

MINUTES
Ferndale City Council Meeting
Held Monday, September 19, 2005
City Hall Annex – Council Chambers
7 p.m.

PRESENT BY ROLL CALL:

Councilmember Steve Oliver	Councilmember Mel Hansen
Councilmember Marianne Elgart	Councilmember Susan Cole
Councilmember Carol Brumet	Councilmember Ron Wilson

ABSENT: Councilmember Mike Reilly (Excused)

STAFF:

City Administrator Greg Young	City Clerk Linda Knutson
City Treasurer Mark Peterson	Police Chief Michael Knapp
Police Lt. Travis Glass	City Attorney Richard Langabeer

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 Wilson and seconded by Councilmember Brumet:

1. Approval of Minutes of 09/06/05 Council Meeting
2. Approval of Payroll of 09/16/05; Automatic Deposit
Amount: \$112,279.01; Checks #22710 - #22726 Amount:
\$41,371.98; Total Payroll:\$153,650.99 (Includes buy out
for L. Bauman & R. Millspaw)
3. Approval of Claims Run Of 09/16/05; Checks #44106 -
#44201; Total Claims: \$173,097.60 (Checks # 44105 and 44151 void)

Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Osborne Jr., Ferndale, asked if a Taco Bell was planned for the area currently being developed near Dairy Queen. He also wondered if the City had started work on a skateboarding park. Mayor Landcastle responded that he knew of no plans for either.

Terry Long, Ferndale, said that he lives near the end of Second Avenue near Pioneer Park and has noticed increased traffic in the area since the sports complex opened. He added that there are many children who live in the area and he worries about the increased speeding and lack of patrols. He further noted that a 4-way stop at Second and Cherry, rather than the current 3-way, would more than likely help this situation.

He also asked administration to look into why the streets were being swept at 5 a.m. on Saturdays; why construction was being allowed to commence between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.; and why no one has returned his calls regarding a neighbor's garbage situation.

EMS PRESENTATION

Gary Russell, Fire Chief of Whatcom County Fire District 7, presented information regarding the upcoming Emergency Medical Services sales tax measure on the November general election ballot.

OATH OF OFFICE – POLICE CHIEF MICHAEL KNAPP

City Clerk Linda Knutson administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Police Chief Michael Knapp. Chief Knapp then expressed his appreciation to Lt. Travis Glass, who has served as Interim Chief for the past ten months. He also stated that he is looking forward to the challenges ahead and appreciates the support of the City and the community.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LIAISON

Mayor Landcastle reported that a Council Liaison position is open for the Ferndale Chamber of Commerce, and that Councilmember Reilly had expressed interest in filling that position.

It was moved by Councilmember Cole and seconded by Councilmember Brumet to appoint Councilmember Mike Reilly as the Council Liaison to the Chamber of Commerce. Motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Cole suggested that Committees look at the issue of non-compliance with mandatory garbage pick up.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Lt. Glass thanked the Council for their support during his tenure as Interim Chief. He also noted a letter received by Sheriff Elfo regarding former Sgt. Lonnie Bauman's assistance during a recent police situation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:50 p.m. Mayor Landcastle announced that the Council would adjourn to executive session to discuss potential litigation. He expected to reconvene within 15-20 minutes, with a possibility of Council action.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

At 8:15 p.m. Mayor Landcastle called the meeting back to order.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Oliver and seconded by Councilmember Brumet to authorize administration to finalize a settlement agreement, as discussed, regarding outstanding local improvement district issues. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further scheduled City business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

ATTEST:
