

- 0005 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 and Ed Smith. Councilmember Jeff Skeie was absent.
- 0048 Councilmember Smith made a motion, seconded by Bean to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2007 Regular Council meeting. Councilmember Marcil abstained, the rest voted Aye, motion passed.
- 0111 Barbara Hanson, 618 Pioneer Avenue NE, requests a utility adjustment due to unusual circumstances. The reason for this high usage is unknown, however Public Works Personnel have determined that there is no leak at this address.
- 0195 Councilmember Smith made a motion, seconded by Marcil approve a utility adjustment for 618 Pioneer Avenue NE in the amount of \$33.95. By roll call vote, unanimous Aye.
- 0300 Douglas and Joy Parker, 414 Front Avenue SW, requests a utility adjustment due to unusual circumstances. The original request was tabled during the July 9th Regular Council Meeting to allow the opportunity to determine if the usage at this address continues to be high. Mr. Parker stated that the utility meter reader explained how to read the meter and pointed out that the current read indicates normal usage. The reason for the high usage in June remains unknown. Mrs. Parker specified that the next time they go on vacation they will remove the handles from the outdoor faucets.
- 0402 Councilmember Smith made a motion, seconded by Bean to approve a utility adjustment for 414 Front Avenue SW in the amount of \$80.87. By roll call vote, unanimous Aye.
- 0461 Mayor Larsen presented Police Chief Bob Heuer with a proclamation declaring August 7, 2007 as National Night Out. The Castle Rock CARE Coalition and Police Department will partner to bring this community based event to Castle Rock. The National Night Out event is held to build community awareness and participation to reduce the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs by sixth to twelfth graders; and to prevent crime in general. This event will again be held at the Castle Rock Middle School, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
- 0684 Police Chief Bob Heuer reports that the Castle Rock Fair Parade went well. Sergeant Scott Neves drove the lead vehicle this year. Mayor Larsen and Sergeant Neves' two children rode along in the lead vehicle. Numerous volunteers from neighboring communities offered support. Assistance from two Reserve Officers from Kelso, two from Woodland, three from Longview and four

from the Cowlitz County Sheriffs Department assured that all went well. Public Works Director David Vorse noted that Castle Rock Reserve Officer Leon Kessler again did an excellent job organizing the parade.

0879 Public Works Director David Vorse requests approval to submit applications for the State of Washington Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) Small City Preservation Program (SCPP). Cities may apply for these funds every two years. This is a pavement preservation program intended to prevent the deterioration of residential streets. Residential streets are rated by the State and those with a low rating, which signifies a poor condition, do not qualify for repairs. A city can receive as much as \$100,000 for an overlay project, \$50,000 for a chip seal project and \$100,000 for a sidewalk maintenance project. TIB prefers project grouping to save on mobilization costs. In response to a question from Councilmember Bean, Vorse reports that the SCPP is a 100% grant with no match required.

Vorse would like to submit the following streets for an overlay grant funding:

Street	Section	Street	Section
Allen Avenue SE	entire length	Edgewood Court SE	entire length
Lakewood Court SE	entire length	Clearwood Court SE	entire length
Fourth Avenue SW	Warren St to Shear St	Diane Street SW	entire length
Michner Street SW	Third Ave to west end	Barr Street NW	entire length
Searls Court NE	entire length		

Vorse would like to submit the following streets for a chip seal grant funding:

Street	Section	Street	Section
C Street SE	entire length	B Street SE	both sections
Fifth Avenue SW	B Street to Hibbard St	Hibbard Street SW	5 th Ave to 6 th Ave
Sixth Avenue SW	Warren to Hibbard St	Shear Street SW	Front to 1 st Ave
Leaming Street NW	entire length	Cherry Street NW	entire length
North Street NE	entire length	Green Street NE	entire length
Dougherty Drive NE	Mt. St. Helens Way to City Limits		

The streets in the Sundial Addition are presently at the low end of the rating scale. Vorse would like to apply for an overlay of these streets as they most likely will not be eligible for future funding. If these streets receive an overlay and B Street and C Street SE each receive a chip seal then one-half section of Brierwood Court and one-half section of Roake Avenue would be the only streets that remain to be repaired in the southeast quadrant.

In response to a question from Mayor Larsen, Vorse stated that TIB will determine which streets will receive funding from those submitted. In the past TIB has been very conservative when determining costs. If TIB cost estimates are again higher than the actual cost of repairs then other streets submitted may be repaired using the remaining funds. The grant application is due August 31, 2007.

- 1231 Mayor Larsen noted that a section of Lakewood Court has settled and created a dip, which needs repair.

In answer to Councilmember Bean's question, Vorse stated that the condition of Pioneer Avenue does not meet the grant funding threshold.

By consensus, councilmembers approved the street listing, as presented, for submission to State of Washington Transportation Improvement Board (TIB), Small City Preservation Grant Program (SCPP).

- 1368 Vorse discussed the June 20, 2007 correspondence from US Department Of Homeland Security, FEMA, regarding accreditation of the city's levee protection. FEMA is requiring the city to have the levee design and construction data certified by a registered professional engineer before FEMA accredits the levee as flood protection. Currently the Corps of Engineer (COE) conducts an annual inspection of the levee. For this reason, Vorse contacted COE and the cost for them to certify the levee would be \$17,000 - \$20,000. The city must have this completed by September, 2009. If not completed by that time, the levee will not be included as a flood control device and this would affect flood insurance for all residents within that protection area.

In answer to Councilmember Marcil's question, Vorse stated that funding for this project would be through the Stormwater Management Fund, with revenues coming from monthly stormwater fees.

By consensus, Councilmembers directed staff to begin working on a contract with COE to complete this work.

Mike Mask, resident, advised that the City of Portland is removing all trees and stumps from dikes before certification can be obtained. Vorse stated that the COE allows trees on the lower shelf areas, however everything from the top of the levee to the toe must be clear of trees.

- 1682 Vorse announced that Cowlitz County has awarded the city Rural Development grant funding in the amount of \$200,000 for the Water Treatment Plant upgrade and \$50,000 for the boat launch construction project.

- 1776 Vorse discussed a new grant funding opportunity which would allow funding for alternative disposal of vegetation debris. In addition, Department of Ecology provides grant funding which would have allowed enhancement of the recycling area within city limits.

Vorse stated the city's recycling bins are currently located on private property, and these owners have now requested the bins be removed by the end of the year. The city will need to find another site before applying for this funding.

- In answer to Councilmember Bean's question, Vorse stated that the cardboard recycling bin is picked up two times per week, however there has been abuse resulting in items other than recyclables being disposed at those bins.
- 2068 In answer to Councilmember Yund's question, Vorse stated that a portion of First Avenue was paved due to construction damage. A few things still remain on the punch list for the sewer line construction project.
- 2112 Councilmembers reviewed the budgetary quarterly report.
- 2129 Council Report Of Meetings:
Councilmember Smith will attend a Mosquito Board meeting on Wednesday.
- 2135 Councilmember Bean made a motion, seconded by Yund to adopt Resolution No. 2007-05, a resolution adopting the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for 2008-2013, on second reading. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.
- 2155 Dahl-McVicker Funeral Home, 46 'A' Street SW, requests a leak adjustment due to a leaking toilet. Repairs have been made to the system and the Public Works Department has verified there no longer is a leak.
- 2191 Councilmember Yund made a motion, seconded by Marcil to approve the leak adjustment requested by Dahl-McVicker Funeral Home in the amount of \$375.34. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.
- 2206 There being no further business, Mayor Larsen adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Mayor Barbara Larsen

Clerk-Treasurer