

1. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Meeting of the Millwood City Council was called to order by Mayor Dan Mork at 7:00 p.m., February 12, 2013 at the Millwood City Hall. Council members present were: Glenn Bailey, Shaun Culler, Brian Ellingson and Richard Schoen. Council member Kevin Freeman was excused. Also present: Attorney Brian Werst, City Treasurer Debbie Matkin and City Clerk/City Planner Tom Richardson.

2. FLAG SALUTE: Mayor Mork led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Mork led the singing of "Happy Birthday" to June King, local resident and West Valley SCOPE volunteer.

3. CONSENT AGENDA: Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 8, 2013. January Claims Warrant Register of \$52,522.12, January Payroll Warrant Register of \$38,595.39. Council members received a list of Claims to be paid February 12, 2013. Mr. Ellingson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Schoen. The motion carried unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS: June King said there is a problem with employees of a business on Argonne parking in the residential area at Stout and Grace. Mr. Richardson said he would look into it.

5. YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT: Ms. Matkin presented a spreadsheet showing the beginning fund balances, revenues, expenditures and ending balances for 2012. She noted that all funds showed a positive net income which is an improvement over recent years, but also pointed out that the Sewer Fund received a one-time transfer from the Revenue Reserve Fund; next year this transfer will not be possible.

6. DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT POLICY BOARD: Mr. Richardson explained the need to designate a small cities' representative to the Emergency Management Policy Board which was established by the Emergency Management Interlocal Agreement approved last year. Mr. Schoen moved to vote in favor of Mayor John Higgins of Medical Lake as the small cities representative to the EMPB. Motion seconded by Mr. Ellingson. Motion carried unanimously.

7. SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM UPDATE DISCUSSION: Mr. Werst gave an update on discussions with Department of Ecology on the Shoreline Master Program. He said Ecology make it clear that, at least at the local Ecology staff's level, the "encourage" language will not be acceptable. Ecology said that in the future it would good to develop a more regionalized approach with the City of Spokane Valley, City of Spokane, the County, Liberty Lake and Millwood.

Bobbie Beese, 3003 N Argonne, said regional approach might be good in general, but if you live half a block from the river you don't want to have to get in your car and drive a mile and a half to be able to touch the water. It is important that we develop those two pieces that we do have.

Doug Krapas, Inland Empire Paper Company, said it is interesting that Ecology does not support the City of Millwood's language of "encouraged." Vancouver's very recent SMP, which was adopted in 2011 and became effective in 2012, uses language relative to public access which specifically states "encourage public access as part of each development project by public entity

and for all private development.” He would like to know why now they say they will not accept it when they have already approved it elsewhere. Mr. Werst clarified that Vancouver’s use of the term is in a policy not a regulation. Mr. Krapas recommended that the city staff review Vancouver’s public access regulations, including the specific exclusions which may agreeable, one being the “no net loss of ecological function.” He said IEP’s shoreline has been reclassified as “properly functioning.” Adding public access to their shoreline would result in a net loss of ecological functioning on that property. If we included something in that nature, at first blush it looks pretty good.

8. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Any Hail said the new chief has been selected. He is Bryan Collins from Walnut Creek, CA, and will start March 4. He invited the mayor and council to attend the retirement celebration for Chief Mike Thompson on Friday, March 1. Mr. Richardson asked about the structure fire at Argonne and Frederick which occurred over the weekend, and asked how a property owner can get information about on-going incidents. Chief Hail said there are confidentiality issues involved limiting what kind of information can be provided over the phone, and said one can check the district’s website to get updated information as it becomes available. Mr. Bailey asked how the controlled burn on Empire went. Chief Hail said it went very well, they accomplished some very good training, and he said he appreciated the community support very much.

9. MAINTENANCE REPORT: Mayor Mork read Cleve McCoul’s report for January. Water tests were good. The electrical engineer is working on the bid documents for the automatic transfer switch at Old Park well. They completed the public works inventory.

10. CLERK/PLANNER REPORT: Mr. Richardson said he had been contacted by a property owner about closing or vacating Woodruff Road north of Dalton. He gave the property owner the petition format and expects a petition will be submitted in the near future, which would require a public hearing. He said he had contacted Shirene Young at the mill, who asked to be included in the discussion.

He said he, the mayor, and councilmembers Freeman and Culler would be meeting on February 13 with the Spokane Utilities people on our sewer treatment agreement.

He said the Spokane River Forum is coming up in March.

He said STA has heard from Union Pacific Railroad about a concern that the buses at the new layover spot on Euclid Ave will block the sight-line for the trains at Marguerite, and the railroad would like the City to consider closing the Marguerite crossing. Council members indicated they would not approve of closing the crossing.

11. TREASURER REPORT: Ms. Matkin said the utility bills were sent out this morning with the new non-residential ERU sewer rate. She said BIAS had to do some programming to get the new rates to work in the billing software.

12. LEGAL REPORT: Mr. Werst requested an executive session this evening. He talked about the Liquor Control Board process for implementing Initiative 502 which legalizes marijuana, and gave a legislative report.

13. CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Mork noted the invitation to the retirement celebration for Chief Thompson, and the registration for the Spokane River Forum next month.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

15. COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mr. Bailey asked about the Teen Council. Mayor Mork said the level of interest among high school students has dropped off. Mr. Bailey asked about the animal control agreement with Spokane County. Mr. Richardson said that he exchanged emails with SCRAPS director, who said she would be sending us a new interlocal agreement later this year.

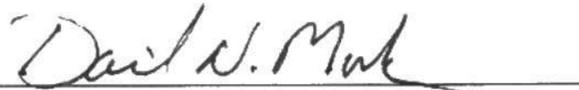
16. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Steve Peters, 2918 N. Laura Rd, asked about the schedule for installing the new traffic control equipment on Argonne Rd. He said last week there was a major back-up on Argonne, and hoped that the new system would improve traffic flow. Mr. Richardson said Spokane Valley's engineers are working on the bid specifications, and he expects the project to go out to bid this spring.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Mork called a two-minute recess at 7:48 p.m., and said the council would then reconvene in an executive session on matters related to litigation or potential litigation involving the city in accordance to RCW 42.30.110(i). The executive session will last twenty-five minutes. There would be no council action following the executive session.

Mayor Mork reconvened the council in regular session at 8:12 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Culler moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Schoen. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Mork adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

  
Daniel Mork, Mayor

Attest:

  
Thomas G. Richardson, City Clerk