

LYNDEN CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

NOVEMBER 19, 2007

I CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Louws called to order the November 19, 2007 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, Gerald Kuiken, and Nick Laninga.

Members absent: None.

Staff present: Fire Chief Gary Baar, Administrative Assistant Rachel Byers, Finance Director Teresa Camfield, Chief of Police Jack Foster, 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 De Valois moved and Councilor Laninga seconded that the minutes of the November 5, 2007 regular session and the November 13, 2007 special session be approved. The motion carried.

Introduction of New Lynden Firefighter

Mayor Louws introduced Lynden's new firefighter Michael Whittle and his wife Christine to Council and welcomed them to the City of Lynden. Fire Chief Gary Baar pinned the firefighter's badge on Firefighter Whittle and welcomed him to the department, and Mayor Louws stated that he looks forward to working with Firefighter Whittle.

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Scheduled – Request from the Lynden Chamber of Commerce – City Logo

On November 7, 2007 the City Administrator's office received a letter from Executive Director Gary Vis of the Lynden Chamber of Commerce requesting to use the City's logo in relation to community events.

Councilor Burns moved and Councilor De Valois seconded that the request from Executive Director Gary Vis of the Lynden Chamber of Commerce to use the City logo be approved. The motion carried.

Unscheduled – None

II CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Claims

Manual Warrants No. 46375 through 46398	\$ 96,577.35
Voucher Warrant No. 46399 through 46599	<u>\$ 2,389,193.04</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,485,770.39</u>

Ordinance No. 1307 – A 2007 Budget Amendment

Set Hearing Date for Zoning Text Amendment 07-01

Councilor Kuiken moved and Councilor Bode seconded that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion carried.

IV NEW BUSINESS

Establish Medical Benefits for Non-union Employees

This item was removed from the agenda.

Introduction of a 2007 Budget Amendment

As required by State regulations, a proposed amendment to the 2007 Budget was introduced. The amendment will reflect Council's authorized transactions. The following funds will need to be modified: Fund 102 – Arterial Streets; and Fund 221 – COL Note Redemption Fund, 2005A

City Hall Design Discussion

Council was presented with an adjusted itemized cost of the new facility with some items removed or downgraded. Council discusses several issues regarding the proposal from the City Hall Design Committee, which included the overall cost, the new itemized cost estimate, the size of the facility, the purpose of the facility, and the proposed basement.

Mayor Louws read a letter from Mr. Paul Kenner, Mr. Randy Bode, and Mr. Kevin Pawlowski. Councilor Kuiken read a letter from Mr. Jeff Johnson. Mr. Michael Aune, Mr. Bob Libolt, and Ms. Sharon Robinson addressed Council and answered questions from Council.

Councilor Kuiken moved and Councilor De Valois seconded that the proposal from the City Hall Design Committee be accepted, that the cost of the new City Hall not exceed \$6,300,000, and that the City Hall Design Committee continue to look for any cost saving measures throughout the process. The motion carried.

OTHER

IV EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council went into Executive Session at 9:15 P.M. to discuss legal issues and union contracts. It was anticipated that the Executive Session would last approximately 20 minutes and that action may be taken following the session. Council came out of Executive Session at 9:37 P.M.

V ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Gelder moved and Councilor Kuiken seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

The November 19, 2007 regular session of the Lynden City Council adjourned at 9:38 P.M.

Rachel Byers, Administrative Assistant

Jack Louws, Mayor