

CITY OF ROSLYN
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 22, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.
Roslyn Council Chambers, 109 S. 1st. Roslyn, Washington

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, FLAG SALUTE, AGENDA UPDATE: 7:00pm
Mayor Pro-Tem Cooke called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, led the flag salute and asked the Clerk – Treasurer to call roll.

PRESENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Cooke, Councilmember Begley, Councilmember Osiadacz, Councilmember Spurrier, and Councilmember Gruber

ABSENT: Mayor Porter and Councilmember Scherer

MOTION: Councilmember Begley MOVED to excuse the absentees. Councilmember Spurrier SECONDED the motion. The motion PASSED 5-0

STAFF: George Martinez, City Administrator; Amber Shallow, Clerk – Treasurer; Lisa Haley, City Planner; Mitch Long, Public Works Crewmember; Margaret King, City Attorney

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1.) Accounts Payable Checks #10761 - #10779, in the amount of \$17,737.98, and manual check #10760 in the amount of \$729.60
- 2.) Payroll Checks of March 15, 2011 #7333 - #7346, in the amount of \$16,659.28
- 3.) Minutes: Regular City Council Meeting of February 22, 2011 and Regular City Council Meeting of March 8, 2011
- 4.) AB11-021 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement for the Regional Sewer Rate Study

Mayor Pro-Tem Cooke read the consent agenda.

MOTION: Councilmember Begley MOVED to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Gruber SECONDED the motion. The motion was APPROVED 5-0.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: (non-agenda items)

Jonine Collins, Ronald – Ms. Collins stated that last summer the Roslyn Markets hired a consultant to conduct a survey which included a business impact study. The consultant interviewed 40 businesses in the area and Ms. Collins wanted to share the results of that study with the Council. She then informed the Council that she feels she has lost support from the Council in the reduction of the amount granted to the Market and needs to fully understand the level of the City's support. Mayor Pro-Tem Cooke offered to meet with Ms. Collins and asked her to contact the City Administrator to set up a meeting within the next week or two. Councilmember Osiadacz pointed that although the funds granted to the Market were lower funds all across the board were lower and Ms. Collins was not alone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:

5.) AB11-022 Councilmember Appointment & Oath of Office

MOTION: Councilmember Gruber MOVED to appoint Mr. Edmund “Andy” Januskiewicz to the Council. Councilmember Begley SECONDED the motion. The motion was APPROVED 4-1 (Osiadacz).

Councilmember Begley stated that choosing an applicant is a hard decision since there were four really good applicants and encouraged those not chosen to continue to pursue their desire to help.

Councilmember Osiadacz asked everyone to please run when elections come up because we do want people to give a wide range of outlook. “For all those who have applied now and in the past please run for election.”

Mayor Pro-Tem Cooke administered the oath of office to Mr. Edmund “Andy” Januskiewicz.

6.) AB11-023 Presentation & Resolution accepting a Donation from the Roslyn Firemen’s Association

Mayor Pro-Tem Cooke introduced this item and asked the 1st Assistant Fire Chief Art Solbakken to give his demonstration.

Assistant Chief Solbakken informed the Council that 2nd Assistant Fire Chief Chris Stucke and Firemen’s Association President Wayne Lunt were also present as well as representatives from Medic One. After the introductions Asst. Chief Solbakken read a letter from the Firemen’s Association donating \$1,500.00 to the City of Roslyn for the purchase of a new stair chair.

Medic One brought their stair chair and provided a demonstration on how it works and Asst. Chief Stucke along with Mr. Lunt showed how the City of Roslyn’s current stair chair works. Roslyn’s current chair needs to be carried down the stairs by the handles, and the new stair chair has a track with braking system that rides along the stair treads.

After the demonstration Mayor Pro – Tem Cooke read the agenda bill for this item.

MOTION: Councilmember Begley MOVED to approve Resolution #11-009. Councilmember Gruber SECONDED the motion. The motion was APPROVED 5-0 (Osiadacz abstained from voting stating that she is a member of the Volunteer Fire Department).

7.) AB11-013a Washington Department of Transportation I-90 Construction Update

Representatives from the Washington Department of Transportation (DOT) were present to give a power point presentation explaining the upcoming construction activities planned for the summer of 2011. Anyone driving over the pass this summer should plan

for additional travel time and keep in mind that blasting will be occurring Monday – Thursdays at sunset.

COMMISSION, BOARD, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINAL READING:

8.) AB11-016a Ordinance amending the Development Regulations

Mayor Pro-Tem Cooke read the agenda bill and asked for public comments.

Jonine Brodine, Planning & Historic Preservation Commission Chair – Ms. Brodine apologized to the Council stating that she did not realize that coming up with language allowing greenhouses would be so complicated. The Commission has found it much more complex than originally thought and has requested more time to look into it further. Ms. Brodine asked the Council to move forward with the ordinance without the greenhouse language.

MOTION: Councilmember Begley MOVED to approve Ordinance #1073 excluding the greenhouse language as a FINAL reading. Councilmember Osiadacz SECONDED the motion. The motion was APPROVED 6-0.

9.) AB11-017a Ordinance amending the Sign Code

Mayor Pro-Tem Cooke read the agenda bill and asked for public comments.

Rhonda Thompson, Owner of the 2R Bar & Bistro, Roslyn – Ms. Thompson stated that she has a historical backlit sign and would really like to turn it on at night and asked if the proposed language would allow her to do that. Margaret King, City Attorney replied yes.

Ms. King pointed out that on pg 9 of 10 under 15.25.060 (A) 1 she needs to make a small change to the wording to clarify that the types of changes listed will be allowed provided that the change does not exceed 50% of the cost to fully replace that sign.

Councilmember Osiadacz asked if the vinyl banners that are currently around town can be replaced; Ms. King replied yes, but if Council chose to they could also put a time line on them.

MOTION: Councilmember Gruber MOVED to approve Ordinance #1074 with Ms. King's wording edits as a FINAL reading. Councilmember Spurrier SECONDED the motion. The motion was APPROVED 6-0.

10.) AB11-019a Ordinance increasing Cable, Electric, and Telephone Utility taxes by 1%

Mayor Pro-Tem Cooke read the agenda bill and asked for public comments.

Nathan Weis, President of R&R Cable and Vice President of Inland Telephone – Mr. Weis stated that he feels the additional revenue estimated at \$13,000 is overstated especially since people have a choice and they can switch from cable to satellite which isn't taxed. He opposes the increase because he doesn't think it affects every person equally.

Councilmember Osiadacz stated that although at this point she does not want to increase any taxes also feels it is a necessity at this point. If we could grow and see more revenue in the area then we could consider reducing it, but given our circumstances we need to do it.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cooke stated that as a City we have done everything we can to reduce costs, the employees are taking two weeks of furlough and no raises, the City Administrator will be leaving part way through the year, and most – if not all – the Council Members have given up their stipends and there is still a large shortfall this year. We've had to take money from reserves to balance the budget and that is not sustainable.

MOTION: Councilmember Spurrier MOVED to approve Ordinance #1075 as a FINAL reading. Councilmember Begley SECONDED the motion. The motion was APPROVED 6-0.

INTRODUCTION:

- 11.) **AB11-024 Cemetery Restoration Presentation & Resolution Adopting the Roslyn Cemeteries Master Capital Projects Plan**

Mayor Pro-Tem Cooke removed this item from the agenda as Mr. Richard Watts, the Cemetery Commission Chairperson, was not able to make it to the meeting to give his presentation.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Mayor Pro-Tem Cooke reminded everyone that the animal ordinance updates will be coming to Council at the next meeting and asked everyone to come and voice their opinions.

At this time there were a couple of members in the audience that had come to speak about the animal ordinance updates and Mayor Pro-Tem Cooke allowed them to speak.

Millie Radonovich, Roslyn – Ms. Radonovich asked the Council to please keep the dog ordinances as they are now and encouraged the Council not to follow along with the City of Cle Elum. Ms. Radonovich then stated that she didn't think the Council should put a criminal offense in the code as people would be in court with criminals such as someone who stole something or murdered someone. The noise ordinance does not have a criminal offense to it and so a dog barking shouldn't be any different from the noise ordinance. Ms. Radonovich did state that she felt cruelty to animals should be a criminal offense.

Lindsay Flowers, Roslyn – Ms. Flowers asked the Council to advertise in the local paper informing everyone of the upcoming meeting. Mr. Martinez replied that a notice will go out in the utility bills, on the e-alert, and a more noticeable sign will be posted at the post office.

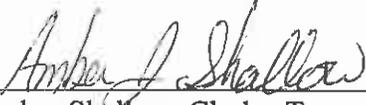
STAFF REPORTS:

ADJOURNMENT: 8:11pm

MOTION: Councilmember Begley MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Spurrier SECONDED the motion. The motion was APPROVED 6-0.



Cordy Cooke, Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest: 

Amber Shallow, Clerk - Treasurer