

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

Tuesday, November 10, 2015
Lake Stevens School District Educational Service Center (Admin. Bldg.)
12309 22nd Street N.E., Lake Stevens

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Marcus Tageant

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Kim Daughtry, Sam Low, John Spencer, Todd Welch, Suzanne Quigley, Kathy Holder, Marcus Tageant

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Finance Director/City Clerk Barb Stevens, Interim Planning and Community Development Director Russ Wright, Public Works Director Mick Monken, Police Chief Dan Lorentzen, Deputy City Clerk Kathy Pugh, City Attorney Cheryl Beyer; Police Records Specialist Katie Rivers, Police Officers Gleb Shein and Michael Hingtgen; Economic Development Coordinator Jeanie Ashe

OTHERS:

Excused Absence.

Councilmember Welch arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Guest Business. Police Chief Dan Lorentzen introduced Katie Rivers, recently hired for the Records Specialist position. Ms. Rivers started with the department on October 1, 2015 and has a strong background in law enforcement. Chief Lorentzen next introduced Officer Gleb Shein who graduated from the Criminal Justice Training Academy on October 13th and is now completing his field training. Chief Lorentzen then introduced Officer Michael Hingtgen who was voted Third Quarter Officer for 2015 by his peers. Chief Lorentzen commented that Officer Hingtgen is a subject matter expert with the New World program, a problem solver, a leader in criminal enforcement, and that his crew is very proactive in criminal enforcement.

Dick Todd, 825 – 99th Avenue SE, commented on his efforts to learn and understand the public process. He suggested the City could move forward by utilizing three compelling words: invite, acknowledge and incorporate.

Bryan Graves 8520 – 9th Place NE, has lived at this address for 25 years. He expressed concern regarding homeless heroin addicts who have moved in across the street and commented there is heavy drug traffic, a high theft rate, and drug debris and garbage, all to the detriment of the neighborhood.

Mike Jones, 1015 87th Ave NE, distributed a copy of a recent Facebook post about a senior citizen who was attacked in front of Walgreens in broad daylight. He expressed concern regarding the brazen nature of the crime and that this occurred in his neighborhood.

Debbie Jones, 1015 87th Avenue NE, said neighbors are afraid of retaliation from this house. Visitors to the house have become very bold and criminal activity has escalated. She complimented the police department and noted their hands are tied by jurisdictional limitations.

Georgi Slate, 8504 – 9th Place NE, said the drug house is next door to her home. Activity at the house has heavily increased since July 2015. It is not safe for her grandchildren and neighborhood children. She noted the greenbelt behind the houses is being accessed from Vernon Road, a path is cleared and there are people camping in the greenbelt.

Dave Elledge, 915 – 87th Avenue NE, thanked the police for their efforts. He is concerned for the safety of his children and home. He said homes are being cased by people frequenting the house and they are very threatening people.

City Department Report.

Consent Agenda.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Daughtry, seconded by Councilmember Low, to approve (A) 2015 Vouchers [Payroll Direct Deposits of \$138,362.89; Payroll Checks Nos. 39329-39330 totaling \$4,149.68; Tax Deposits of \$53,923.04; Electronic Funds Transfers (ACH) of \$174,745.16; Claims Check Nos. 39331-039397 totaling \$1,047,450.94; Void Check No. 39228 in the amount of \$21.00; Total Vouchers Approved: \$1,418,610.71]; and (B) City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2015. On vote the motion carried (7-0-0-0).

Public Hearing:

Public Hearing on 2016 Proposed Budget and First Reading of Ordinance 943 Adopting 2016 Annual Budget: Finance Director/City Clerk Barb Stevens opened the public hearing and read the rules of procedure into the record.

Director Stevens presented the staff report and reviewed the 2016 proposed budget. She then responded to Councilmembers' questions. Director Stevens reminded that Council's action this evening is to hold a public hearing on the proposed 2016 budget and a first reading of Ordinance 943. Discussion ensued and Director Stevens responded to Councilmembers' questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Tageant invited public comment and there was none.

MOTION: Councilmember Spencer moved, Councilmember Welch seconded, to close the public comment portion of the public hearing. On vote the motion carried (7-0-0-0).

MOTION: Councilmember Low moved, Councilmember Spencer seconded, to close the public hearing. On vote the motion carried (7-0-0-0).

MOTION: Councilmember Spencer moved, Councilmember Welch seconded, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 943 Adopting the 2016 Annual Budget. On vote the motion carried (7-0-0-0).

Action Items:

Approve Ordinance 944 Levying Taxes Upon All Property-Real, Personal and Utility, Subject to Taxation Within the Corporate Limits of the City of Lake Stevens, WA for the Year 2016: Director Stevens presented the staff report and responded to Councilmembers' questions.

MOTION: Councilmember Low moved, Councilmember Spencer seconded, to approve Ordinance 944 Authorizing Levying Taxes Upon All Real Property-Real, Personal and Utility, Subject to Taxation Within the Corporate Limits of the City of Lake Stevens, WA for the Year 2016. On vote the motion carried (7-0-0-0).

Contract with Prothman Company for Interim City Administrator: Councilmember Spencer presented the staff report and responded to Councilmembers' questions.

Discussion ensued. Councilmembers Low, Tageant and Welch said they believe the contract does not contain a clear scope of services and that it is expensive, and Councilmember Tageant asked why the Mayor could not step in and run the city until a new city administrator is hired; Councilmember Spencer said by bringing in an interim city administrator it will demonstrate to the public and to potential businesses that the city is moving forward and that it is willing to spend the money as a strong and stable government; Councilmembers Quigley and Holder believe it is important to have an interim city administrator to manage the day-to-day operations of the city, that the cost is not significant, and that having the services of a trained interim city administrator will give the city the ability to move forward at this time.

MOTION: Councilmember Spencer moved, Councilmember Daughtry seconded, to authorize the Mayor to contract with Prothman Company for an Interim City Administrator.

Councilmember Tageant requested the contract not begin until Mayor Little is present in Lake Stevens to provide direction to an interim city administrator.

AMENDED MOTION: Councilmember Spencer amended the motion to set the date to begin the contract with Prothman Company to a date when Mayor Little is present and available to provide direction to an interim city administrator. Councilmember Daughtry seconded the motion as amended. On vote the motion carried (5-2-0-0).

Discussion Items:

Trestle Holding LLC Traffic Impact Fee Exemption Request: Public Works Director Mick Monken presented the staff report. He said that Trestle Holdings LLC is requesting that it be eligible for the 50% reduction in traffic impact fees that is available to other commercially zoned properties under Resolution 2014-13 for its development known as Trestle Station on 20th Street SE. The property is zoned Neighborhood Business and this zoning is not included in Resolution 2014-13. Director Monken reminded that the intent of Resolution 2014-13 is to attract new commercial development and is targeted to commercial businesses that are likely to average annual tax revenue to the city of at least \$100,000 over a three year period. Trestle Holdings believes it can meet the threshold of averaging \$100,000 over the three year period and therefore would be eligible for the 50% reduction in traffic impact fees.

Director Monken requested direction as to whether Council wants to include the Neighborhood Business zone under Resolution 2014-13. Discussion ensued and Director Monken responded to Councilmembers questions.

Council directed staff to bring an amending resolution forward at the next Council meeting that included the Neighborhood Business zone.

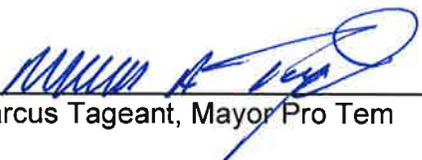
Council Person's Business: Councilmembers reported on the following meetings:
Councilmember Low: Health District.

Mayor's Business: None.

Executive Session: None.

Adjourn.

Moved by Councilmember Spencer, seconded by Councilmember Welch, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. On vote the motion carried (7-0-0-0).



Marcus Tageant, Mayor Pro Tem



Kathy Pugh, Deputy City Clerk