

LYNDEN CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

August 17, 2009

I CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jack Louws called to order the August 17, 2009 regular session of the Lynden City Council at 7:00 P.M. at Berthusen Park.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Mayor Jack Louws; Councilors Gary Bode, Dave Burns, Ron DeValois, Tobey Gelder, Jerry Kuiken, Nick Laninga, and Larry Tremaine.

Members absent: None

Staff present: Public Works Director Duane Huskey, Parks Director Vern Meenderinck, Senior Administrative Assistant Heather Sytsma and City Administrator Bill Verwolf. Also present was City Attorney Simi Jain.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor DeValois noted that his name should be added to the "Members absent" portion of the minutes. Councilor Gelder noted two spelling errors in section III.

Councilor Kuiken moved and Councilor Gelder seconded that the minutes of the August 3, 2009 Regular Council Session be approved as amended. The motion carried.

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Scheduled – Parks and Trails Committee recommendation for 7th Street Park development presented by Jeff Davis and Colleen Unema.

Colleen Unema, 312 Island Green Way, Lynden, WA 98264 and Jeff Davis, 362 South Park Street, Lynden, WA 98264 appeared before Council with a proposal to develop the City-owned property off of South 7th Street into a park. The proposed park will include a parking area and upper area for picnicking, a middle area with nature trails and bird watching information, and a lower environmentally sensitive area. The proposal also included the addition of a 9-hole Frisbee/Disk Golf course.

Mayor Louws thanked the Parks and Trails Committee for their dedication to improving and adding to the parks in Lynden. He requested that the Parks Committee discuss this park at their next meeting and prepare a white paper, including costs, with a recommendation for Council review.

Unscheduled

Mayor Louws introduced Belinda Sullivan, 8837 Berthusen Road, Lynden, WA 98264 who is the groundskeeper at Berthusen Park. He thanked her for her work on the park.

II CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Claims

Manual Warrants No. 50883 through 50895	\$113,873.08
Voucher Warrants No. 50896 through 51055	974,083.89
Direct Payment	<u>19,577.13</u>
Total	<u>\$1,107,534.10</u>

Warrant 50804 was voided because it was damaged in the mail.

Mayor Louws requested to remove the Lynden Pioneer Museum agenda item from the Consent Agenda.

Councilor DeValois moved and Councilor Laninga seconded that the Consent Agenda be approved, with the removal of the Lynden Pioneer Museum agenda item. The motion carried.

Approval of an Agreement with the Lynden Pioneer Museum and Confirmation of the Donation of the Berthusen Collection

On April 20, 2009, City Council considered the proposal to confirm a donation made in 1982 to the Lynden Pioneer Museum of a number of artifacts known as the Berthusen Collection.

A public comment opportunity was set for the May 4, 2009 Council meeting. At that meeting the City Council heard comments from Mr. Troy Luginbill, representing the museum, and directed staff to work with the museum to draft an agreement for the handling of any funds received from the sale of the artifacts, and to establish a list of the pieces in question.

Councilor Kuiken moved and Councilor Burns seconded that the agreement between the City of Lynden and the Lynden Pioneer Museum be approved, including the confirmation of the donation of the artifacts, and authorized the Mayor's signature on the agreement. The motion carried.

III EXECUTIVE SESSION - Cancelled

Other

Administration

Mayor Louws stated that he has sold his home in Lynden, and he realizes that, as Mayor, he has an obligation to maintain a residence in Lynden. He will reside in a recreational vehicle at the KOA Kampground in Lynden for the duration of his term as Mayor.

Administrator Verwolf stated that he will be interviewing for the City Manager position with the City of Walla Walla, Washington on Monday and Tuesday, August 24th and 25th. He added that this would be a good opportunity for him and his wife to live closer to their family.

Road Closures

Public Works Director Huskey stated that Hannegan Road will be closed between August 22, 2009 and the end of October, 2009 for culvert replacement. There will be a 3-mile detour around the road closure.

Meetings

The Community Development Committee meeting on September 16, 2009 will be held at City Hall.

IV ADJOURNMENT

The August 17, 2009 regular session of the Lynden City Council adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Heather Sytsma, Senior Admin. Assistant

Jack Louws, Mayor