Mayor Larsen called the Regular Meeting of the Castle Rock City Council to order at 7:31 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following councilmembers were present: Khembar Yund, Greg Marcil, Julie Bean, and Ed Smith. Councilmember Jeff Skeie was absent.

Councilmember Bean made a motion, seconded by Yund to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2006 workshop and regular meeting. By roll call vote, unanimous ‘Aye’.

Mayor Larsen convened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m. to take testimony on the following budgetary amendments: 1) Regional Water Fund – as a result of repairs required to the Studebaker Wellhouse due to damages from a third party vehicle accident. 2) Library Fund – participation in the PUD lighting rebate and replacement of lighting ballasts, 3) Police Department – remodeling upstairs of city hall and relocation of the police department to those office areas, and 4) Park Department – to fund survey work for the Department Of Natural Resources ‘High Bank’ area located on the west side of the Cowlitz River.

The clerk-treasurer explained funding sources for each project:
The library light upgrade will qualify for a PUD rebate in the amount of $810, which will be applied to the total project cost of $1946.

The police department office remodel/relocation is estimated to cost $20,200 for construction and $6000 for equipment. Funding will be achieved through the Local Criminal Justice funds received from the State.

The High Banks survey work, in the amount of $14,000, will be funded from Cowlitz County, through Rural Economic Development interest income funds.

The repairs to the Studebaker Wellhouse will be submitted to the third-party insurance carrier. Covington stated not all invoices have been received, however contracts for the projects include $4,900 for engineering services and $19,429 for reconstruction of the wellhouse. The clerk-treasurer stated that what is not paid by the third-party insurance company will either be turned over to the city’s insurance or paid with user fees. The city attorney stated the maximum on the third-party insurance coverage is approximately $20,000.

As there was not public input, Mayor Larsen closed the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. and reconvened regular session.

Chief Heuer provided councilmembers with a breakdown of the proposed equipment expenditures for the police remodel project.
Councilmember Marcil voiced concern over odors emitting from the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Covington advised that she would forward the information to Public Works.

Councilmembers reviewed the budgetary Fund Summary report for April. Covington noted that April expenses are currently exceeding revenues for Municipal Court services. She noted that the city attorney is continuing to work with District Court to reduce costs relating to interpreter services and jail costs.

Councilmembers agreed, by consensus, that they do not need to have a workshop meeting to discuss the proposed subdivision ordinance amendments. Councilmembers requested copies of the proposed ordinance be distributed for their review as soon as it is available.

Covington announced that T.J. Keiran has been assigned by Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council Of Governments to provide planning services for the city. He will replace Don Mathison, who has since retired.

Mayor Larsen advised that she attended a public meeting to discuss proposed mining on Mt. St. Helens. One of the speakers opposing the proposed project offered to give his presentation to councilmembers. Mayor Larsen stated she has scheduled a workshop meeting, June 12th at 7:00 p.m. to view the presentation. Representative Brian Blake will also attend the workshop meeting. Councilmember Smith asked that the proponent be provided with an opportunity to attend the meeting.

Librarian Vicki Selander reported on the successful book sale conducted by the Friends of the Library.

Councilmember Ed Smith thanked the Castle Rock Police Department staff for their sting operation to enforce parking and traffic violations.

Council Report Of Meetings:
Mayor Larsen and Councilmember Marcil viewed the implosion of the Trojan Nuclear Plant from former Councilmember Merry Garder’s residence in Kelso.

Councilmember Smith made a motion, seconded by Yund to approve Resolution No. 2006-06, a resolution amending rates charged for purchase of dredge spoil material, on second reading. By roll call vote, unanimous ‘Aye’.

Councilmember Yund made a motion, seconded by Bean to approve the Castle Rock Lions Club fireworks permit application. By roll call vote, unanimous ‘Aye’.

Councilmember Bean made a motion, seconded by Smith to approve Resolution No. 2006-08, a resolution designating the Fire Chief of Cowlitz Protection
District #6 as the Fire Code Official for the City of Castle Rock, on first reading. By roll call vote, unanimous ‘Aye’.

2604 Councilmember Smith made a motion, seconded by Marcil to approve Ordinance No. 2006-06, an ordinance amending the Police Department, Park Department, Regional Water Fund and Library Fund budgets for fiscal year 2006, on first reading.

During discussion: Councilmember Bean noted that the hearing notice stated the Police Department remodel would require a $27,000 budget amendment, however the ordinance only has allocated $26,200. Chief Heuer stated he felt $26,200 would be adequate to complete the project.

By roll call vote, unanimous ‘Aye’.

2808 Mayor Larsen adjourned regular session at 8:00 p.m. for a 10-minute executive session to discuss litigation.

2855 Mayor Larsen reconvened regular session at 8:05 p.m.

2858 City Attorney Tom O’Neill recommended that the council entertain a motion to authorize settlements of disputes with Waste Control as reflected in correspondence between legal counsels for both entities and acknowledging receipt by the city clerk of payment in the amount of $10,000.

3004 Councilmember Bean made a motion, seconded by Smith to authorize settlement of disputes with Waste Control as reflected in correspondence between legal counsels for both entities and acknowledging receipt by the city clerk of payment in the amount of $10,000. By roll call vote, unanimous ‘Aye’. Motion carried.

3024 Mayor Larsen adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.