

**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

DATE July 10, 2008

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member David Taylor, and Darren Wertz.

ABSENT: Council member Matt Swindell

STAFF: Chief of Police Carrie Greene; Director of Finance & Administration/City Clerk Kay Kammer; City Attorney Chris Sundstrom; Public Works Director Steve Wall.

Mayor Onslow: Council member Swindell is absent tonight for a candidate forum. This is the only meeting that is expected to be on a Thursday.

MOTION: Council member David Taylor moved to excuse Council member Swindell from tonight's Council meeting

SECOND: Council member Darren Wertz.

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Vote: 3-0

Yes: Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member David Taylor and Darren Wertz

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Council member Matt Swindell and Lee Wells

Motion unanimously passed.

CALL TO ORDER 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLIEGANCE

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

PRESENTATION

1. Gee Creek Watershed
Lynn Cornelius, Gee Creek Watershed Coordinator, WSU Clark County Extension

Information presented regarding problems including erosion, sediment, altered flows, temperature and contaminants

Solutions discussed regarding restoration, outreach, education, planning, assessments and monitoring
Gee Creek Watershed covers approximately 12,000 acres and is 10 miles long

The creek starts east of I-5, goes through the City of Ridgefield, the National Wildlife Refuge and exits into the Columbia River

Councilmember Lee Wells arrived [6:39:43 PM](#)

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS

1. Council

Mr. Taylor Attended the workshop on council rules, the Planning Commission meeting regarding the comprehensive plan, briefing, 4th of July activities, and the Parks Board meeting. Thanked Bill Myers of the Reflector for the publicity of the 4th of July celebration

Mr. Wells Attended the workshop on the council rules, Planning Commission meeting regarding the comprehensive Plan, and the 4th of July parade

Mr. Wertz Attended the 4th of July committee meeting, briefing, 4th of July parade, and State Economic Development meeting

2. Mayor

Met with Commissioner Boldt and Justin Clary, attended the 4th of July committee meeting, work session regarding the council governance manual, briefing, worked many of the 4th of July activities, and Cruise In. Kudos to all the committee members of the 4th of July and Cruise In. Attended Park Design meeting, Economic Development meeting and worked on the South Main Park.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Marie Stephenson, resident

Council member Swindell is absent for a candidate forum tonight but it is not the only candidate meeting. Ridgefield Business Association is hosting a candidate forum also.

Mayor Onslow: This is the only meeting that is expected for a Thursday that Council member Swindell anticipates being absent.

David Standal, resident

Thanked everyone who helped with the Cruise In, Kid's games, pet parade and street dance
Thanked Bill Myers for coverage of the event

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from June 26, 2008
2. Approval of claims/payroll in the amount of \$401,090.98
Claims: 10797 through 10850 in the amount of \$164,431.12, Automatic payments of \$1,264,52 and \$8,431.52
Payroll: Direct deposit of \$120,158.64, 10790 through 10796 in the amount of \$40,211.72, and automatic payments of \$22,013.94 and \$44,579.52
3. Approval of Pleasant Ridge Final Plat
4. Acceptance of a \$250.00 donation from Legacy Health System for National Night Out

MOTION: Council member David Taylor moved to approve the Consent Agenda as published

SECOND: Council member Lee Wells.

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Vote:

4-0

Yes:

Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member David Taylor, Lee Wells and Darren Wertz

No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: Council member Matt Swindell

Motion unanimously passed.

BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 1003
First reading of Amendment to Speed Limits

First reading conducted

Summarized ordinances No. 1003 and No. 1004 together

No Parking and speed limit signs are posted but not codified

Code needs to be updated to comply with standard

Wishing Wells (Parking) Covenants, Codes, and Restriction's are not consistent with current code

Mill Street – change to draft ordinance to state no parking on north side

15 minute No Parking - should read 15 minute only parking

Council discussion: may include neighborhood electric vehicles

2. Ordinance No. 1004
First reading of Amendment to Parking Regulations

First reading conducted

Council discussion: citizen has volunteered to place new signs

Issues with overnight parking – may be able to be addressed through updating the nuisance ordinance

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

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Kay Kammer
Director of Finance & Administration
City Clerk

Ron Onslow
Mayor