

**COLVILLE, WASHINGTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 13, 2009**

7:00 PM: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR RICHARD NICHOLS.

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ROLL CALL: FOLL, HANEY, WHITE, GRAY, JANKE, KYLE AND OHRTMAN.

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PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBER NANCY FOLL, COUNCILMEMBER MARILYN HANEY, COUNCILMEMBER BETTY WHITE, COUNCILMEMBER ED GRAY, COUNCILMEMBER LOU JANKE, COUNCILMEMBER DOUG KYLE, COUNCILMEMBER ERIC OHRTMAN AND MAYOR RICHARD NICHOLS.

STAFF PRESENT: POLICE CAPTAIN ROBERT MESHISHNEK, CITY CLERK/HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER HOLLY PANNELL AND WATER/SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ERIC DURPOS.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- #01. **MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 29, 2009 COLVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**
- #02. **SEPTEMBER 29, 2009 MANUAL CLAIMS CHECKS #40758 ~ #40759 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$152,021.00 AS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE.**
- #03. **OCTOBER 14, 2009 CLAIMS CHECKS #40760 ~ #40856 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$686,724.07 AS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE.**
- #04. **SEPTEMBER 29, 2009 MANUAL PAYROLL CHECK #24190 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100.00 AS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE.**
- #05. **SEPTEMBER, 2009 PAYROLL CHECKS #24053 ~ #24189 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$304,909.32 INCLUDING VOIDED CHECK #24187 AS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE.**
- #06. **SEPTEMBER, 2009 MONTHLY REPORTS: EXPENDITURE, REVENUE, VENDOR AND TREASURER.**
- #07. **SEPTEMBER 25, 2009 – OCTOBER 8, 2009 CONTRACT/AGREEMENT LIST REVIEW.**

MAYOR NICHOLS READ THE CONSENT AGENDA.

COUNCILMEMBER HANEY MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION THAT "VOUCHERS AUDITED AND CERTIFIED BY THE AUDITING COMMITTEE AS REQUIRED BY RCW 42.24.080 AND THOSE EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT CLAIMS CERTIFIED AS REQUIRED BY RCW 42.24.090 HAVE BEEN RECORDED ON A LISTING WHICH HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL AS OF THIS DATE OCTOBER 13, 2009 AND DOES APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THOSE VOUCHERS INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE LIST AND FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: SEPTEMBER 29, 2009 MANUAL CLAIMS CHECKS #40758 ~ #40759 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$152,021.00; OCTOBER 14, 2009 CLAIMS CHECKS #40760 ~ #40856 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$686,724.07; SEPTEMBER 29, 2009 MANUAL PAYROLL CHECK #24190 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100.00; SEPTEMBER, 2009 PAYROLL CHECKS #24053 ~ #24189 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$304,909.32" AND DOES APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ.

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PUBLIC APPEARANCES AND FORUM TIME:

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#08. DISCUSSION: REQUEST FOR 2010 FUNDING FROM THE FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER.

MARY PAGE, PROGRAM MANAGER FOR FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER, WANTED TO EXPLAIN WHAT THE FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER DOES IN THIS COMMUNITY. THE CITY HAS CONTRACTED WITH FAMILY SUPPORT SINCE 1984 WITH FINANCIAL SUPPORT. THEIR SERVICES HELP TO REDUCE THE BURDEN ON THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. SHE EXPLAINED THE VARIOUS FINDING SOURCES THAT SUPPORT THE FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER. THEY ARE REQUESTING \$10,000, THE SAME AMOUNT AS LAST YEAR.

SHARON CORDING, 363 CORBITT CREEK, VOLUNTEER FOR THE FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER. MS. CORDING RELAYED A STORY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

BONNIE, A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM AND CLIENT OF FAMILY SUPPORT TOLD HER STORY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND HOW THE FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER HAS HELPED HER.

MAYOR NICHOLS STATED THAT THIS REQUEST IS NOT CURRENTLY IN THE 2010 BUDGET AND THE CITY COUNCIL WILL NEED TO MAKE THAT DETERMINATION AS WE CONTINUE IN THE BUDGET PROCESS.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT HE HOPES WE WILL HAVE THE MONEY TO FUND THIS REQUEST AS WE GO THROUGH THE BUDGET PROCESS. HE STATED THAT HE IS WILLING TO GIVE UP HIS COUNCIL PAY TO HELP FUND THIS REQUEST.

COUNCILMEMBER KYLE ASKED IF WE HAVE TO REDUCE THE REQUEST OR NOT FUND AT ALL WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES WOULD BE.

MARY PAGE STATED THAT THEY PROVIDE SERVICES 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK. THERE WOULD BE A REDUCTION IN SERVICES AND THEY WOULD POSSIBLY HAVE TO REDUCE STAFF.

POLICE CAPTAIN ROBERT MESHISHNEK, STATED THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT HAS A GREAT WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE IS THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER ADVISORY BOARD. THIS AGENCY PROVIDES MANY SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY AND VICTIMS.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO PUT THE MONEY BACK IN SO WE CAN LOOK AT TRADE-OFFS IN OTHER AREAS OF THE BUDGET.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

#09. PUBLIC COMMENT: THE FLOOR IS OPEN FOR ANY PUBLIC COMMENT.

RENEE MAHANEY, 193 DUBOIS ROAD, WORKED IN THE STEVENS COUNTY DISTRICT COURT PRIOR TO WORKING FOR FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER. SHE STATED THAT THE FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER HELPS A VARIETY OF VICTIMS AND A LOT OF THESE PEOPLE DON'T KNOW WHERE ELSE TO TURN.

NEW BUSINESS:

#10. DISCUSSION/ACTION: **PROPOSED ORDINANCE INCREASING THE UTILITY TAX ON WATER/SEWER SERVICES.**

MAYOR NICHOLS STATED THAT ALL OTHER CITY UTILITIES ARE AT 6% UTILITY TAX EXCEPT FOR THE WATER/SEWER UTILITIES WHICH ARE AT 5%. MAYOR NICHOLS REPORTED ON UTILITY TAX RATES IN OTHER COMMUNITIES.

COUNCILMEMBER HANEY MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 1425 N.S. INCREASING THE UTILITY TAX ON WATER/SEWER SERVICES TO 6%.

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(ORDINANCE NO. 1425 N.S. IN ITS ENTIRETY IS ON FILE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.)

COMMITTEE OR SPECIAL REPORTS:

- #11. MONTHLY REPORTS: REVIEW MONTHLY REPORTS FROM ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS.**

WATER/SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ERIC DURPOS STATED THAT THE WELLS ARE GOING GOOD AND THE WALLS WILL BE POURED ON THE RESERVOIR STARTING ON THE 22ND. HE STATED THAT THIS WORK SHOULD BE DONE AROUND THE END OF NOVEMBER. HE STATED THAT THEY ARE USING BLANKETS TO PREVENT THE CONCRETE FROM FREEZING DUE TO THE COLD WEATHER.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE COMMENTED ON THE REPORT FROM THE BUILDING/PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND THE COMMUNICATION WITH POTENTIAL REGIONAL PARTNERS FOR THE AIRPORT. HE ASKED ABOUT THE NATURE OF THESE COMMUNICATIONS AND ARE THEY BEING DOCUMENTED. MAYOR NICHOLS STATED THAT THE RTPO (REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION) IS THE MAIN POINT OF CONTACT. COUNCILMEMBER JANKE ALSO STATED THAT HE NOTICED THAT THE STREET DEPARTMENT IS TRIMMING TREES ON PLOW ROUTES. HE ASKED IF WE ARE NOTIFYING PEOPLE OF THESE ISSUES PRIOR TO THE TRIMMING. MAYOR NICHOLS STATED THAT THEY ARE COMMUNICATING WITH THE PROPERTY OWNER.

- #12. CITY ATTORNEY: NO REPORT.**

- #13. COUNCIL PENDING ITEMS: REVIEW LIST OF COUNCIL PENDING ITEMS.**

MAYOR NICHOLS STATED THAT THE CITY PROPERTY WILL BE FINALIZED BY THE END OF THE YEAR. MAYOR NICHOLS REVIEWED THE STATUS OF OTHER PENDING ITEMS.

THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION REGARDING THE 2009 FEE REVIEW. IT WAS DECIDED THAT SOME OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS NEED TO REVIEW THE BASIS FOR THEIR FEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSISTENCY. COUNCILMEMBER FOLL STATED THAT SHE WOULD LIKE US TO LOOK AT ADOPTING MOST OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS.

MAYOR NICHOLS STATED THAT OCTOBER 22ND IS THE FIRST MEETING FOR THE AIRPORT ADVISORY STEERING COMMITTEE. NUMEROUS MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.

VELMER HAWKINS STATED THAT IT DOESN'T SAY ANYTHING IN THE NEWSPAPER ABOUT HOW THE MEMBERS WERE SELECTED AND HE THINKS THEY WERE HAND PICKED AS SUPPORTERS OF THE AIRPORT. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE MAYOR HAD A MEETING WITH VAAGEN'S AND THIS IS AN ALTERNATE SITE. HE WANTED TO KNOW WHY THERE HASN'T BEEN MORE INFORMATION ON THAT MEETING. MAYOR NICHOLS STATED THAT THIS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AT COUNCIL MEETINGS AND WE HAVE STATED THAT WE WILL BE LOOKING AT ALL POTENTIAL SITES.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE A BETTER COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THE AIRPORT AND ASSOCIATED ISSUES.

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VELMER HAWKINS ASKED ABOUT THE BONNEVILLE POWER LINES AND THE INFORMATION FROM BONNEVILLE THAT THEY WON'T BURY THE POWER LINES. MAYOR NICHOLS STATED THAT THEY CAN DO IT, BUT WILL THEY. IT IS AN ISSUE OF FUNDING.

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INDIVIDUAL REPORTS BY MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS AND STAFF:

MAYOR NICHOLS STATED THAT HE PETITIONED THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND ASKED FOR THE POLICE CHIEF POSITION TO BE EXEMPT FROM CIVIL SERVICE. INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED TONIGHT ALONG WITH A DRAFT ORDINANCE TO TAKE THIS ACTION.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE ASKED WHY THIS IS IN THE CITY'S BEST INTEREST. MAYOR NICHOLS STATED THAT THIS POSITION IS NO DIFFERENT THAN ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEAD. HE STATED THAT WE WOULD USE THE NORMAL RECRUITING AND HIRING PROCESS TO FILL THIS VACANCY RATHER THAN UTILIZING THE CIVIL SERVICE.

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FOLLOWING DISCUSSION,

COUNCILMEMBER HANEY MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION TO TABLE THIS ISSUE.

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COUNCILMEMBER OHRTMAN STATED THAT HE WILL NOT BE HERE FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT HE HAS A HANDOUT FROM THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WORKSHOP AND A LIST OF TASKS HAS BEEN CIRCULATED. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE FOR AN E-MAIL OR OTHER INFORMATION DISTRIBUTED ON ITEMS SUCH AS THIS. IT WAS STATED THAT THIS INFORMATION WAS NOT FORWARDED TO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

COUNCILMEMBER GRAY STATED THAT THERE IS NO SWINE FLU VACCINE HERE YET. HE STATED THAT THERE IS A LOT OF DEBATE OVER WHO SHOULD GET IT FIRST.

COUNCILMEMBER WHITE STATED THAT THE AMBULANCE CREW IS VERY PROFESSIONAL AND ARE TO BE COMPLIMENTED.

COUNCILMEMBER FOLL ASKED IF ANY EDUCATION OR AWARENESS OF THE PUBLIC ON I-1033 HAS OCCURRED. SHE THOUGHT THAT THE CITY WAS GOING TO COME OUT WITH A POSITION ON THIS ISSUE.

COUNCILMEMBER OHRTMAN STATED THAT THE SENIOR CITIZEN WINE TASTING FUND RAISER IS SATURDAY AND TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

WATER/SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ERIC DURPOS DISTRIBUTED A BUDGET UPDATE FOR THE UPPER ZONE RESERVOIR PROJECT.

AS THERE WAS NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL, COUNCILMEMBER HANEY MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

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TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 9:34 P.M.

MAYOR RICHARD NICHOLS

Attest: _____
Holly Pannell, CMC, PFO, City Clerk/
Human Resources Manager