

LYNDEN CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

June 21, 2010

I CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Korthuis called to order the June 21, 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, Ron DeValois, Jerry Kuiken, Nick Laninga, Brent Lenssen, and Tobey Gelder.

Members absent: Councilor Dave Burns (with notice).

Staff present: Fire Chief Gary Baar, Parks Director Vern Meenderinck, Public Works Environmental Coordinator Mark Sandal, Public Works Administrative Assistant Lori Jilk and City Administrator Bill Verwolf. Also present was City Attorney Bob Carmichael.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Gelder moved and Councilor De Valois seconded that the minutes of the June 7, 2010 Regular Council Session be approved. The motion carried.

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Scheduled - None

Unscheduled

Frederick Moormeier – Boy Scout Merit Badge

Mayor Korthuis introduced Frederick Moormeier, 610 Cascade Court, Lynden, WA 98264. Frederick appeared before Council and stated that he is in a local Boy Scout troop, currently working on achieving a merit badge: Citizenship in the Community. One of the requirements for achieving this badge is to attend a city or town council or school board meeting, or a municipal, county, or state court session.

Mayor Korthuis thanked Frederick for attending the City Council meeting and for appearing before Council.

Mr. Michael Gleeson – E-Verify

Mr. Gleeson, 4761 Mosquito Road, Deming, WA 98244, appeared before Council and thanked Council for allowing him to present his reasons for why the City of Lynden should use the E-Verify system. Mr. Gleeson stressed how valuable E-Verify could be to the City, as he believes it challenges illegal immigration, reduces the illegal workforce and therefore reduces hardship on employers. Mr. Gleeson then stated that he is still expecting a letter from the members of the Finance Committee, stating their reasons as to why the City of Lynden has not moved forward with using the E-Verify system.

Mayor Scott Korthuis thanked Mr. Gleeson for the information he provided.

II CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Claims

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| Manual Warrants No. 52826 through 52843 | \$ 129,499.33 |
| Voucher Warrants No. 52844 through 53029 | \$ 966,621.72 |
| Direct Deposit Payments | \$ 15,128.00 |
| Total | \$1,111,249.05 |

Ordinance No. 1379- Amending The Budget For The Year 2010

Amendment reflecting Council's authorized transactions to modify the following funds:

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| Arterial Streets (#102) | \$2,600,025 |
| COL Note Redemption Fund, B (#222) | \$1,605,000 |
| Public Works Trust Loan- 17 th St (#238) | \$ 40,440 |
| Less Anticipated cash on hand | \$12,625,379 |
| Anticipated receipts to be raised by taxes, service fees and bond issues | \$31,601,466 |
| Total: | \$44,226,845 |

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

III NEW BUSINESS

Request Authorization To Purchase Ambulance

Due to increased calls and the present unreliability of the 1987 Ford Econoline as the 2nd out aid rig, the Lynden Fire Department requested Council approval to spend approximately \$155,000 for a new ambulance. This ambulance is needed to enable dependable and prompt arrival of emergency responders on scene when a Lynden citizen requires medical aid.

Approximately thirty percent of the cost of the proposed purchase will be paid from Impact Fees and the balance will come from the Ambulance Reserve Fund #107.

After authorization, the Fire Department will be piggy backing with an Interlocal purchasing agreement with the City of Bellingham.

Council discussed with Fire Chief Baar that currently there are monies in the funds to cover the costs of the ambulance. Chief Baar confirmed that the City would be staying within the price given, including taxes.

Councilor Lenssen moved and Councilor Kuiken seconded that the requested Authorization to Purchase a new Ambulance be approved. The motion carried.

IV EXECUTIVE SESSION – City Hall Lease/Purchase

Mayor Korthuis cancelled the Executive Session. Discussion of the old City Hall was held in Regular Session.

Council discussed details of the lease/purchase terms for the old City Hall including:

- Minimum Purchase Price Bid is \$100,000 (excluding tax or fees).
- Lease will be \$4,000 per month (\$1.00/square foot) for a minimum 6-month term, with an option of two term renewals.
- Lease paid will go towards final purchase price.
- Floor plans must be submitted with proposal, address percentage of remodel per floor, be submitted for all areas of remodel, include retail storefronts or restaurant uses at the Front Street level, and show north and west exterior elevations.
- First floor remodel must be at least 50% retail and must face and occupy Front Street and 4th Street alley side of building. Proposals with a higher retail-to-office or personal service square footage at the first floor level may be given preference.
- Design Review Board Criteria must be met.

Council directed that the Request for Proposals, specifications and bid packets should be submitted for legal review, then for advertisement on June 30, 2010, with all bids due on September 3, 2010.

Councilor Bode motioned and Councilor DeValois seconded that the Request for Proposals, specifications and bid packets for the lease/purchase of the old City Hall be submitted for legal review, then for advertisement on June 30, 2010, with all bids due on September 3, 2010. The motion carried.

V ADJOURNMENT

The June 21, 2010 regular session of the Lynden City Council adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

Bill Verwolf, City Administrator

Scott Korthuis, Mayor