significant discussion of the standards, the Planning Commission determined that the street standards should be reviewed for street and parking strip width, but that a five foot sidewalk was sufficient. They did, however, require a wider planting or buffer strip between the curb and sidewalk. They felt the wider buffer would be more protection and would enhance the trail feeling more than a slightly wider sidewalk.

Councilor Kuiken moved and Councilor Burns seconded that preliminary approval for the North Prairie Long Plat be granted and that the Mayor be authorized to sign the Findings of Fact.

Council discussed the request from the Parks Committee to have the sidewalks serving as part of the City's trail system be six feet wide.

Councilor Laninga moved and Councilor De Valois seconded that the motion be amended to reflect Parks Director Meenderinck's recommendation that the sidewalks serving as part of the City's trail system be six feet wide. The motion failed with Councilors De Valois and Laninga voting in favor and Councilors Bode, Burns, Gelder, Kuiken, and Lenssen voting against.

Councilor Laninga moved and Councilor Bode seconded that the motion be amended to state that the sidewalks that are also serving as part of the trail system be designated as such.

Council discussed this amendment and Councilor Bode withdrew his second and Councilor Laninga withdrew his motion. Council agreed to refer the matter of designating sidewalks that are part of our trail system to the Parks Committee for review. . .

Council then discussed the need to reduce the street size due to the increase planter space by one foot. Public Works Director Huskey stated that rather than reducing the street size, the foot for utilities could be used so that the street remains at standard length and the planter can be five feet wide. Planning Director Harksell was agreeable to that resolution.

The motion that preliminary approval for the North Prairie Long Plat be granted and that the Mayor be authorized to sign the Findings of Fact passed.

Agreement for Consignment Services – Fire Department Rescue 75

The City Council approved the surplus of Rescue 75, a 1999 Spartan chassis with a Road Rescue ambulance box at their December 7, 2009 meeting. There were no bids submitted via the surplus procedure and no offers from the 30 day listing on ebay.

Chief Baar requested Council's approval for the City of Lynden to enter into an agreement with Fire Trucks Plus, Inc., a consignment company, in order to sell the vehicle.

Chief Baar would like the asking price set at \$40,000 for this vehicle which is the vehicle's suggested value according to the manufacturer. Fire Truck Plus agrees to the net price of \$40,000, therefore they will profit any money above the \$40,000. This consignment agreement will be for a minimum 180 days.

Councilor Burns moved and Councilor Lenssen seconded that the Consignment Agreement with Fire Trucks Plus, Inc., with the net value to the City of \$40,000, be approved and that the Mayor and Fire Chief be authorized to sign said Agreement. The motion carried.

OTHER

A representative from the Lions Club stated that the Club is happy to serve the City of Lynden.

IV EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council went into Executive Session at 7:38 P.M. to discuss negotiations. It was anticipated that the Executive Session would last approximately 20 to 25 minutes and that action may or may not be taken following the session. Council came out of Executive Session at 8:34 P.M. No action was taken.

V ADJOURNMENT

The March 15, 2010 regular session of the Lynden City Council adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Rachel Byers, Administrative Assistant

Scott Korthuis, Mayor