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The Regular Meeting of the Millwood City Council was called to order by Mayor Dan Mork at 7:00 p.m. February 2, 2009 at the Millwood City Hall. Council members present: Mr. Brian Ellingson, Mr. Kevin Freeman, Mr. Glenn Bailey and Mr. Shaun Culler. Also present: Attorney Brian Werst, Maintenance Supervisor Cleve McCoul, Planner Tom Richardson and Clerk-Treasurer Eva Colomb.

Mr. Culler led the Flag Salute.
Pastor Lad Bjorneby of Zion Lutheran Church gave the Invocation.

CONSENT AGENDA: Minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 5, 2009 and a Special Meeting held January 12, 2009; 2008 Year End Claims, \$5,757.25, January 2009 Claims, \$64,737.65, January 2009 Payroll \$26,475.87; January 2009 Treasurer's Report. Mr. Bailey moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Culler. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Barbara Bennett 9913 E Dalton stated that she will be out of town for the Special Meeting scheduled for February 18, 2009 and asked if anything will be published about the meeting. Mayor Mork encouraged Mrs. Bennett to submit written comments before the meeting to be read into the record. Bobbie Beese 3610 N Sargent discussed the recent meeting of Millwood Better for Business regarding the Argonne rebuild project and asked if a general meeting will be held so business owners and citizens will know what to expect when the project begins. Mrs. Beese asked if owners of older buildings on Argonne should be worried about building damage during compaction on the road.

ARGONNE ROAD REBUILD PROJECT REPORT: Matt Gillis of Welch Comer discussed the WSDOT Grant the City has received for the improvements on Argonne Road and a TIB Grant for sidewalk placement along Argonne. Mr. Gillis advised that the design for the road project is 90% complete. Work on design around the railroad crossing at Euclid/Empire is in progress. Bid documents will be ready for publication in late March or early April and construction will begin in May. Mr. Gillis explained that because of grant requirements, the road project and sidewalk project should be bid separately. Discussion was held regarding how the projects will be managed if two contractors are hired, one for the road and one for the sidewalks. Mr. Gillis explained what work is covered by each grant. Discussion was held regarding a tentative construction schedule. Advantages of having the construction occur in the evenings and at night were discussed. Lengths of shifts were discussed. Side street access during construction was discussed. Access for emergency vehicles was discussed. Mayor Mork advised that at the Millwood Better for Business Meeting, the major concern stated by business owners was the need for good communication to them regarding construction schedules. Mr. Gillis advised that during construction, weekly meetings will be held at the City Hall. Newsletters will also be used to keep citizens and business owners informed on schedules. Discussion was held regarding moving utility poles out of sidewalks. Traffic control was discussed. Mr. Gillis recommended that the project could most efficiently be managed with work being done in the

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evenings and overnight, with left turns from Argonne to side streets restricted except for Grace Avenue and that 2 lanes will be constructed at a time. Mr. Bailey moved to accept the recommendations of Welch Comer, seconded by Mr. Ellingson. The motion carried unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Captain Jeff Bordwell of Spokane Valley Fire District reported activity in January as follow: 3 basic life support calls, 5 advanced life support calls, 1 fire, 1 downed utility line and 1 train derailment.

GMA JOINT PLANNING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS: Mr. Richardson discussed amendments to the Growth Management Act Joint Planning Interlocal Agreement requested by the GMA Steering Committee. Mr. Bailey moved to accept the amendments, seconded by Mr. Freeman. The motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Mr. Richardson advised that the Planning Commission will be considering changes to the Millwood Comprehensive Plan. Requests for changes and amendments are received in January for consideration. One request for rezone has already been received.

CODE AMENDMENTS – HEARINGS EXAMINER: Mr. Werst discussed a proposed change to the Millwood Municipal Code regarding implementing a Hearings Examiner System. He explained the difference between that system and the one currently in place in the code. After discussion, Council members expressed their approval of development of the Hearings Examiner System.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Mr. McCoul reported activity in January as follows: The entire city was plowed one time; streets were sanded twice; all fire extinguishers were services; water samples tested good; a liquid de-icer system has been ordered for installation on one of the trucks.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Council members and Mayor Mork discussed a River Forum meeting recently attended.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Mork discussed information on traffic counts that will be presented at the Special Meeting on February 18.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:40 p.m., Mayor Mork adjourned the Regular Meeting to convene Council in Executive session for 20 minutes for the following purposes: to consider the potential acquisition of various real estate interests in the City of Millwood pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(b) and to discuss with the City Attorney matters pertaining to pending litigation involving the City of Millwood pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(i).

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At 9:00 p.m. Mayor Mork announced that the Executive Session would be extended for another 5 minutes. The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 9:05 p.m.

Mayor Mork granted Mr. Gillis permission to contact newspaper reporters for information on the Argonne project and instructed Mr. Gillis to do so. More discussion was held regarding moving utility poles during the Argonne Rebuild Project.

LEGAL REPORT: Mr. Werst advised that documents are being prepared for the purchase of property from Craftsman Construction.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Ellingson moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Freeman. Mayor Mork adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.



DAN MORK, MAYOR

Attest:



Eva L. Colomb, Clerk-Treasurer