

LYNDEN CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

JUNE 16, 2008

I CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Louws called to order the June 16, 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, Dave Burns, Ron De Valois, Tobey Gelder, and Nick Laninga.

Members absent: Councilors Gary Bode and 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

Councilor Adelstein moved and Councilor Gelder seconded that the minutes of the June 2, 2008 regular session be approved. The motion carried.

Delft Square Fire

Mayor Louws extended his regrets to the property owners that were affected by the fire. He thanked Fire Chief Gary Baar and the Lynden Fire Department for their exemplary work and he also thanked the Police Department, Public Works, City staff, citizens, businesses, and surrounding fire services for their help and support. Mayor Louws stated that he was very pleased with the way the fire was handled and grateful that there were no serious injuries or deaths.

Fire Chief Gary Baar thanked all the people and businesses who donated, juice, water, restrooms, food, shelter, etc. during this terrible event. He said that it is good to know that you live in a city and county where everyone is willing to put out the extra energy to help. Chief Baar said he did not like loosing the building but that he is grateful that no lives were lost.

Mayor Louws listed the surrounding fire agencies that responded: Bellingham, District No. 1, District No. 4, District No. 7, District No. 8, District No. 9, North Whatcom Fire and Rescue, and Whatcom County. He said there were a total of 43 apparatus and 130 personnel on hand at one time or another.

City Administrator Bill Verwolf thanked Lynden Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Gary Vis for contacting local businesses, coordinating all the donations that came in, and for staying in touch with the various groups throughout the day and night. He also thanked the members of the Lynden Police Department who stayed on site throughout the night.

Lynden Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Gary Vis appeared before Council and stated that the community really came together to respond. He said that the Lynden Chamber of Commerce received over \$1,000 in food and drinks that were donated for the personnel fighting the fire. He said that lots of people pitched in to help and that at one time he saw Mayor Louws with a shovel clearing the drains.

Finance Director Teresa Camfield complemented the Public Works Department for their quick response to any and all requests for help.

Mayor Louws stated that he was very proud of how everyone came together.

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Scheduled – None

Unscheduled

Ms. Mary Michaelson with Aunt Phoebe’s Corner

Ms. Michaelson appeared before Council and asked for assistance in their fundraising efforts with corporations for the statue of Phoebe Judson.

Farmer’s Day Parade

Lynden Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Gary Vis appeared before Council and stated that the Farmer’s Day parade on June 7, 2008 was a success. He thanked the Fire Department, Police Department, and Public Works for their help.

Mayor Louws stated that the event was well attended and well done.

II CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Claims

Manual Warrants No. 47882 through 47898	\$ 121,488.00
Voucher Warrant No. 47899 through 48118	<u>\$1,124,586.52</u>
Total	<u>\$1,246,074.52</u>

Ordinance No. 1323 - A 2008 Budget Amendment

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

III PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance No. 1320 - Revisions to Industrial Zoning Text

The Zoning Text Committee has completed its review of the industrial zoning text and map. Significant changes have been proposed and considered positively by the Planning Commission. These changes include changing the zone designations to the Industrial Business Zone (IBZ) and the Industrial District (ID). The IBZ will essentially replace the I-2 zone with a much broader scope in order to promote business development and employment growth. The Industrial District will remain the heavy industrial areas and focus on those major businesses in the downtown area. Rezoning specific properties will be considered at the conclusion of the work on both the industrial and commercial zoning chapters.

Mayor Louws opened the Public Hearing at 7:23 P.M.

Speaking in favor: None.

Speaking against: None.

Councilor De Valois moved and Councilor Gelder seconded that the Public Hearing be closed. The motion carried.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:24 P.M.

Councilor Burns moved and Councilor Gelder seconded that the new text for the replacement of Chapter 19.25 of the Lynden Municipal Code and the addition of new definitions to Chapter 17.01 of the Lynden Municipal Code be approved and that staff be authorized to complete the ordinance for consideration at the next Council Meeting. The motion carried.

IV NEW BUSINESS

Request Public Hearing on Final Assessment Roll - West Lynden Drainage Facility - Local Improvement District No. 4

On March 6, 2006 Council approved Ordinance No. 1256 to create a Local Improvement District (LID) to provide for the payment of costs for the City to acquire the West Lynden Stormwater Detention Facility for operation and maintenance purposes, including stormwater quantity and quality. The costs of the land acquisition, facility improvements, and other related expenses are to be paid by special assessments levied against the properties within the LID and that specifically benefit from the facility.

A public hearing must be held to hear comments before the final assessment roll is confirmed, at which time the Council may correct, revise, raise, lower, change or modify the roll or any part thereof. Once all comments are heard and any objections resolved, the Council may confirm the final assessment roll through the approval of an ordinance. At that time LID No. 4 will be converted to a utility local improvement district for the purpose of financing the costs with LID No. 4 with revenue bonds of the City, payable from assessments as well as utility revenues.

Councilor Laninga moved and Councilor Gelder seconded that Resolution No. 791, setting a public hearing date of July 21, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Lynden City Hall Annex to hear public comments on the final assessment roll for the West Lynden Drainage Facility Local Improvement District No. 4, be approved and that the Mayor be authorized to sign said Resolution. The motion carried.

Award Bid for 17th Street Culvert Replacement - Project No. 2007-09

The 17th Street culvert replacement, Project No. 2007-09, includes the installation of a concrete bridge along with the replacement of approximately 175 lineal feet of 17th Street. The work will include diverting the existing stream, removing the existing culvert, and installing a water main, a storm drainage conveyance, curb, gutter, and sidewalk.

The following bids were received on June 10, 2008:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total</u>
Strider Construction	\$1,214,988.00
Tiger Construction	\$1,264,286.61
Granite Northwest Inc. (dba Wilder Construction Company)	\$1,303,547.16

The engineer's estimate totaled \$964,404.00.

Councilor Gelder moved and Councilor Adelstein seconded that the contract for the 17th Street culvert replacement, Project No. 2007-09, be awarded to Strider Construction, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$1,214,988.00 and that the Mayor be authorized to sign the agreement. The motion carried.

Item Added to the Agenda - Resolution No. 792 - Establishing a Sleeper Program for the Lynden Fire Department

The Lynden Fire Department requested Council's approval of Resolution No. 792 which establishes a Sleeper Program. The new resolution provides for at least two volunteers to remain at the station from 1800 to 0600 hours and that they will be paid for their time. This enables emergency responders to arrive promptly on scene to provide emergency medical services and fire services.

Councilor Burns moved and Councilor Adelstein seconded that Resolution No. 792, regarding the establishment of a Sleeper Program, be approved and that the Mayor be authorized to sign said Resolution. The motion carried.

OTHER

Award of Appreciation

Mayor Louws held up a plaque given the City of Lynden's Building Department from the Lynden School District for their assistance with the portable. Mayor Louws complimented the students and school officials for building a good structure and he thanked them for the certificate.

Rain Gauges

Mayor Louws stated that rain gauges are now available at City Hall.

June 23, 2008 Council Budget Session

According to the budget calendar that was approved by Council on June 2, 2008, Council will hold a Special Council meeting on June 23, 2008 to discuss concerns and proposals for the 2009 budget. Council was asked to set a time and location for that meeting.

Councilor Burns moved and Councilor De Valois seconded that the budget session begin at 7:00 P.M. at the City Hall Annex. The motion carried.

Public Works Committee Meeting

Public Works Director Duane Huskey informed Council that the Public Works Committee meeting on June 18, 2008 will be held at the City Hall Annex.

New City Hall

Public Works Director Duane Huskey stated that the steel for the new City Hall facility will be arriving on June 18, 2008.

Lynden Municipal Airport Advisory Committee

Public works Director Duane Huskey informed Council that the Lynden Municipal Airport Advisory Committee has moved their meeting from July 2, 2008 to July 9, 2008.

V EXECUTIVE SESSION - Cancelled

VI ADJOURNMENT

The June 16, 2008 regular session of the Lynden City Council adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Rachel Byers, Administrative Assistant

Jack Louws, Mayor