

**CITY OF ROSLYN
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

May 14, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.

Roslyn Council Chambers, 201 S. 1st, Roslyn, Washington

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE: 7:00pm

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

PRESENT: Mayor Neal Lockett, Councilmember Anthony Novack, Councilmember Andy Januszkiewicz, Councilmember Laura Osiadacz, Councilmember Geoff Scherer, Councilmember Nolan Weis, and Councilmember Derek Gruber

ABSENT: Councilmember Mitch Long

MOTION: Councilmember Scherer **MOTIONED** to excuse the absent Council Member. Councilmember Gruber **SECONDED** the motion. The motion was **APPROVED 6-0**.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1.) **Checks #11986 – #11994, #13791 - #13807 & Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT) as follows:**
 - a. Accounts Payable in the amount of **\$32,044.08**
 - b. Payroll of April 15, 2013, in the amount of **\$20,640.70**
- 2.) Minutes of Regular City Council meeting of:
 - a. March 26, 2013

Mayor Lockett read consent agenda.

MOTION: Councilmember Scherer **MOTIONED** to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Gruber **SECONDED** the motion. The motion was **APPROVED 6-0**.

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS: (non-agenda items)

Ed Hewson, Roslyn – I started talking with the Planning & Historic Preservation Commission (RPHPC) about a month and a half ago about what I want to do with the property at the end of Whitehead Drive, including building a new house and rebuilding the barn. I thought we were going to look at what the historic use was but it’s no longer on the Commission’s agenda. I am here to respectfully request that, if it’s the will of the Council, you have the Commission take that conversation back up.

Jonine Brodine, Chair RPHPC – we did have some really good discussions on that topic. The Commission looked at possible zoning changes to allow some of the uses Mr. Hewson proposed. The Commission felt that it might take too long to accomplish so we dropped it for now in favor of completing some other tasks we are working on, but we would be willing to take that discussion back up if the Council would like us to.

Councilmember Januskiewicz – we’ve looked at that property before and determined it was unique and therefore made an exception for the sewer. With that in mind it wouldn’t be illogical to look at it as a unique property.

Mayor Lockett – do you feel that the commission should look at it again?

Councilmember Weis – you are looking at doing a new house in a different location?

Mr. Hewson – I want to build a more traditional farmhouse but it won’t fit the code and as far as the barn I can’t build it in the same location as it’s in a swamp.

Councilmember Januskiewicz – what happens to the existing house?

Mr. Hewson – the house is full of mold and the barn has sunk down, I would like to put a house and barn in a drier spot. I think I could make some pretty simple suggestions that would help deal with this property specifically and not affect other properties in town.

Mayor Lockett – I would leave it up to the Commission and I would like to know what you had in mind.

Ms. Brodine – we will look at it some more, it may take some time but it sounds like Mr. Hewson is ok with that.

Mr. Hewson replied yes.

Lynn Louise, Friends of the Library Representative – I’m inquiring about the grant writer.

Councilmember Scherer – I have not spoken with the grant writer in about a month. I will get a hold of him and see where we are at.

Mayor Lockett – we put in a request through the budgeting process with the state; we may not get the \$700,000 as requested but I hope we get something. Hopefully we’ll have more answers at the next meeting.

Jonine Brodine, Roslyn – the monthly art walk is starting up again and May 25th is the next one.

Jonine Brodine, Farmers Market Representative – there are 40 confirmed vendors for the market and in about 2 weeks we’ll have a gathering to get the volunteers together. I want to let everyone know that it is taking 8 people to do what 1 person used to do.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:

3.) AB13-020 Presentation – Roslyn Community Garden

Mayor Lockett read the agenda bill for this item.

Peg Bryant, Roslyn – I’m here representing R Town the group that is sponsoring the community garden. It’s hard to believe that at the beginning of 2009 Karen Flowers and I brought the idea of having a community garden forward and at that time the Council encouraged us to look at the Firemen’s Park location and to bring back more information. We have been working on this since. Maura and Myke Woodwell are spearheading the project. They had proposed using Runje Park by the baseball diamond in the fall of 2012 and it was looked at and the Planning & Community Services Committee asked us not to look at that location but to look more at Firemen’s Park.

Tonight what we are asking is to get your approval to proceed with the Firemen's Park location. For that to become a reality we need to know as soon as possible so we can make it a reality in 2013.

We desire to create this garden to benefit the city and community, we are asking for a 3 year lease and water at no charge. We are planning on raised beds and the advantage to that is that the beds can be removed. So if the City decided that it wasn't a good location then we could move it. We know that city crew piles snow in that area and if the plows damaged the beds we understand. There is also a water line that goes under the beds and if there was a leak or some repair was necessary we fully understand that the crew would have to take care of that with no regard to the gardens.

Councilmember Osiadacz – will it be sectioned off?

Ms. Bryant – no, at least not right now, maybe in the future we could put up a fence similar to what was proposed in the Storefront Studio process.

Councilmember Weis – what about the areas to either side of the park?

Amber Shallow, Clerk – Treasurer – that is all private property.

Mayor Lockett – when you look at the drawing one of the beds is in the driveway area. Would park maintenance be part of the agreement?

Ms. Bryant – each person who has a bed would sign a lease and they would be responsible for the upkeep of the beds. The idea of a giving bed is a concept that is still being developed.

Cordy Cooke, Roslyn – our intention is to take care of that whole space and relieve the city staff of that responsibility and to do it in a way the city staff directs us. We also understand that water is a very valuable resource and we would use this opportunity to help educate the community on appropriate water use.

Councilmember Novack – would you set up some type of infrastructure for watering?

Ms. Bryant & Mr. Cooke both replied yes.

Discussion continued on details of how the community garden would work and what would be done with food as well as organic waste.

Ann Marie Soto, City Attorney – I would suggest a more detailed lease than what was provided by R Town.

Councilmember Weis – would you consider, down the road if the gardens take off, paying for water?

Ms. Bryant – it's your property so if you desired sure.

Councilmember Januszkiewicz – I think that putting that piece of land to use for something like this would be great and would be nice for people driving by on SR903 and it gives them another thing to look at and maybe they would consider stopping here. It could give us the image of a nice welcoming community.

Discussion continued on how this project could be moved forward.

Councilmember Weis – when families host picnics there you may have the issue of people not respecting the gardens and kids could run through the gardens. But I would say go with it.

Councilmember Gruber – our only problem seems to be the lease and we all know there will be an issue with plowing snow.

Mayor Lockett asked the city attorney if she seen any issues with this proposal.

Ms. Soto – I’ve actually worked on agreements of this exact same nature for other communities so there would be more to address than what is in the current lease. I would recommend a motion for the attorney, staff, and the mayor to work on a lease that could be brought back at the next meeting perhaps.

MOTION: Councilmember Januskiewicz **MOTIONED** to have the city attorney re-work the lease agreement into a form that is acceptable to both sides and that the lease be brought back o the next Council meeting for action. Councilmember Weis **SECONDED** the motion. The motion was **APPROVED 6-0.**

Councilmember Gruber – it seems pretty clear that you have our support so I think you could move forward with spreading the word.

Council members Weis & Osiadacz asked that the fire department be informed that we are doing this, just to keep them in the loop.

4.) AB13-021 Proclamation – Declaring May as “Older Americans” Month
***Approved 6-0**

Mayor Lockett read the agenda bill for this item.

Mayor Lockett then invited Paul Melinski of the Kittitas County Action Council to speak.

Mr. Melinski, Ellensburg & member of KCAC to aging and long-term care – this is a national proclamation and has already been passed by the County and City of Ellensburg. It is on your agenda tonight as well as the City of Cle Elum’s agenda. If at some point in time you need things for seniors that I can be a help with please let me know.

Councilmember Osiadacz – how old do you have to be to be considered an older American?

Mr. Melinski – when you are old enough you’ll know. I think it’s somewhere around 55 – 60 but it’s more about the way you feel rather than your age.

Mayor Lockett then read the proclamation.

MOTION: Councilmember Weis **MOTIONED** to approve the Proclamation. Councilmember Gruber **SECONDED** the motion. The motion was **APPROVED 6-0.**

INTRODUCTION:

- 5.) **AB13-022** Resolution Declaring an Emergency and Ratifying Contract for Tree Removal in Runje Field

Mayor Lockett read the agenda bill for this item.

MOTION: Councilmember Januszkiewicz **MOTIONED** to approve **Resolution #13-011**. Councilmember Weis **SECONDED** the motion. The motion was **APPROVED 6-0**.

- 6.) **AB13-023** Resolution – Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with the DNR for mutual assistance

Mayor Lockett read the agenda bill for this item.

MOTION: Councilmember Gruber **MOTIONED** to approve **Resolution #13-012**. Councilmember Scherer **SECONDED** the motion. The motion was **APPROVED 6-0**.

Councilmember Gruber – Chief Osiadacz discussed this with me a little bit and I think it's a great idea and anything we can do to be out in front of this issue is a good thing.

Mayor Lockett – our department and the DNR thought we had a contract in place already but we didn't. If we'd have had this contract in place we could have gotten the fire hose at a discount.

Councilmember Novack – I think a lot of this agreement is boiler plate and we really don't want to be without an agreement.

Councilmember Osiadacz – I don't think the city wants to pay for a helicopter to help fight a wildfire if needed and this agreement would alleviate the cost.

Councilmember Novack – is our department trained in fighting forest fires?

Councilmember Osiadacz – some of our people have red cards but not all of them.

Councilmember Novack – then they should probably all get their red cards.

Mayor Lockett – they will work towards that; anything we don't have that we may need we will get in the near future.

- 7.) **AB13-024** Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to award a contract for the 2013 Sewer Improvements Project

Mayor Lockett read the agenda bill for this item.

MOTION: Councilmember Scherer **MOTIONED** to approve **Resolution #13-013**, contingent upon the bids being reviewed by the transportation and public works committee. Councilmember Osiadacz **SECONDED** the motion. The motion was **APPROVED 6-0**.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilmember Weis inquired about the tree at cemetery that had blown down. Amber Shallow, Clerk – Treasurer explained that the City had tried to hire someone to take the tree out along with a co-dependent tree next to the fallen one but the contractors backed out when they found out they would need to file paperwork for paying prevailing wages. Currently my husband and I are working on a volunteer basis to clean it up. Councilmember Weis – I will help with removal just let me know.

Mayor Lockett – Shawna, the City Planner, got a grant to get rid of old tires in town; her goal was to get rid of 1,000 tires and the final total was 1,098. What made this event successful was Sky Osiadacz came down and volunteered to remove rims from the tires which allowed us to load more into the trucks. I want to thank Skye & Shawna for putting on a successful event.

Mark your calendars for July 9th at 6pm as we will be having an elected officials training class in place of our regular Council meeting.

With all the barn quilts being installed around the County I would like to see a barn quilt on the Barn on Nelson Dairy Road.

I attended the Flag Pole Park dedication this past weekend as well as the fundraiser for the Roslyn Farmer’s Market.

I met with Gray & Osborne on May 2nd in Seattle to discuss our water rights for the Water Comprehensive Plan update.

I’m looking for someone from council who would like to serve on the Coal Mines Trail Commission.

Weis motioned, Scherer 2nd to adjourn 8:52pm 6-0

ADJOURNMENT: 8:52pm

MOTION: Councilmember Weis **MOTIONED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:52pm. Councilmember Scherer **SECONDED** the motion. The motion was **APPROVED 6-0.**

Neal Lockett, Mayor

Attest: _____
Amber Shallow, Clerk – Treasurer