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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. June 1, 2009 at the Millwood City Hall. Council members present were: Mr. Richard Schoen, Mr. Brian Ellingson, Mr. Kevin Freeman, Mr. Glenn Bailey and Mr. Shaun Culler. Also present: Attorney Brian Werst, Planner Tom Richardson and Clerk-Treasurer Eva Colomb.

Mr. Jeff Postelwait led the Flag Salute.

CONSENT AGENDA: Minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 4, 2009; May Claims, \$330,140.23; May Payroll, \$26,511.30; Treasurer's Report for May 2009. Council members received the Claims Warrant Register for Claims paid May 5, 2009 and the Payroll Warrant Register for the payroll of May 29, 2009. Mr. Bailey moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Freeman. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mike Ellis, 3101 N Fowler asked if any progress is being made on a traffic study approved by Council last month. Mr. Ellis advised that traffic in his neighborhood has doubled. Discussion was held regarding a review of traffic in the area done by the Washington State Department of Transportation. Mr. Ellis stated that this issue was raised in November and asked what is being done currently. Mr. Ellis was advised that a contract for the traffic study with Welch Comer is being prepared. Mr. Ellis discussed truck traffic on Empire and Fowler that has occurred since the Argonne rebuild project has started. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of closing Fowler to all but local traffic during the Argonne project. Mr. Ellis made suggestions on how the intersection of Trent and Argonne could be changed which may cause drivers to use it instead of using Fowler as a cut through. Ms. Jeanne Pearson, 10202 E Empire advised that a car drove through her neighbor's yard and her yard and damaged her fence. She stated that this type of thing happens 3 or 4 times each year. Ms. Pearson discussed other times that her fence and house have been damaged by drivers speeding on Empire and losing control of their cars, causing them to enter the yards near the corner of Empire and Fowler. Ms. Pearson stated that she has spent over \$5,000.00 making her yard look good for Millwood and discussed insurance deductibles she has had to pay for damage to her property in the past. Ms. Pearson discussed danger to animals and children in the area because of speeding traffic. Ms. Pearson stated she is considering placing spike strips in her yard and stated that there should be liability for damage to her property. Ms. Pearson said she has lived here 21 years and does not want to move but that if something is not done, she will move. Ms. Pearson stated that the traffic survey did not reflect what actually goes on with speeding traffic in the neighborhood. Ms. Pearson stated that there are 3 drug houses near her home and that much of the traffic in the neighborhood comes from those houses. Mrs. June King, President of West Valley S.C.O.P.E. advised that June 6, 2009 is the date of the annual S.C.O.P.E. parade and carnival. Ms. Bobbie Beese stated that she sees a pattern in the Argonne Construction project. Ms. Beese stated that \$67,000.00 was spent on the Argonne Corridor Study which included stakeholders meetings, and meetings with officials from the State, County, Fire Department, Law Enforcement, residents and business owners and work with

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professional engineers and said the study was very in depth. Ms. Beese stated that when the study was completed, she had every confidence that there was an understanding of how traffic works on Argonne. Ms. Beese stated that now the road project is being done and that Millwood hired an engineer to give a plan for a solid road bed that doesn't need to be fixed but that the engineer doesn't understand how complicated Argonne is. Ms. Beese stated that she is seeing a lot of engineering decisions being made on the fly that are undermining the recommendations of the Argonne Corridor Study. Ms. Beese discussed the recommendation of bulb outs at intersections but that the intersection of Liberty and Argonne was put back the way it was. Ms. Beese asked if the new concrete will be torn up for placement of a bulb out later. Ms. Beese stated that some of the sidewalks have been in place for 85 years and said she does not want to wait another 85 years for a bulb out at Liberty. Ms. Beese stated that she lost a potential handicap entrance to her building which will affect her retirement plan. Ms. Beese explained a change made to the sidewalk near the building which now cannot be changed. Ms. Beese stated that the one window to her basement was nearly cemented over during the Argonne construction. She stated that these changes are not on the plans and are last minute, on the fly changes made unilaterally without consultation with property owners. Ms. Beese stated that engineering decisions are being made too fast without consideration of the Argonne Corridor Study. Greg Mott 3301 N Argonne stated that bulb outs are for traffic calming and pedestrians and that originally he was told that bulb outs would be included in the Argonne Road Rebuild Project but that only 3 made it into the project. Mr. Mott stated that 3 bulb outs are listed at 'Alternate #8' at the bottom of the list of the sidewalk grant. Mr. Mott stated that no one explained why 3 bulb outs are approved by Washington State Department of Transportation for the road plan and 3 are scrapped and put on the end of the line for space change. Mr. Mott stated that the bulb outs have to work as a set; that it does no good for traffic calming coming from the north and wait until Dalton to calm traffic down because the two bulb outs at Dalton, being the first seen and the bulb out at Euclid being the last seen, does very little to calm traffic. Mr. Mott stated that no bulb outs are planned at any pedestrian crossing on Argonne so there is no safety for pedestrians. Mr. Mott stated that the bulb out design at Euclid does not follow the design suggested in the Argonne Corridor Study and discussed danger to pedestrians if the bulb out is not constructed correctly. Mr. Mott stated that the bulb outs at Bridgeport and at Liberty and should be built next year if they cannot be included in the Argonne Road Rebuild Project. Pastor Craig Goodwin stated that there is a lot of concern in the community about lack of progress on the Argonne Road Rebuild Project. Ms. Pearson asked if under bumps are being considered as a traffic calming solution.

AWARD OF SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT: Mayor Mork advised that the low bidder for the sidewalk contract did not include everything required by WSDOT for a responsible response and so, the next lowest bidder becomes the lowest bidder if all documents are in order. Engineer Matt Gillis explained that the bid package submitted by Red Diamond did not include the required Bid Proposal Signature Form. Mr. Gillis explained the bid requirements and advised that any bid package submitted that is not complete must be rejected. Mr. Gillis advised that the

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award recommendation is for the second lowest bidder, Cameron Riley. Mr. Gillis advised that additional funds for the sidewalk project, in the amount of \$26,000.00 is available from the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) which would require City matching funds of \$3,600.00. Mr. Gillis asked for consideration of 3 award options: First, to award the base bid only; with every corner not covered in the Argonne Road Rebuild Project to get a new ADA ramp and wherever there is not sidewalk, sidewalk would be installed. Mr. Freeman stated for clarification; that new corners would not include bulb outs. Mr. Gillis reviewed the bid; the base bid with add alternates. The second award option would be the base bid and alternates 2 through 5. Alternate #1 was left out because a property owner has refused to sign an easement for sidewalk. Mr. Gillis explained alternates 2 through 5. Implementation of this award option would cost the City an additional \$3,600.00. The third bid award option is to implement the base bid, alternates #2 through #5 and alternate #6. Alternate #6 is placement of sidewalk on Liberty between Bridgeport and Liberty which would cost an additional \$10,000.00 from city funds. Mr. Freeman asked if the alternates include the bulb outs. Mr. Gillis advised that bulb outs are not included in the suggested bid award options. Mr. Freeman stated that elements of the Argonne Corridor Study are very important and asked why elements of the Corridor Study are not considered in the project design. Discussion was held regarding requirements of the grant funds. Mr. Gillis stated that during design, the first priority was to install ADA corners at intersections; the second priority was to place sidewalks where none existed and the third priority was to revitalize the downtown areas as funds were available. More discussion was held on how sidewalk improvements were prioritized and where the bulb outs were considered. Discussion was held regarding the need to improve sidewalks on the east side of Argonne in order to incorporate bulb outs on the west side. Mr. Bailey discussed recommendations for changes that were planned that are not included in the base bid for sidewalks. Discussion was held regarding the need to achieve pedestrian safety on Argonne during the rebuild project and why the bulb outs on the west side depend on sidewalk improvements on the east side. Discussion was held regarding obtaining an easement from I. E. Paper for sidewalk improvements on the east side of Argonne. Mr. Werst advised that the focus of obtaining easements has been with properties on the west side of Argonne. Mr. Schoen discussed costs of constructing some of the alternates. Mr. Bailey moved to table the issue and schedule a Special Meeting for the purpose of further discussion and award of the sidewalk contract. Mr. Culler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE SPECIAL MEETING: A Special Meeting for the purpose of awarding the sidewalk contract was scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall.

REQUEST FOR STREET LIGHT: Council members were advised that the cost for placement of an additional street light on Fairview Court presented at the meeting of May 4, 2009 would be approximately \$13.00 per month. Mr. Bailey moved to approve placement of the street light, seconded by Mr. Culler. The motion carried unanimously.

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ARGONNE ROAD REBUILD PROJECT: Mr. Gillis stated that the contractor, Red Diamond has not worked for several days and that the contractor is being strongly encouraged to begin working again and work steadily. Discussion was held on the requirements of the contract and length of contract before damages can be charged. Mr. Gillis advised that the contractor has stated they will be fully staffed and working by the end of the week and explained work that will be done this week. Discussion was held regarding Red Diamond working in conjunction with another contractor on the sidewalk project. If that is not possible, the sidewalk improvements will be done after the Argonne Project is finished. Mr. Gillis explained how the process would proceed in that case.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Spokane Valley Fire District Assistant Chief Larry Rider asked about plans for placement of the Opticom device and reported on rescues performed at the Barker Road Bridge in Greenacres.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: A written report submitted by Mr. McCoul reported activity in May as follows: water samples tested good; some vandalism in the park restrooms occurred and is being fixed; a block retaining wall was constructed east of the City Hall by Timerland; a meeting was held with Abbotswood Design Group regarding the park gazebo; two pool attendants were hired; a water service line was installed to a vacant lot on Argonne; a water leak was repaired on Woodruff, the sprinkler system at the Butler Well property was repaired. Work is being done at the construction site of Arrow Construction on a fire line installed last fall. Gravel has appeared in the fire sprinkler system at Arrow.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Mr. Richardson discussed work being done on Comprehensive Plan Amendments. Discussion was held regarding filling a vacancy on the Planning Commission.

LEGAL REPORT: Mr. Werst discussed work done on obtaining easements for sidewalk construction and on finalizing of the contract for extra law enforcement services.

PARK GAZEBO DESIGN CONTRACT: Council members received a proposed contract for design of the park gazebo was received from Abbotswood Design Group. Mr. Werst explained some changes that need to be made to the contract. After discussion, Mr. Freeman moved to approve the proposal of the design of the gazebo not to exceed \$7,000.00 pending successful negotiation of a contract. Mr. Werst advised that drawings for the gazebo will be provided for Council review. Mr. Ellingson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Mork advised that anyone wishing to run for City offices should file with the County Elections office this week. Mayor Mork discussed

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the Ice Cream Social and State of the City address sponsored by the Valley Chamber of Commerce scheduled for Thursday in the park at 6:00 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE: Council members received an invitation to the Collaborative Planning Luncheon. A letter from residents Todd and Bobbie Beese regarding construction of a bulb out on Argonne and Euclid was reviewed. Mr. Gillis discussed a plan to construct the bulb out in a way different than on the original construction plan. Mr. & Mrs. Beese were advised that this issue will be discussed in detail at the Special Meeting on June 3, 2009. A letter regarding interruption to business was received from Terri Burkhart, owner of Sun Beans.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Council members discussed interruption to businesses on Argonne because of the Argonne Road Construction. Council members and Mr. Gillis discussed some revisions to side street access that may help access on and off Argonne. The contract schedule was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Bailey moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Schoen. Mayor Mork adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.


DAN MORK, MAYOR


Eva L. Colomb, Clerk-Treasurer