

CITY OF ROSLYN
CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
January 10, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.
Roslyn Council Chambers, 109 S. 1st, Roslyn, Washington

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE: 7:00pm

Neal Lockett called the meeting to order, led the flag salute and then announced that the Clerk – Treasurer would be issuing the oaths of office prior to the meeting proceeding.

OATH OF OFFICE:

- 1.) **AB12-001** Mayor – Neal Lockett
Amber Shallow, Clerk – treasurer swore in Neal Lockett as Mayor.
- 2.) **AB12-002** Council Position #1 – Derek Gruber
Amber Shallow, Clerk – treasurer swore in Derek Gruber as Councilmember for position number 1.
- 3.) **AB12-003** Council Position #4 – Karen Nielsen Flowers
Amber Shallow, Clerk – treasurer swore in Karen Flowers as Councilmember for position number 4.

ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE:

At this time Mayor Lockett asked the Clerk – Treasurer to call roll.

PRESENT: Councilmember Andy Januszkiewicz, Councilmember James Begley, Councilmember Laura Osiadacz, Councilmember Geoff Scherer, Councilmember Karen Flowers, Councilmember Nolan Weis, and Councilmember Derek Gruber

STAFF PRESENT: Amber Shallow, Clerk – Treasurer; Brandi Taklo, Deputy Clerk – Treasurer; Stan Georgeson, Public Works Director; Joe Peck, Public Works Crewmember; and Mitch Long, Public Works Crewmember

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 4.) Open Period, December 31, 2011 Accounts Payable Checks **#11264 - #11291**, in the amount of **\$40,938.31**
 - 5.) Accounts Payable Checks **#11292 - #11307**, in the amount of **\$5,049.51**
 - 6.) Payroll Checks of December 15 & 30, 2011 **#7676 - #7714**, in the amount of **\$33,635.18**
 - 7.) Minutes of 11-8-2011 Regular Council Meeting
- Mayor Lockett read the consent agenda.

MOTION: Councilmember Begley **MOTIONED** to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Scherer **SECONDED** the motion. The motion was **APPROVED 7-0.**

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS: (non-agenda items)

Karen Ware, Roslyn – Ms. Ware provided the Council with copies of the letter she wrote and a section of the Roslyn Municipal Code on dog licenses and a letter from her

veterinarian. Mayor Lockett thanked Ms. Ware and asked her to read her letter and she agreed.

Cindy Gregory, Roslyn – speaking as a citizen of Roslyn and on behalf of the Friends of the Library, thanked the Council for their efforts. She knows how hard it can be and Cordy Cooke is here tonight and I wanted to thank him for his years of service on the Council and for his efforts with the library and renovation project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:

8.) AB12-004 Mayor Pro-Tem Appointment
Mayor Lockett read the agenda bill.

MOTION: Councilmember Januszkiewicz **MOTIONED** to appoint Councilmember Scherer as Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilmember Begley **SECONDED** the motion. The motion was **APPROVED 7-0.**

Councilmember Januszkiewicz stated that Councilmember Scherer has had an extended service on the Council and has been a very important person on the budget, finance, and administration committee. He also has a really good relationship with the County Commissioners.

Mayor Lockett then read RCW 35A.12.065 which dictates that the Council must appoint one of the Council Members to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem.

INTRODUCTION:

9.) AB12-005 Resolution Authorizing a Software Assurance Agreement with Vision Municipal Services
Mayor Lockett read the agenda bill.

MOTION: Councilmember Scherer **MOTIONED** to approve Resolution #12-001. Councilmember Begley **SECONDED** the motion. The motion was **APPROVED 7-0.**

Councilmember Flowers asked how effective the software has been over the time we've been using it.

Amber Shallow explained that the systems are aging and will need to be updated but we are working on that. For now they are adequate but quickly becoming outdated.

10.) AB12-006 Resolution Authorizing the 2012 Kittitas County Emergency Medical Services & Trauma Care Council Payment Agreements
Mayor Lockett read the agenda bill.

MOTION: Councilmember Weis **MOTIONED** to approve Resolution #12-002. Councilmember Flowers **SECONDED** the motion. The motion was **APPROVED 7-0.**

Mayor Lockett noted that we have no alternatives for this; we either have this or nothing.

Councilmember Scherer noted that the cost is set by population so we do pay per person and it's fair across the board for all jurisdictions.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilmember Scherer – this is our first council meeting of the year and we have an ordinance that allows us to relinquish our stipends and since I am currently the chair of the budget, finance, and administration committee I would like to encourage everyone to relinquish their stipends. This is the 2nd or 3rd year we've required the staff to do furloughs so I think it's only fair that we give up our stipends as well. Councilmember Scherer handed out the stipend refusal form to all Council Members and the Mayor.

Councilmember Weis – I would like to give my stipend to go into a reserve fund for recording equipment for the new Council Chambers.

Councilmember Januszkiewicz – before we move on I think we should follow up on Councilmember Weis's request.

After a brief discussion the Council agreed that Councilmember Weis should be allowed to put his stipend in a reserve fund for Council Chambers recording equipment.

Mayor Lockett – there are four different Council Committees that we need to appoint Council Members to. Please consider which committees you would like to serve on and forward your choices to me and I'll take your requests into consideration when I make the appointments.

Mayor Lockett – I had originally considered directing my stipend to different City groups but after careful consideration I would like to give my stipend up to offset the number of furlough days the staff will need to take. I've asked Clerk Shallow to put the information together and would like her to present that information to Council at this time.

Amber Shallow – Mayor & Council Members, the Mayor's stipend would allow us to take the number of furlough days the employees will be required to take from 10 days down 6 ½ days. The cost of removing the furlough days is approximately \$16 more than the Mayor's stipend.

Council agreed with Mayor Lockett's request and directed staff to include it with Councilmember Weis's proposal.

Mayor Lockett – I am so proud of all the voters in Roslyn. We had the highest voting percentage in the County and beyond that I would like to request that anyone who is not currently registered to vote please consider it since we have a really important election coming up this year for president.

Mayor Lockett - At this point I'm reminded of a little boy named Jonnie who went to his father and said "Jerry isn't sharing the sled", so dad said "Jerry I want Johnnie to have that sled half the time", and so after that Jerry took the sled down the hill and Jonnie got to take the sled up the hill. I tell this story because we need to consider the reserves and I would like to try and grow them again; it will be very hard, but I think we can get it done.

Mayor Lockett - There was a work study meeting held before the general meeting in December and I convinced myself that I didn't need to be at it. After watching the meeting on TV I gained a big appreciation for what these folks struggle with in trying to balance this budget. I would like to explore some of the options behind the animal control money and we need to make sure we are utilizing it to the best we can. I want to ensure you that any decision I'm involved with I will make my decision in the best interest of the community.

Mayor Lockett – I would also like everyone to think about shopping locally. After I was elected, my wife and I were at the Brick for prime rib Thursday and Mike from Lazy M was there. I asked him to make me a gavel and he said he would and he wouldn't even charge the City for it. He called me a couple of weeks later and said my hammers are ready and asked if I would need a base. Mayor Lockett showed the public his new gavel and what he called his “discussion” mallet. By shopping locally it benefits the City and the environment; thank you Mike from Lazy M for the hammer.

Mayor Lockett – I would like to talk about the budget and reserves: the Association of Washington Cities sends out a publication and in it they talked about reserves. Mainly they stated that you shouldn't feel guilty about using reserves since they are there for a reason and that is a short term solution. We are going to have difficulty in the future getting grants and keeping afloat so I want to try and get ahead of the curve and I want to promote volunteerism. Such as the Cemetery Commission which is chaired by Dick Watts and the volunteerism there is great. Any time you have a budget where you are spending more than 100% of your revenues it is a problem.

Mayor Lockett – finally while going thru the elections I tried to have an ongoing conversation and I told people that I had a vision for Roslyn. Tonight I would like to share my vision with you. Roslyn is on a dead end road, we need to get off that dead end. There is a forest service road up past Lake Cle Elum that doesn't quite reach to a forest service road which runs up along the side of Lake Kachess. Right now the roads don't connect but if we could work with other jurisdictions and connect the two we would no longer be on a dead end road. My thoughts are that it wouldn't necessarily be a paved road or even maintained in the winter. It could be a nice scenic road for a summer drive and for winter recreation such as snowmobiles and cross country skiing and would benefit several of the area communities. I envision people pulling off the interstate in Easton, unloading their snowmobiles, fueling up and heading down the road. They could stop and fuel up at the Last Resort by Lake Cle Elum and continue on down into Roslyn, have lunch, shop and fuel up just outside of Roslyn before continuing the loop back up to Easton.

Mayor Lockett then asked for comments from the Council and public.

Bethany Spurrier, Roslyn – the logging road you are referring to ends in a trail system how would you get the land from the forest service? Mayor Lockett responded that he does not intend for the City to purchase the land, but rather to work with the agencies and jurisdictions that own and oversee the property to get this accomplished.

Ben Flowers, Roslyn – from what I know SR903 beyond the Last Resort is actually owned by the forest service and the state has an agreement to use it so thinking it could go farther is a reasonable idea.

Mayor Lockett – if anyone has another idea I would like to hear about it and I'm serious about that, we have a problem and we need to think outside the box in order to solve it. The other issue we face is that we don't have enough parking. When you can make it convenient for people to come into the area and do some shopping and commerce then it helps. Any time you can get the economic engine moving it takes some of the pressure off of the residents.

At this time Mayor Lockett invited police Chief Scott Ferguson to give his report.

Chief Ferguson – First I want to apologize, I just noticed that the report you have for police statistics has the wrong heading. The report is for the correct time frame it's only the heading that is wrong. For the New Year's weekend activity we did have full staff out, we were somewhat busy, had a DUI arrest and a domestic violence arrest. Recently Scott Havens of Cle Elum was killed, we are working with the State and County Health Examiner; it's pretty apparent that Mr. Havens was struck by a car and it's troubling to me that someone has knowledge of this and hasn't come forward. So if you know anything please come forward.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:10pm

MOTION: Councilmember Januszkiewicz **MOTIONED** to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Weis **SECONDED** the motion. The motion was **APPROVED 7-0.**

Neal R. Lockett, Mayor

Attest: _____
Amber Shallow, Clerk - Treasurer