

**CITY OF LAKE STEVENS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, July 9, 2012

Lake Stevens School District Educational Service Center (Admin. Bldg.)
12309 22nd Street N.E. Lake Stevens

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Vern Little

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Todd Welch, Suzanne Quigley, Kathy Holder, Kim Daughtry, Marcus Tageant, Neal Dooley and John Spencer

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: City Administrator Jan Berg, City Attorney Cheryl Beyer, Planning Director Becky Ableman, Finance Director/Treasurer Barb Lowe, Principal Planner Karen Watkins, Public Works Director Mick Monken, Human Resource Director Steve Edin, Police Chief Randy Celori, and City Clerk/Admin. Asst. Norma Scott

OTHERS: Ron Urquhart, Darren Carleton, Samuel Low, Mark Wakefield

Guest Business. Mark Wakefield, 121 95th Avenue SE, requested Council agenda packets be made available for the public. Mayor Little responded they are on the City's web site. Also he would like to work with the Mayor on the budget and stop the cuts in the Police Department.

Ron Urquhart, 215 95th Avenue SE, made the following comments: vandalism by kids is on the rise because there is nothing to motivate them, create a place for them to play, curfew for under 18 years, gangs and drugs already here, would like a Save our Kids project, and pro-act not react.

Darren Carleton, 830 Sunnyside Blvd SE, of Carleton Farms, commented as follows: construction by the Sewer District will be occurring during the critical time frame for their business this fall, 80% of traffic comes from the south, September and October generates 70% of their business sales, in the past several years their farm has suffered revenue losses of over \$100,000 due to traffic disruption caused by the sewer plant, schedule issues were not being met by the District, fighting for our business, requested Council reconsider the October 31 date and schedule for a later date, possible road closures will put them out of their 46 year business, economically support community, and would like some common ground rather than September-October road closure dates.

Samuel Low, 8409 4th Place SE, questioned Ordinance 879, Page 75 of the Council packet, revenues are up, but not filling a police officer position. Why are you cutting the police at this time? Mayor Little responded we need the revenues to keep City solvent. Mr. Low noted on Page 77 almost all the salaries are being amended and are they amended up or down. Finance Director/Treasurer Lowe noted only three were adjusted as stated in the staff report. Mr. Low commented the mini-roundabouts are working quite well.

Consent Agenda. Councilmember Spencer moved to approve the Consent Agenda items A-D (A. Approve July 2012 vouchers [Payroll Direct Deposits 905944-906010 in the amount of \$146,181.13, Payroll Checks 33708-33709 for \$3,173.17, Claims 33710-33761 for \$59,176.25, Electronic Funds Transfers 472-477 for \$141,806.93, Tax Deposit 6.29.12 for \$53,635.72 for total vouchers approved of \$403,973.20]; B. Approve minutes of June 25, 2012 regular Council meeting; C, Resolution 2012-3 fees resolution; and D. Department of Corrections Agreement Authorization.), seconded by Councilmember Welch; motion carried unanimously. (7-0-0-0)

Approve Small Public Works Contract with Bill's Tree Topping & removal. Public Works Director/Engineer Monken reported they went through the competitive bidding process. This contract provides pre-approval of the service provider, which allows the City to call out for the service as needed. The contract is limited to \$5,000 and expires on December 31, 2013. The other bidder, Precise Trees, bid \$73/hour and this contract is for \$70/hour.

MOTION: Councilmember Tageant moved to authorize the Mayor to execute a Small Public Works Contract for on-call services with Bill's Tree Topping & Removal for a total amount not to exceed \$5,000, seconded by Councilmember Holder; motion carried unanimously. (7-0-0-0)

First reading of Ordinance No. 879, budget amendments. Finance Director/Treasurer Lowe reviewed the three funds being amended (General, Street and Equipment Fund- computer). The minimal increase in salaries is for the education incentive negotiated by the Police Guild.

MOTION: Councilmember Dooley moved to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 879 amending Ordinance No. 865, seconded by Councilmember Tageant; motion carried unanimously. (7-0-0-0)

Subarea Planning – Draft Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan) and Land Use Code

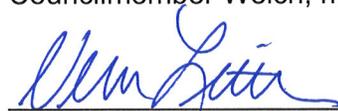
Amendments. Principal Planner Watkins gave a brief overview of the Comp Plan amendments: adopt two subarea plans, land use map amendments and Comp Plan elements amendments, reviewed land use code amendments – mostly land use issues relating to the subarea, and reviewed the next steps – Council's public hearings begin August 27 and continue to September 10 and September 24, if needed. Notification by postcard is being given to every property owner in the subarea. Also notification will be in The Herald and Journal, plus a large e-mail list and stakeholders.

Council Person's Business: Councilmembers reported on the following meetings: Tageant – Sewer District Utility Subcommittee; Holder – Sewer District Utility Subcommittee, Fire District – strategic plan published and National Night Out is August 7; Welch – Arts Commission; Spencer – Council's retreat will be scheduled in October; Dooley – Sewer District Utility Subcommittee; and Daughtry – Aquafest and Oktoberfest coming up

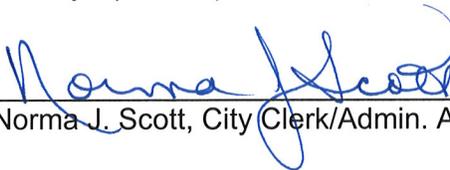
Mayor's Business: Mayor Little attended the Highway 9 Coalition meeting in Snohomish and Sewer District Utility Subcommittee meeting.

Staff Reports: Staff reported on the following: Planning Director Ableman – City hosted Economic Alliance meeting; Public Works Director/Engineer Monken – very few complaints on the roundabouts, ballot boxes were installed behind the Baptist Church, attended WSDOT meeting, and over 99% kill on Lake milfoil; and Police Chief Celori – Fireworks complaints (46 complaints with 23 on July 4) and receiving fewer bicycle complaints.

Adjourn. Councilmember Spencer moved to adjourn at 8:18 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Welch; motion carried unanimously. (7-0-0-0)



Vern Little, Mayor



Norma J. Scott, City Clerk/Admin. Asst.