

**SULTAN CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

ITEM NO: Consent C 1

DATE: June 26 2008

SUBJECT: Council Minutes

CONTACT PERSON: Laura Koenig, Clerk/Deputy Finance Director

SUMMARY:

Attached are the minutes of the June 12, 2008 Council meeting minutes as on file in the office of the City Clerk.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve as submitted

MOTION:

Move to accept the consent agenda as presented.

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The regular meeting of the Sultan City Council was called to order in the Sultan Community Center by Mayor Eslick. Councilmembers present: Champeaux, Slawson, Flower, Davenport-Smith, Blair and Doornek. Absent: Wiediger

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Consent – Excused absence of Councilmember Wiediger.

Consent – Move Resolution 08-20 to Action

Discussion – Move Civil Service ordinances to discussion.

PRESENTATIONS:

Chief Hawkins – 25 Year Service Award: Sheriff Lovick presented a certificate to Chief Hawkins for 25 years of service and read comments from citizens regarding his outstanding service. Chief Hawkins thanked the Sheriff and the citizens of Sultan for accepting him as their Chief.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Jackie Personeous: The Library Board had a contest to name the Skateboard Park and they have reviewed all the proposed names. The top three choices were presented to the Council for their vote. The winner will be notified and announced at the June 26, 2008 Council meeting.

Debbie Cople: Requested the City continue the partnership with the Sky Valley Chamber for the Sultan Summer Shindig. This is the 25th anniversary for the Shindig. As a prelude to the Shindig, the Sky Valley Chamber has been conducting lumberjack classes. The new spar poles can not be installed due to the high water table. The Farmers Market activity has been limited due to the weather conditions and the lack of produce. The Sultan Education Foundation provided \$31,000 in scholarship grants to Sultan High School seniors this year. The funds are raised from the community and the annual Golf Tournament.

Mary Carson Ford: The Block Watch program has been very successful due to the participation of the Police Chief and Mayor. Congratulated the Chief on his 25 years of service in police work.

Jeff Beeler: Asked when the Sultan Basin Road overlay will be completed. The Council should consider the Snohomish County Sheriff contract.

Dave Wood: The VOA will be asking the City to co-sponsor an event to raise funds for the Skateboard Park. They will be holding a dance at the Riverfront Park on June 28, 2008.

Nathan Porter: Feels the Sheriff's department proposal should be considered. The City needs to encourage business to raise money. He tried to obtain a sign permit and it was a difficult process. The City needs to make the process easier to encourage business to create a tax base and provide better service.

Loretta Storm: Has learned that if they are not a Sultan citizen, their comments are not welcome however the City receives grants and that involves their money. They use the streets and shop in town. They love it here and have made it their home. Congratulated Deborah Knight for being professional with everyone regardless of how she is treated.

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Kay George: The public gives the Council a lot of grief, but their work is appreciated. Others don't realize the amount of reading and research that goes into being a Councilmember and the public does not say "thank you" enough. She volunteers for the Historic Society and Grange and does other things for the community but not as much as the Councilmembers. Deborah Knight is nice and professional to everyone even those that are nasty to her.

COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS:

Doornek: Congratulated Chief Hawkins on his service award.

Blair: Thanked those that spoke during the Stormwater hearing. The city needs to clear up some confusion between the permit process and the GMA board requirements. Without the GMA Board approval, the City will not qualify for grants. It does not matter what an attorney states, it is the GMA Board approval that is important. Appreciates Chief Hawkins service to the community. She used to be on the Sultan Education Foundation board and understands how difficult it was to review the scholarship applications and raise money. The SEF sells soups and relies on the community for donations. Encouraged people to attend the Golf Tournament and suggested the City have a team.

Flower: Thanked those citizens who spoke during the Stormwater Utility hearing. Urged the Council to solve the problem and not perpetuate problems by trying to solve those issues that are not a problem.

Davenport-Smith: Appreciates the comments made about the Stormwater Utility. The dance to support the skate park is a great idea. \$31,000 in scholarships is a great amount to give the High School seniors. Congratulated Chief Hawkins on his 25 years of service.

Slawson: During the stakeholders meeting for the Stormwater Utility there was a splinter group that made decisions and he would have liked them to include the other members so they knew what was going on also. Congratulated Chief Hawkins on his 25 years of service.

Champeaux: Congratulated Chief Hawkins on his 25 years of service.

Mayor Eslick: Request staff place the VOA dance request on the next agenda. Asked how the Council could help the Police during Shindig. It was suggested to close the parks at dark during the Shindig. Citizens commented that other Cities around the country close the parks at dusk or dark to provide a tool to the Police to keep criminal elements out of the parks.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The following items are incorporated into the consent and approved by a single motion of the Council. On a motion by Councilmember Blair, seconded by Councilmember Flower, the consent agenda was approved as amended. Champeaux – aye; Slawson – aye; Davenport-Smith - aye; Flower – aye; Blair – aye; Doornek - aye.

- 1) Minutes of the May 29, 2008 regular Council Meeting as on file in the Office of the City Clerk.
- 2) Minutes of the May 15, 2008 Special Council Meeting as on file in the Office of the City Clerk.
- 3) Approval of vouchers in the amount of \$30,363.19 and payroll through May 30, 2008 in amount of \$78,295.26 to be drawn and paid on the proper accounts.
- 4) Authorization to refund permit fees paid by the Sky Valley Chamber for the Farmers Market.
- 5) Excused absence of Councilmember Wiediger from the June 12, 2008 Council meeting.

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ACTION ITEMS:

Comprehensive Plan Annual Docket: There are two issues before the Council in regards to the annual Comprehensive Plan update:

1. Open the Comprehensive Plan Annual Docket for the 2008-2009 update cycle. The Docket will be open for applications to be submitted until June 30, 2008. The City and the public may submit applications for amendments until the June 30th deadline.
2. The Comprehensive Plan, with modifications required by the Growth Management Hearings Board, will be adopted in September 2008. With the plan being newly-adopted, City staff does not foresee submitting significant amendments for this update cycle.

By state law 36.70A.130.2.a, municipal comprehensive plans may be amended only once each year. The City of Sultan uses a docket system to accept applications during this annual process. The docket closes on June 30. Applications are reviewed and, at the discretion of the Council, may or may not be acted upon during the year following close of the docket.

Staff proposes that comprehensive planning effort during this period will be focused on updating the development codes and regulations that implement the Comprehensive Plan. Under this work plan, Title 16 (Unified Development Code), Title 21 (Other Land Uses), and Title 22 (Sign Regulations) will be updated to better coordinate with and implement the Comprehensive Plan. There exist two outstanding plan amendment proposals docketed in November 2005. One of these was from a citizen requesting review of zoning designations along Hwy. 2. The other was from staff requesting seven items comprising a work program for revision and updating of the Plan.

On a motion by Councilmember Slawson, seconded by Councilmember Flower, the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket for the 2008-2009 update cycle was opened for applications. All ayes.

Ordinance 983-08 SMC Section 21.04.030 Amendments: The Council is in receipt of a recommendation to adopt a “procedural housekeeping” amendment to address two minor items in the Conditional Use section of Title 21.04 SMC. Fees are not raised by this amendment. The fee for a Conditional Use application is moved to the Fee Schedule where similar fees have been consolidated. The Hearing Examiner is charged with hearing and deciding Conditional Use applications as is the case with similar uses in the code. This amendment is procedural only, and does not change land uses that are currently permitted or prohibited in the various zones of the City. The Community, Trade, and Economic Development Department has received notice of this action through the State Environmental Policy Act. They have affirmed the proposal through a “no response” action.

The policy has been to hold a public hearing before the Council prior to the adoption of any land use code and staff recommends that a hearing be set for July 10, 2008.

On a motion by Councilmember Slawson, seconded by Councilmember Champeaux, a public hearing was set for July 10, 2008. All ayes.

Budget Advisory Panel Appointments: A Blue Ribbon Citizens Advisory was formed last year and they brought back recommendations that were useful to the City. The Budget Advisory Panel met on Thursday, June 5, 2008 and interviewed the applicants. The Panel recommends appointing Bart Dalmasso, Robert (Bob) Knuckey, and Steve Harris to the Budget Advisory Panel. The City Council approved forming a Budget Advisory Panel to assist the City Council in evaluating alternatives and preparing the 2009 budget. The City Council is seeking the support of community members to serve on the Panel in order to evaluate alternatives and prepare recommendations. The goal is to have the Panel provide alternatives and recommendations to inform the Council’s 2009 budget process. The 2009 budget will be adopted by the City Council in December 2008.

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On a motion by Councilmember Flower, seconded by Councilmember Slawson, The Council accepted the Budget Advisory Panel's recommendation and approved the appointments of Bart Dalmasso, Robert Knuckey and Steve Harris to the Budget Advisory Panel. All ayes.

Police Vehicle Purchase: Chief Hawkins has recommended the purchase of a four wheel drive crew cab pickup to replace the Ford Explorer. The estimated cost is \$33,790 and will be paid for using the Police Vehicle Equipment fund which has a balance in excess of \$74,000. Discussion was held regarding the use of the vehicle, surplus of other vehicles, motorcycle use, funds that are available and reserves for 2009 budget, standardizing the look of the vehicles, and fuel costs.

On a motion by Councilmember Blair, seconded by Councilmember Flower, the Police Department was authorized to purchase a 2008 Ford F150 4 x4 crew cab pickup in an amount not to exceed \$34,000. All ayes.

Resolution 08-20 – Sultan Summer Shindig:

The issue before the Council is the adoption of Resolution 08-20 to Co-sponsor the Sultan Summer Shindig with the Sky Valley Chamber of Commerce, waive applicable permit fees and prohibit specified activities in the event area. The Resolution establishes the Sultan Summer Shindig as a Community Event this year on July 11, 12 and 13 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m. The Resolution also prohibits dogs, other pets, or other domestic animals from entering the area, and prohibits event attendees from riding bicycles, skateboards, and scooters on the property designated for the Shindig. The Council amended the resolution to include the closures of Osprey, Sportsman and Reese Parks at 10 PM.

On a motion by Councilmember Flower, seconded by Councilmember Champeaux, Resolution 08-20 designating the Sultan Summer Shindig as a Community event was adopted as amended. All ayes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Civil Service Ordinance Amendments:

The Council has a proposal to change the civil service requirements and the personnel policies and procedures applicable to the Police Chief position and up to two other unclassified staff in the police department. Currently all the positions in the department are covered under Civil Service. RCW 41.12.050(2) allows a city with a police department with six or more commissioned officers, including the police chief, to exempt the police chief and two unclassified staff from civil service. Mayor Eslick advised that the Civil Service Commission would like to discuss the proposed changes at their June meeting. Discussion was held on the need to move forward with the ordinances, need for control of personnel, need to be competitive and that Sultan is one of the last cities to exempt the Police Chief. Staff was directed to bring the matter back on June 26, 2008.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Loretta Storm: The Volunteer program is up and running and the City should put together and adopt specific volunteer items such as parks, fountain, and signs. The continued Volunteer work would help with economic development.

Keith Arndt: The Police Chief position is marketable whether it is civil service or not. The City did not get good candidates under Civil Service. Apologized for his comments regarding the Stormwater Utility budget, was considering the wrong budget for stormwater. He thought there was a full time engineer in the budget and there is not.

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Jeff Beeler: Osprey has a basketball court with lights and the City should consider the use of the basketball court and exclude that from a 10 PM closure. The City needs to trim along Sultan Basin Road to clean up the weeds.

Al Wirta: In regards to the park closures, in the summer fisherman arrive at Sportsman Park around 3:30 AM and often do not get back to their vehicles until after dark.

Fred Seiner: If the City considers closing the parks they will send the problems to other areas. The police vehicles used to be black and white and the color was changed. Each time they change the color it costs money. The Council should adopt a policy and be consistent.

Bob Knuckey: People are making a mountain out of a molehill in regards to the parks closures. He has traveled around the country and found parks closed at various times. The closure is a tool to help the Police control people who are doing something wrong.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Champeaux: The park closure will only be during the Shindig but the Council may need to consider park closures at night on a more permanent basis. The Council will need to look at parks on an individual basis.

Slawson: The County has spare parts available for the police vehicles and if the city cars were the same color, there would be body parts available also.

Blair: The former Police Chief changed the logo, the car color and the badges and it was wasteful. The vehicles should all be the same color and it would have a positive impact and appear we have more Officers on duty. The city parks need more lights and surveillance and the city needs to find ways to fund police and safety.

Adjournment: On a motion by Councilmember Blair, seconded by Councilmember Davenport-Smith, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Carolyn Eslick, Mayor

Laura J. Koenig, City Clerk