

**CITY OF ROSLYN
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

July 12, 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 Porter called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, led the flag salute, and asked the Clerk – Treasurer to call roll.

PRESENT: Mayor Porter, Councilmember Andy Januskiewicz, Councilmember James Begley, Councilmember Laura Osiadacz, Councilmember Geoff Scherer, and Councilmember Derek Gruber

ABSENT: Councilmember Bethany Spurrier

MOTION: Councilmember Cooke **MOVED** to excuse the absentee. Councilmember Januskiewicz **SECONDED** the motion. The motion **PASSED 6-0**

STAFF: Amber Shallow, Clerk – Treasurer; Mitch Long, Public Works Crewmember; Ann Marie Soto, City Attorney

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1.) Accounts Payable Checks #10949 - #10981, in the amount of \$34,316.03 and Manual Checks #10947 – 10948, in the amount of \$1,764.00
- 2.) Payroll Checks of June 30, 2011, #7463 - #7489, in the amount of \$25,649.52
- 3.) Council Minutes: June 14, 2011 Work Study and June 14, 2011 Meeting

Mayor Porter read the consent agenda.

MOTION: Councilmember Cooke **MOVED** to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Begley **SECONDED** the motion. The motion **PASSED 6-0**

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: (non-agenda items)

Cindy Gregory, Roslyn – Ms. Gregory indicated she was present as the representative for the Friends of the Library to touch base with the Council and she read a letter regarding moving forward into the next phase for the Old City Hall/Library Project. The Friends offered to contribute funds for a grant writer but requested a formal written request from the City estimating the cost and duration of the contract. Ms. Gregory asked that the written request be submitted at the Friend's Board meeting on July 28th. Ms. Gregory also asked who the Friends of the Library would speak to regarding timelines on the next phase of the project and Mayor Porter replied that Mitch Long is the project manager for the City and then turned the floor over to Mr. Long. Council then directed staff to draft the appropriate letter as requested by the Friends.

Mr. Long informed everyone that the City's comments and replies to BOLA's questions would be sent in the next day. We are a little behind with the comments because of the transition in the office but not by much.

Neal Lockett, Roslyn – Mr. Lockett has recommendations on the pot belly pig. He stated that if the owners of Polly the pig could satisfy certain criteria then it would be possible to keep it. Criteria such as, it must be domesticated, must not live in a pen/pigsty/shed, etc, Officer Snyder must be ensured that the pig is domesticated, only one pig would be allowed for its natural life, the pig must be neutered, Officer Snyder must be assured that no unhealthy or unsanitary conditions exist per RMC 6.05.070, it must comply with the leash law, must comply with the 2,000 square foot per animal livestock guidelines, it cannot be at large, must be licensed in accordance with RMC 6.05.030 & .040 and wear a collar with the license, these temporary care agreements can be revisited and revoked by the City Council at any time.

Jim Barich, Cle Elum – Mr. Barich stated that he is the Vice-President of the Croatian Club and they are having their annual picnic this coming weekend and they would like to remove the gate into the tennis courts so they can put their beer wagon in there; they would put the gate back as it was when they are done. He requested permission from the Council to do this. Mayor Porter stated that the Council would address the request under Council Concerns and Initiatives.

Myke Woodwell, Roslyn – Mr. Woodwell recently learned that the Roslyn Downtown Association (RDA) purchased the house located at 103 W Idaho Ave and read a letter. He was wondering if there were any updates since the Resolution that was passed last fall supporting projects by RDA and the Storefront Studio. He also encouraged the City to put this house on the National Historic Register.

Council discussed and agreed to send letters to RDA requesting updates on their activities and requesting that they add the house located at 103 W Idaho Ave to the National Historic Register.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:

4.) **AB11-045** – Presentation: Sustainable Development by Elizabeth Street
Mayor Porter read the agenda bill for this item and introduced Elizabeth Street and turned the floor over to her.

Ms. Street stated that this project started with a question. "What would sustainable development in Roslyn look like?" and I answer how to get there through my paper. The purpose of the project was to equip Roslyn with a tool to create a strong development plan. I interviewed local stakeholders and gathered other information during this process.

Ms. Street then reviewed the visual aids on pages 27, 29, and 30 of her report and recommended that Roslyn take three steps:

1. Create a community group – use a focused vision to start such as what do we want to be
2. Create a series of local issue forums – use facilitator hosted workshops to achieve "what do we want to be" work with community, (teams can work on individual issues)

3. Create a sustainable business plan – Ms. Street recommends this be based on the City of Renton's; it should be a vision with goals and action items – keep it very short and easy to track, this should be a “strategic plan”

Mayor Porter stated that her understanding of this report is that the City should not run this project and asked Ms. Street if that was her vision?

Ms. Street replied that she thinks if it becomes a City project then people think the City will do it but if the community is doing it there might be more buy in and more participation; there'll be the attitude that we are all going to come together to get this done.

Councilmember Cooke thanked Elizabeth for her time, energy, and passion that was apparent in this document. What I got out of it, in general we agree on the big picture – we like Roslyn the way it is but it could be improved and we have enormous assets. On page 43 at bottom “the biggest challenge for Roslyn will be the coordination and facilitation of the town hall...” From this document you are challenging us to do this project and I accept this challenge and I ask everyone to remember that this isn't the first time that a consultant has identified personal relationships as a problem for Roslyn.

Councilmember Cooke went on to say that as a community we agree on many more issues than we disagree on such as; the fire department is amazing, the cemeteries is our pride and cultural heritage and are great, the library is the best in the County and we have community groups that support that library at a level that is amazing. I believe that if we treat each other with respect and are gentle with each other we can do this.

Neal Lockett, Roslyn – Mr. Lockett stated that in the document Ms. Street talks about recreation but our parks were not listed then asked Ms. Street if her work took into consideration that one of the greatest liabilities the City has is traffic driving through Roslyn without stopping.

Ms. Street replied that she did hear from some that they didn't necessarily want everyone to be stopping and it wasn't her task to determine what Roslyn should do, but how Roslyn can do what it chooses.

Mr. Lockett asked Ms. Street how many people she interviewed and she replied about 50. There were a lot of unreturned phone calls so she didn't interview as many as she wanted but there was only six months to complete this project. After about fifty interviews she started hearing the same ideas so she felt comfortable stopping there without pushing harder.

Mitch Long, Roslyn – Mr. Long stated that this document is an excellent example of succinct and concise work by a lot of people that fits our mold. There are some great suggestions and goals to create a case study of our own. Mr. Long then encouraged everyone to look at this document and what it has to say, you can bring a lot of people together that you wouldn't think would get along but they can work together.

Mayor Porter told everyone that there are copies available at Roslyn City Hall and at the Library.

Mr. Lockett asked Ms. Street if during the period of time she studied Roslyn did she get a sense of what it would be like to live here. Ms. Street replied I think so, I feel like I got a good sample from the people I talked to and was amazed at how open and honest they were with me.

Ms. Street commented that she thought a facilitator would help with the interpersonal issues.

Mayor Porter thanked Ms. Street for her work and presentation. Ms. Street told Mayor Porter to feel free to hand out her contact information.

INTRODUCTION:

- 5.) **AB11-046 – Resolution Authorizing a Contract for Sewer Improvements Project**

Mayor Porter read the agenda bill for this item.

MOTION: Councilmember Cooke MOVED to approve Resolution #11-023. Councilmember Scherer SECONDED the motion. The motion PASSED 6-0

MAYOR AND COUNCIL CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Mayor Porter asked Council to make a decision on Croatian Lodge's request for permission to remove the gate at the tennis courts.

Councilmember Gruber motioned to allow them to remove the gate and put it back after the picnic and Councilmember Osiadacz seconded the motion. Council then discussed the fact that the gate would need to be moved again next year and the motion was amended.

MOTION: Councilmember Gruber MOVED to grant permission to the Croatian Lodge to remove the gate every year as needed. Councilmember Osiadacz SECONDED the motion. The motion PASSED 6-0.

Mayor Porter announced that we have the new water efficiency numbers in and we are down to 5% lost and unaccounted for water, which is down from 7% last year and we used to be at 27%.

Mayor Porter received a letter stating that the post office is trying to move the mail handling facility from Yakima to Pasco. If the move happens it will take longer to get mail down there and back so this could delay your mail up to a day. There is a public meeting in Yakima on July 21, 2011 at 6pm and this is the only time they will take comments. There is a phone number listed in the letter for more information and this will all be available at City Hall.

Mayor Porter stated she has a proposal/request for the fire department; the DNR just finished the fire wise project and she would like to see a plan that would recommend fire

wise options for homeowners. The Citizen's Advisory Committee could probably weigh in as well to help since they just went through it. Mr. Long replied that there is a lot of information available from the DNR and passing that info along to homeowners would be great.

Councilmember Osiadacz stated that she would bring that up at the next Firefighters Association meeting.

Mayor Porter announced that the City has been dealing with a lawsuit; Fischer sued the City, then he appealed the court's decision in Spokane and we have received word that Roslyn has won.

Mayor Porter congratulated the staff and crew, we had a work plan review today and they are working hard and keeping up.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:58pm

MOTION: Councilmember Cooke MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Begley SECONDED the motion. The motion PASSED 6-0


Jeri B. F. Porter, Mayor

Attest: 
Amber Shallow, Clerk - Treasurer