

MINUTES
Ferndale City Council Meeting
Held Monday, August 15, 2005
City Hall Annex – Council Chambers
7 p.m.

PRESENT BY ROLL CALL:

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| Councilmember Steve Oliver | Councilmember Mel Hansen |
| Councilmember Mike Reilly | Councilmember Susan Cole |
| Councilmember Carol Brumet | Councilmember Ron Wilson |

ABSENT: Councilmember Marianne Elgart (Excused)

STAFF:

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| City Administrator Greg Young | City Clerk Linda Knutson |
| City Treasurer Mark Peterson | Public Works Director Bob Cecile |
| Police Lt. Travis Glass | |

Mayor Jerry Landcastle Presiding

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Landcastle called the Meeting of the Ferndale City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following consent agenda was moved for approval by Councilmember Brumet and seconded by Councilmember Wilson:

1. Approval of Minutes of 8/01/05 Council Meeting
2. Approval of Payroll of 7/22/05; Automatic Deposit Amount: \$2,129.61; Checks #22631 - #22639 Amount: \$4,274.11; Total Payroll: \$6,403.72 (D. Wilson Cash out) Checks #22631, 22634-22638 VOID – Printer Jam
3. Approval of Payroll of 8/01/05; Automatic Deposit Amount: \$770.35; Checks #22640 - #22653 Amount: \$4,100.78; Total Payroll: \$4,871.13 – Uniform Allowance
4. Approval of Payroll of 8/03/05; Automatic Deposit Amount: \$111,799.77; Checks #22654 - #22671 Amount: \$42,214.97; Total Payroll: \$154,014.74
5. Approval of Payroll of 8/08/05; Automatic Deposit Amount: \$505.79; Checks #22672 - #22674 Amount: \$1,360.59; Total Payroll: \$1,866.38 – F. Pederson Comp Buyout
6. Approval of Claims Run Of 8/15/05; Checks #43897 - #43993; Total Claims: \$213,557.79

Motion passed unanimously.

RETIREMENT OF RESERVE OFFICER - AND OATH OF OFFICE: NEW OFFICERS

Police Lt. Travis Glass presented Reserve Officer Kevin Harris with a plaque of appreciation, after seventeen years of service to the Department.

Lt. Glass then introduced Larrick Winslow who was sworn in as the Police Department's newest full time Officer.

Norm Nichols was sworn in as the Department's newest S.C.O.P.E Officer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

George Hong, Ferndale, was concerned that holding ponds in the City are becoming breeding grounds for disease. He wondered who is accountable or liable should someone become ill or if someone drowns in one of the many ponds in the area.

Josh Honrud, Whatcom County, stated that he is pursuing an Eagle Scout project. He would like to build housing for the Children's Museum items located in Pioneer Park, and asked for Council support for doing so. Mayor Landcastle said he contact him regarding this proposed project.

AUTHORIZATION TO GO TO BID

Public Works Director Bob Cecile reviewed a time-line for the proposed Southwest Interceptor Project, as well as funding source that can be utilized while awaiting monies from the Public Works Trust Fund. The Water, Sewer, and Utilities Capital Reserve Funds have enough cash to enable a temporary interfund loan. The total project is estimated at \$1.4 million.

It was moved by Councilmember Reilly and seconded by Councilmember Brumet to grant authorization to go to bid on the Southwest Interceptor Project. Motion passed unanimously.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB – DISCUSSION ON LOCATION

Lynn Templeton and Josh Wilund of the Boys and Girls Club of Whatcom County and Ferndale, respectively, were present to respond to the Council's questions arising out of various Committees concerning the location of their proposed facility. The Club would like to remain at Pioneer Park, but move to the Cherry Street frontage. They propose locating where the Pioneer One ball field now exists, and relocating that field so that there is no net loss in fields. Also addressed was the architecture of the new building, which is proposed to have a log cabin, pioneer-theme in order to fit in with the character of the park.

Council discussion centered on a possible location at Bender Park, which several Councilmembers believed would better serve the large youth population located in that area. Council also felt that the Club should have meetings with the Old Settlers Association, the Heritage Society, and the Senior Center Administration, to get their "buy-in" of the proposed facility's Pioneer Park location. Mr. Templeton and Mr. Wilund said they were eager to work with City leadership, as well as the stakeholders at the Park, to make the new Club a reality. The Council stated that they all support the Club and its activities.

REQUEST FOR GRANT WRITING SERVICES

Mayor Landcastle stated that he has spoken with an experienced grant writer who has done work for other public agencies and is willing to apply for grant funding for the River Walk Project. The Mayor is requesting funds not to exceed \$1,000 for this purpose.

It was moved by Councilmember Hansen and seconded by Councilmember Brumet to approve hiring a grant writer in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for the purpose of applying for funding of the proposed River Walk Project. Motion passed unanimously.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE QUARTERLY UPDATE

Chamber Director Sarah Horner and Chamber President Brenda Rinesmith were present to update the Council on year-to-date finances. Also, they updated the Council on the progress of the upcoming Ferndale Street Festival which will be held at the end of the month.

MAYOR REPORTS

Mayor Landcastle updated the Council and assembled on the following:

- The EMS (Emergency Medical Services) levy will be going before the voters in November. The proposed one-tenth of one-percent increase in the sales tax will be divided, with seventy-percent going to fund EMS services and thirty-percent allocated to the City for criminal justice funding. ***It was moved by Councilmember Hansen and seconded by Councilmember Brumet to support the upcoming EMS Levy, with a 70/30 County/Ferndale split in revenue, pending voter approval. Motion passed unanimously.***
- Mayor Landcastle noted that the AWC Website has information pertaining to I-192

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further schedule City business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jerry Landcastle, Mayor

Linda Knutson, City Clerk

Attachment A:

**MINUTES - Planning and Judicial Committee
Held Wednesday, August 10, 2005**

REQUEST FOR GRANT WRITING SERVICES

Mayor Landcastle presented the Committee with a request to hire a part-time grant writer who would pursue funding for the proposed Riverfront Pedestrian Walk along the Nooksack. The costs for these services are not to exceed \$1,000.

It was moved by Councilmember Brumet and seconded by Councilmember Cole to recommend approval of hiring a grant writer for the purpose of applying for funds in support of the Riverfront Walk Project, not to exceed \$1,000. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION: BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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The Committee discussed the Club's functions and programs that benefit after-school activities, mentoring programs, homework programs and so on. Also discussed were the various sports activities the Club directs and supervises. The Committee was supportive of the Club's goals and accomplishments and would like to hear more details of the proposed plans. In answer of some Committee questions, Mayor Landcastle will speak to Club officials regarding the site alternatives explored thus far.

This item will go forward to the full Council for discussion.

UPCOMING P&J ITEMS AND ISSUES

The following issues will be brought forward for Committee review:

- Animal Control Services Contract
- Newspaper of record Ordinance

Attachment B:

**MINUTES - Recreation and Finance Committee
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This item will go forward to the full Council for discussion at the next regular meeting.

Attachment C:

**MINUTES - Streets and Utilities Committee
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STORM WATER CAPITAL PROJECTS PLAN

Public Works Director Bob Cecile reviewed that a rough draft of the City's Storm Water Plan has been prepared and will be ready to submit to the Department of Ecology in late September. He noted that the storm water projects identified thus far total approximately \$8 million dollars. Director Cecile added that the DOE is offering grants up to \$75,000 to further define needed projects.

The Committee felt that the City should proceed with submitting a grant application, and felt that discussions on fees or taxes to support storm water projects will be a good topic for the upcoming budget retreat.

PLAT REVIEW

Public Works Director Cecile sought Committee direction regarding a plat division that may or may not trigger frontage improvements. The Committee generally felt that the short plat would be obligated as future development occurs.