

1 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

2
3 September 13, 2006

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5 Attended:

6 Marvin Casebeer, Councilor
7 Mike Springer, Councilor
8 Don Strong, Councilor
9 Roger McKinley, Councilor
10 Tom McAuslan, Councilor
11 Mark Wishard, Councilor
12 Jim Wood, Police Dept.
13 Bob Titus, Public Works
14 Lyn McDonald
15 Stan Horrell
16 Mona Lindsey
17 Joe Hitz
18 Melanie DeJong
19 Bill Harrington
20 Linda Harrington
21 Frank Primozić
22 Andy Day
23 Dianne Lesniak
24 Andy Demko

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26 Mike Springer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was called, Jim Hamsher being
27 absent. The pledge of allegiance was recited. The minutes of the August 9, 2006 meeting were
28 considered. It was noted that Mark Wishard was present at the meeting although not listed.

29 **MSP: To approve the minutes of August 9, 2006 as amended, Marvin Casebeer/ Mark**
30 **Wishard.**

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32 The Council recognized Andy Day who said he had sent a bill in the amount of \$854.60 to the
33 City for repairs he had to make to a connection to the main sewer line. He said he had to hire a
34 backhoe to dig up the connection because the line had become plugged. He found that when the
35 City had back filled from the main to the property line, the material had settled 4 to 5 inches
36 causing the fitting to break. At that time he met with Bob Titus at the site and Titus had agreed
37 that it was the City's fault. After Day submitted a bill for the repairs he received a letter from
38 Titus stating the City was not responsible. Day questioned the City's policy of not installing the
39 hookups and stated that it is highly irregular for a city not to. There were questions as to what
40 the City's actual policy is and the Council was given a copy of the sewer ordinance. Bob Titus
41 said he didn't know what the policy was, just that they'd been doing it that way for a long time.
42 When asked why he didn't think it was the City's responsibility, he then said he had thought
43 about it and that maybe it was run over by a backhoe while being back filled. **MSP: To pay the**
44 **bill of \$854.60 if it appears to be the City's responsibility, Tom McAuslan/Mark Wishard.**

1 Mike Springer told Bob Titus he needed to get clear on what the City's policy is on installing
2 hookups. Andy Day asked for a copy of the City's ordinance.

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4 The Council recognized Dianne Lesniak and Andy Day who addressed them regarding Camp
5 Logan Days. They explained that they need to find a permanent site for the event because they
6 are burning people out setting up and taking down the buildings each year. They said they would
7 like to use the City's property just below the wastewater lagoons as a permanent site, and said
8 they realized there might be some problems associated with the property. Lesniak said she had
9 talked with Bob Titus and that he had thought it was a good idea. She said they would need
10 access to the property one month out of the year and maybe at some other times as well. She
11 also said they would be placing a container on the property for storage. Lesniak said she had
12 contacted the DEQ regarding public access issues that may be limited per the City's wastewater
13 permit and that she had been told it might be alright if the lagoons were fenced off and signage
14 placed warning against trespass. She said the school would be willing to find a way to install a
15 fence and signs at no cost to the City.

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17 Mike Springer cautioned that the City must maintain a good relationship with Russell Ricco (the
18 adjacent landowner) and that his original agreement to allow an easement through his property
19 was for City use only. Since that time a shooting range has been put into use and at times there
20 is a lot of other traffic going in and out of the area. It was noted that wastewater sites are not
21 usually accessible to the public. There were also concerns over liability, however Lesniak said
22 the school's insurance would cover everything. She said the event itself is also covered by
23 insurance.

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25 It was pointed out that the road is only one lane and that the access to the highway is very
26 dangerous. There was also concern that when it rains (as it usually does in May) the ground in
27 that area becomes extremely soggy and would pose parking problems.

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29 Lesniak was asked how much land is needed and she said 5 to 6 acres to accommodate the
30 Military Camp, Dixie Town and parking. She also said they would like to plant trees on the
31 property.

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33 Mike Springer again stressed the importance of keeping good landowner relations and said that
34 all the adjoining landowners would have to be aware and in agreement before a decision could be
35 made. Lesniak said she would talk to Ricco and Nance and try to convince them. Springer
36 advised that she not approach them saying the Council has given their approval, but that they
37 would remain neutral on the subject at this time. Lesniak said she would look into the issues of
38 concern and also talk with the Tribes about use of their land before getting back to the City.

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40 **Planning:** Lyn McDonald said there will be a meeting with the LCDC on the 26th or 27th of
41 September to discuss the possibility of expanding the UGB.

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43 **Public Safety:** Officer Wood recited the police, fire and ambulance logs and said the fire
44 department had provided 2 days of mutual aid in Mt. Vernon. He said the police department
45 may be getting 3 digital cameras free of charge compliments of MAD and the FBI.

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1 **Abatement:** Officer Wood said he is still waiting to hear from the DA regarding the abatement
2 issue in regard to the property at 253 West 12th Street. Mike Springer said a letter should be sent
3 to the complainant regarding the status. The Recorder said she had already done so.
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5 **Public Works:** Bob Titus reported that there had been a leak in the main transmission line going
6 to the wastewater lagoons and that is had been repaired. There was no mention of whether or not
7 it was reported to the DEQ. Titus said if the City wants to repair cell #2 with bentonite it cannot
8 be done in house. Joe Hitz said the City's permit requires a plan to be submitted to DEQ and
9 said one could be prepared by the end of September.
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11 It was noted that only one quote for the repair of the City Hall roof had been received and no
12 quotes for repair or replacement had been received for the sidewalk. Bob Titus said he didn't get
13 any for the sidewalk. He said he checked with the school about some type of sealer or coating
14 instead but didn't have any answers. **MSP: To accept the bid from Kaleb Voigt for the roof
15 repairs, Mark Wishard/Roger McKinley.** It was agreed that the sidewalk (in front of City
16 Hall) needs to be replaced. Titus asked the Council to look at it and mark off what portion they
17 want fixed.
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19 **Well Drilling:** It was reported that the two holes drilled so far have hit water, one estimated at
20 300 gpm and the other at 50 gpm. Mike Springer said there are three more approved sites and
21 the City must decide whether to develop these sites or drill additional holes. He said they could
22 drill close to the 300 gpm hole and hopefully get another 300 gpm. It was noted that the City
23 should not operate with only one well and pump given their history with pumps. Joe Hitz said
24 drilling 20 yards away would influence the first well somewhat but it would depend on how fast
25 it recharges and that flow testing will reveal more information. It was noted that a generator will
26 be needed to perform pump testing. Bob Titus was told to make it a priority to get it on site. Joe
27 Hitz also said the State will require seals or abandonment of the unused holes. He stated that
28 sealing would cost more but does give the opportunity for future use, whereas abandonment
29 requires filling the hole with concrete. It was agreed that the holes should be cased and capped.
30 It was noted that it must be done before the well driller leaves the site which could be Monday.
31 Hitz said the well driller needs to know what to do next as far as drilling and asked if the City
32 wants to start with an 8" hole and expand to 12". Roger McKinley said the water committee
33 would need to meet in the next couple of days and would make the call. Joe noted that the
34 contract is for three 8" holes and that enlarging to 12" would incur additional costs.
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36 **Accounts Payable: MSP: To pay the bills, Roger McKinley/Marvin Casebeer.**
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38 **Resolutions/Ordinances:** none.
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40 **Other Business:** The offer from DR Johnson Lumber Company of \$70,000 for the purchase the
41 advertised 10.1 acres was considered. It was noted that since PWP is an adjoining landowner the
42 City would not have to pay for a land partition. **MSP: To accept the offer of \$70,000 for the
43 purchase of the 10.1 acres from DR Johnson Lumber Company, Roger McKinley/Mark
44 Wishard.**
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1 Roger McKinley asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Dale DUBY for modifying his loading
2 zone area and removing the on street parking hazard in front of his building on Main Street. The
3 Recorder said she would write the letter.

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5 The City Recorder said she has been receiving questions about whether or not any streets are
6 going to be paved and whether or not 13th street is going to be opened. Roger McKinley said he
7 would look into it.

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9 7:35 p.m. It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

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11 Respectfully submitted:

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14 Diane Clingman, City Recorder

Approved this Date: _____

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17 Jim Hamsher, Mayor