

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2009
CITY HALL
22710 E. COUNTRY VISTA DRIVE
7:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION

Given by Council Member Owens

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Van Orman, City Council and Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Van Orman called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Jenkins (absent)	Ann Swenson, City Clerk
Mayor Pro Tem Crump	Doug Smith, Community Development Director
Council Members Owens	Brian Asmus, Chief of Police
Council Member Romney (absent)	Jessica Platt, Admin Svcs Manager
Council Member Schuler (absent)	Amanda Tainio, Planning & Bldng Svcs Mngr
Council Member Olander	
Council Member Langford	

Mayor Pro Tem Crump moved to excuse Council Members Jenkins, Romney and Schuler, seconded by Council Member Olander. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Pro Tem Crump moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Council Member Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Crump provided a Finance Committee report. The committee reviewed and discussed vouchers. Members also discussed an upcoming AWC conference for elected officials and providing a first-quarter report to the Council and citizens. They talked about the holidays and the City's efforts to help the food bank. Personnel issues were also addressed.

Mayor Pro Tem Crump reported about his attendance at the Spokane Regional Health District's meeting. Bill Gothmann will replace Commissioner Richard as Chairman of the

Board. A new Vice Chair will be chosen in January. Cases for the H1N1 virus have slowed down a little bit and absenteeism in schools has declined. New vaccines are available through the county.

Council Member Langford reported about his attendance at the jail location meeting for Spokane County. The Liberty Lake site is being considered because of its close proximity to Kootenai County. This would be logical if there is a regional attempt to put together a jail between the two counties; however, Spokane County has not heard anything from Kootenai County for quite some time. Councilman Langford said they are also exploring the possibility of choosing a site that does not currently house substantial governmental activity such as Medical Lake or Liberty Lake. At the meeting, Councilman Langford voiced the opinion that a jail facility is not something we would like in our city. He said a vote is still required before the determination is final. Mayor Van Orman stated she had also sent a letter stating the City's position opposing a jail site in Liberty Lake.

Mayor Van Orman reported she attended a Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) meeting. The Council recently passed its pedestrian plan, which includes the Liberty Lake trail between Liberty Lake Road and Molter. Mayor Van Orman also attended a 9-1-1 Emergency Communication meeting. She reported reverse 9-1-1 testing is currently taking place throughout Spokane County. The Mayor spoke about the City's successful turnout for the tree lighting ceremony, and she again challenged the City Council Members to compete with City Staff to donate to Second Harvest Foods.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda: Mayor Pro Tem Crump moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the December 1, 2009 City Council Minutes, as well as vouchers in the amount of \$89,884.97, seconded by Council Member Olander. Motion passed unanimously. Voucher check sequences were: 11967 through 12009.

Appointment of a Small Cities Representative to the Spokane Transit Authority for the period of January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2011: Council Member Owens moved to appoint Mayor Van Orman to represent the small cities on the Spokane Transit Authority board for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Crump. Mayor Pro Tem Crump said he would be happy to act as Mayor Van Orman's alternate. Council Member Owens accepted his friendly amendment. Motion passed unanimously.

Recognition Awards: A recognition-award ceremony was then conducted to pay respect and gratitude to the City staff for their dedicated service.

Five-Year Service Awards Mayor Van Orman and Chief Asmus handed out five-year service awards to Officers Erin Lance and Mark Van Hying.

Liberty Lake Police Department Awards Chief Brian Asmus and Sergeant Clint Gibson handed out Liberty Lake Police Department Awards. Recipients were as follows:

- Traffic Safety: Officers Brad Deines, Erin Lance, and Taj Wilkerson
- Certificate of Appreciation: Bobbi Anderson, Police Records Clerk
- Sergeant's Award: Officer Erin Lance
- Chief's Award: Sergeant Clint Gibson
- Administrator of the Year: Sergeant Clint Gibson
- Officer of the Year: Darin Morgan

Above and Beyond Awards Community Development Director, Doug Smith, handed out Above and Beyond Awards. Recipients were as follows:

- Administrative Services – Michelle Griffin
- Liberty Lake Municipal Library – Rosemary Gimlin
- Planning & Building Services – Wayne Hammond
- Public Works – Michael Curry
- Parks & Recreation – Mollie Thola and Troy Mullenix

ORDINANCE – SECOND READ

Ann Swenson, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 171-B into the record, amending Ordinance No. 171 passed by the City Council on December 16, 2008, entitled "An Ordinance of the City of Liberty Lake, Washington, Adopting a Budget for the Period January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009, Appropriating Funds and Establishing Salary Schedules for Established Positions".

Mayor Pro Tem Crump moved to pass Ordinance No. 171-B, seconded by Council Member Owens. Mayor Van Orman invited citizens comments. After no comments were received, she called for the vote. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Van Orman reminded the Council Members that the draft Capital Facilities Plan will be coming forward in January for workshop discussion. She also reminded Council Members about AWC's upcoming Elected Essentials Workshop in January and recommended that all City Council Members attend.

Acknowledgement was then made that this was Council Member Neal Olander's last City Council meeting. Mayor Van Orman, Mayor Pro Tem Crump, and each of the City Council Members shared their individual comments and expressions of gratitude with Councilman Olander.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

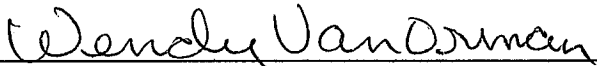
Deputy Chief Larry Rider, 1934 Buckeye, Spokane Valley, thanked the Mayor and City Council Members for the great job that they do. He provided each member a challenge coin as a token of his appreciation.

Liberty Lake Water & Sewer District Commissioner Tom Agnew, wished everyone happy holidays and Merry Christmas. Commissioner Agnew said, "It really is a labor of love that you provide the public as public servants." He thanked the Mayor and Council Members for their service.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

These minutes are approved January 5, 2010.



Wendy Van Orman, Mayor
City of Liberty Lake



Notes and Transcription by Ann Swenson, City Clerk. This Council meeting was also audio taped until disconnected as indicated above. Anyone desiring to listen to the recording may contact the City Clerk.