



City Council Minutes – August 4, 2008

At 7:30 p.m., Mayor Maxwell called the regularly scheduled meeting of August 4, 2008 to order. Roll call found present Kevin McKeown, Erica Pickett, Brad Adams, Bill Turner, Cynthia Richardson, and Brian Geer. Absent: Nick Perish. Roll call was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mr. Turner moved, seconded by Mr. Geer to approve the minutes of May 12, 2008 and July 7, 2008 as if read. Vote: Ayes - Pickett, Adams, Turner, Richardson, Geer, and McKeown. Motion carried.

Citizen Hearings

No one in the audience wished to testify on matters not on the agenda.

Mayor/Council Communication

Police Chief Bowers reported to the Mayor and Council that very few police calls were received relative to the annual Arts Festival. The Chief then spoke to an incident featured last week in the newspaper. Two officers responded to a 911 call; a gentleman at the scene was armed with a small caliber hand gun. One of the officers deployed a taser and the gentleman was taken into custody without any further injury. The officers used discretion in saving this man's life and will receive commendations from the Department for their quick thinking.

Mayor Maxwell read from a document proclaiming August 17-23, 2008 as "Community Living in Harmony with Nature Week". In Anacortes over 500 yards have been certified as wildlife habitats through the National Wildlife Federation and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's habitat programs. The Mayor then announced that there will be a Community Certification Celebration on Saturday, August 23, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at the Snagboat Center and Depot Farmers Market; an official Community Wildlife Habitat Certificate will be presented by the National Wildlife Federation.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Adams moved, seconded by Mr. McKeown, to approve the following Consent Agenda items. Vote: Ayes – Adams, Turner, Richardson, Geer, McKeown, and Pickett. Motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers/Cancellation of Warrants

Council voted unanimously that the following vouchers/warrants audited and certified by the City's Auditing Officer (Finance Director) and subsequently reviewed and approved by the Council Finance Committee on July 24, 2008 and July 31, 2008 as of this date, August 4, 2008.

Claims Warrants

July 2008: Warrant Numbers 47105 through 47306 in the total amount of \$404,785.79
EFT

July 2008: Warrant Number 47104 in the amount of \$308.00

Payroll for August 5, 2008 in the amount of \$751,788.44

Warrant Numbers 32577 through 32644 in the total amount of \$258,563.81

Direct Deposit Numbers 27399 through 27592 in the total amount of \$300,078.04

EFT Numbers 881 through 885 in the total amount of \$193,146.59

Cancellation of Warrants

Warrant Number 46883 in the total amount of \$363.80

In the same motion Council:

Approved the Group Health Bike MS Ride Special Event Request for the use of Storvik Park on Saturday, September 13, 2008. The Parks Commission and staff reviewed and recommended approval of the July 2, 2008 application by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Update: Library Security and Self-Check System

Ms. Cynthia Harrison, Library Director introduced Library Board and staff members in attendance. Ms. Harrison explained that all materials at the library are checked out manually by library staff; additionally, there is no security system in place to protect the collection. The CDs and DVDs are kept behind the Circulation Desk resulting in a lengthy checkout process. In 2007 Council approved the purchase of a media bank to hold 2,000 of the most highly used of the Library's 6,000 CDs and DVDs. Additional research shows that an RFID system will provide a better solution than the media bank. Ms. Harrison then explained the benefits of this self-check program; the RFID will interface smoothly with the existing integrated library system. Ultimately, the RFID will protect the Library's assets, help prevent theft, and provide for a sophisticated inventory process. Implementation would require some re-configuration and use of staff time. With regard to financing, the Manieri Advisory Committee recommends that the matching funds it has pledged for the media bank (\$18,325) be used to purchase the RFID system. Mr. Steve Høglund, Finance Director, explained funding specific to the Library. Mr. McKeown expressed concern that a potential vendor provided the cost analysis. Mrs. Harrison will provide copies of her review documents to the Council and will continue independent research. Bid results will come to Council for final action. The Council thanked Ms. Harrison, staff, and the Library Board for their diligence in finding new ways to enhance library services.

At approximately 8:10 p.m. Mayor Maxwell continued the meeting to August 11, 2008 for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing relative to the Old Town Overlay Zoning.