

0006 Mayor Barbara Larsen called the regular meeting of the Castle Rock City Council to order at 7:30 p.m.; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following councilmembers were present: Khembar Yund, Greg Marcil, Julie Bean, Ed Smith and Jeff Skeie.

0048 Councilmember Bean made a motion, seconded by Smith to approve minutes of the July 11, 2005 Regular Council Meeting. By roll call vote, Yund abstained, the rest 'Aye', motion passed.

0068 Myron Nelson, Castle Rock Senior Center requests approval to have a mural painted and installed on the outside of the south entrance breezeway. Artist Betty Rudisill is willing to paint a scene which depicts the history of the area and the center. A "draft" of the mural was presented to the council. To provide a smooth surface, Rudisill would like to paint the mural on three sheets of plywood. A plaque in tribute to early senior center members will be placed on the mural.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryana Covington recommends that the Senior Center obtain a copyright waiver from the artist.

By consensus, councilmembers authorized the Senior Center to proceed with the design and installation of the mural panels.

0407 City Attorney Tom O'Neill summarized the status of the Municipal Court budget. Due to mandatory jail terms the jail service billing for May exceeded expected costs. Prior to May's invoice, the average monthly jail expense in 2005 was \$952. As a result of a single offender receiving a mandatory jail term, the jail billing for May is \$15,970. The jail budget is based upon a historical average of \$1,300 per month. With mandatory sentencing in place, the amount budgeted for jail expenses may be exceeded at any time by a single offender.

O'Neill recommends amending this budget an additional \$15,000 to provide funding for the remaining six months in 2005. In response to a question from Councilmember Smith, Police Chief Bob Heuer reports that the offender responsible for the expense in May was not eligible for work release or home monitoring.

O'Neill has spoken with District Court judges to request that judges release offenders on their personal recognizance for Castle Rock bookings when charges are pending in other jurisdictions. This will

help to defer jail costs. Councilmember Yund reports that some cities are charging restitution from arrestees to recover booking fees.

Heuer reports that the city's jail contract will expire this year. Police Chiefs will begin negotiating jail contracts as a group.

0998 Heuer reports that a vehicle which was stolen from a local gas station has been recovered.

1055 Heuer reports that in response to numerous complaints from citizens, Mayor Larsen and he have been speaking with the new Director of the Humane Society of Cowlitz County, Scott Chandler. Heuer has recommended areas to improve the service from the Humane Society.

Councilmember Smith stated that to ensure public safety, city police should respond to a dog bite incidents. Councilmember Smith would like a meeting arranged with the Humane Society Director to assure that he is aware of city ordinance requirements.

1301 City Engineer Mike Johnson requests approval of engineering services proposal for Woodard Avenue Phase 2 Stormwater Improvements. This project will continue construction along Woodard Avenue NE of a 12 inch stormwater line to be installed 500 linear feet from the end of Phase 1B to Balcer Avenue. The estimated cost of engineering services for this project is \$9,800.

1380 Councilmember Smith made a motion, seconded by Bean to accept the engineering services contract with Gray & Osborne for Woodard Avenue Storm Improvements Phase 2 in the amount of \$9,800. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

1408 Public Works Director David Vorse reports that The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life will be held on August 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at the Cowlitz County Exposition Center.

Vorse also reported that the Castle Rock section of Walk Across Washington is scheduled for Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. This event will start and end at Lions Pride Park.

Vorse stated that paving of Kirby Avenue SE will take place on August 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>.

Vorse reports that six or seven water leaks have occurred in the last few weeks.

1545 Clerk-Treasurer Ryana Covington provided an over review of the second quarter budget report. She noted that none of the funds have exceeded adopted appropriations, however expenditures for some funds are exceeding monthly revenues. In those funds beginning fund balances are being used.

Covington requests approval for payment of July 2005 invoices in the amount of \$298,744.61, as described in the Summary of Claims and further described as check numbers 33599 through 33728 for general expenditures and check numbers 18400 through 18474 for payroll expenses.

1630 Councilmember Bean made a motion, seconded by Skeie to approve payment of July 2005 invoices in the amount of \$298,744.61. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

1725 Councilmember Marcil made a motion, seconded by Bean to approve payment to All Top Roofing in the amount of \$6,450.62 from the CDBG Fund. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

1750 Covington requests approval for payment of July invoices from L&M Industrial Controls in the amount of \$5,554.12. Vorse clarified that these invoices are for regional water work. In July a power surge caused electrical, telemetry and computer problems for the water treatment plant.

1834 Councilmember Smith made a motion, seconded by Bean to approve payment of July invoices from L&M Industrial Controls in the amount of \$5,554.12. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

1853 Librarian Vicki Selander reports that the Library Board requests approval to pursue the excess levy at the same rate of \$0.49 per \$1,000 of full assessed value to fund public library service.

1918 Councilmember Smith made a motion, seconded by Skeie to approve Resolution 2005-11 to ask qualified voters of the City of Castle Rock to fund by special excess levy the furnishing of public library services and to submit to voters for funding of a special excess levy during the year 2006, on first reading. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

#### Report of Meetings

1976 Councilmember Smith attended a Mosquito Board meeting. Mosquito spraying is now done with a new quieter fog machine.

2038 Councilmember Bean made a motion, seconded by Smith to approve Ordinance 2005-08 amending Castle Rock Municipal Code Chapters 17.16, 17.28, 17.64 and 17.68 regarding manufactured homes as permitted uses in all residential zones, on first reading. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

2088 Clerk-Treasurer Ryana Covington outlined the steps that have been taken to retain building inspector services. The City has been without building inspection services since June and is attempting to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Kelso for those services.

In the interim, Covington requests approval to enter into a six-month temporary agreement to retain the services of Chris McDonnell. The city has pending building permits in need of inspections services. Mr. McDonnell is currently working part-time for Kelso and Winlock. Mr. McDonnell is certified for both inspector services and plan check reviews. The fee for Mr. McDonnell's services is \$30 per hour with a minimum of three hours. Covington recommends a six month renewable contract to include at least one month's notice prior to ending the contract. This would allow time to negotiate a contract for building inspection services with the City of Kelso. Councilmember Smith requests a future update on the cost of this temporary service.

2309 Councilmember Smith made a motion, seconded by Yund to approve entering into a six month agreement with Chris McDonnell to provide building inspection services at a cost of \$30 per hour for a minimum of three hours with at least one month's notice prior to ending the contract. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

2324 Covington requests approval to expend up to, but not to exceed \$500 to organize a Community Revitalization Volunteer Recognition ceremony to be held on August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the elementary school. Funds are needed to cover printing and mailing costs and also to purchase refreshments. Certificates will be given to individuals and service groups that have demonstrated extraordinary service to the community.

2445 Councilmember Yund made a motion, seconded by Bean to expend up to \$500 on the Community Revitalization Volunteer Recognition ceremony to be held on August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the elementary school. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

Side B

2493 Covington stated that an attempt will be made, as requested by council, to schedule budget workshop meetings when Councilmember Yund can attend. Councilmember Yund stated he would provide Covington with his work schedule. Councilmember Yund reports that he attended a budget training class.

2447 Mayor Larsen adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

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Mayor Barbara Larsen

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Clerk-Treasurer