

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2008
CITY HALL
22710 E COUNTRY VISTA DRIVE
7:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION

Given by Council Member Crump

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 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Jenkins
Mayor Pro Tem Sayrs
Council Member Owens
Council Member Crump
Council Member Schuler
Council Member Olander
Council Member Langford

Doug Smith, Director, Community Dev.
Cindy Smith, City Clerk
Brian Asmus, Chief of Police
Sean Boutz, City Attorney

AGENDA APPROVAL

Council Member Crump moved to accept the Agenda, seconded by Council Member Owens. Council Member Jenkins made a motion to amend the Agenda for a 15 minute break, after the presentations, for an Executive Session with the City Council for employment matters with the possibility to extend, accepted by Council Member Crump as a friendly amendment.

Mayor Van Orman called for the vote. Motion Carried. In Favor: Unanimous;
Opposed: None

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Member Crump moved to accept the City Council Meeting Minutes from September 2, 2008 as amended, seconded by Council Member Olander. Mayor

Van Orman called for the vote. Motion Accepted. In Favor: Unanimous;
Opposed: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Thomas McLaughlin, 519 S. Alpine Drive, Liberty Lake, Washington, spoke on the growth of Liberty Lake, and the need for a swimming pool in a major park (may be retractable), going west down Country Vista and Appleway.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Owens reported that she had attended the 911 dedication of the new fire station located at 32nd and Whipple.

Council Member Crump said that at the last meeting a gentleman came in and complained about rocks that were outside his house and expressed his concern. Council Member Crump stated that he had talked to a few citizens and they had not expressed the same concerns. He asked that Doug Smith let him know if it was just a sampling error. Council Member Crump had also attended a State Board of Health Meeting where the topic was environmental health, molding, safety for our children in our schools, and a lot of concerns going into the legislative session. The Finance Committee had also met and discussed the upcoming budget process, vouchers, budget amendments, and social security payment that was made.

Council Member Jenkins reported on the Public Safety Committee. Items discussed were: reviewed some updated key performance evaluations that will be put in place in the police department, talked about the 2009 Budget, and talked about chickens.

Mayor Van Orman said that the Harvard Road site cleanup is complete. She also reported that the Spokane Regional Council Conference had met for the Grand Opening of the Spokane Regional Fair and during that meeting they spoke about street impact fees. Mayor Van Orman also mentioned the Mayors' Breakfast Out at Fairchild Air Force Base, that there is a shopping campaign and she presented the Spokane County bags which will be available for purchase at the grocery stores which will offer a \$.05 rebate. Mayor Van Orman also reported that there was a tour of Altek. They are well diversified— from pharmaceuticals to the aerospace industry.

PRESENTATION

GREATER SPOKANE INC.

Jim Huttenmaier, from Greater Spokane Incorporated, brought a calendar of events and activities to City Council's attention. He commented that Greater Spokane will be hosting an event on October 10th on Good Morning Spokane, and then on November 13th, there is an Annual Economic Forecast.

Jeff Severs, Chief Operator of Greater Spokane Incorporated, gave the highlights over the year. Discussion points were: Workforce Development, Economic Development, Procurement, Public Policy, Driving Marketing Awareness, and Focusing on Basic Needs.

SURVEY STUDY

Jayson Hunnel and Cindy Esch, introduced themselves as the chair and the vice-chair. Ms. Esch gave the results of the Park Planning Committee which had been distributed. The survey was received with results from the zip codes 99019, and 99016.

Mayor Van Orman called for an Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. for 13 minutes to discuss employment issues with no decisions being made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

With all council members present, it was moved and seconded to adjourn into Executive Session as per RCW 42.30.110(g) to discuss employment issues. By unanimous vote the motion was approved.

Mayor Van Orman announced that the Executive Session would be extended for another 5 minutes.

Regular meeting reconvened at 8:18 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

Council Member Crump moved to accept the Consent Agenda in the amount of \$185,684.31 and the Interlocal Agreement for Attorney Services, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Says.

After no discussions, Mayor Van Orman called for the vote. Motion Accepted. In Favor: Unanimous: Opposed: None

Voided check sequences were: 10163 through 10190
Check sequences were: 10191 through 10251

ORDINANCE – SECOND READINGS

Ordinance No. 165-B – An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 165 Passed by the City Council on December 18, 2007, Entitled “An Ordinance of the City of Liberty Lake, Washington, Amending Appropriations to the Adopted Annual Budget for the Period January 1, 2008 Through December 31, 2008.”

Council Member Crump moved to approve Ordinance 165-B, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Says.

Mayor Van Orman gave the background of Ordinance 165-B.

After hearing no comments, Mayor Van Orman called for the vote. Motion Approved. In Favor: Unanimous; Opposed: None

Ordinance No. 165-C – An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 165 Passed by the City Council on December 18, 2007, Entitled “An Ordinance of the City of Liberty Lake, Washington, Amending Appropriations to the Adopted Annual Budget for the Period January 1, 2008 Through December 31, 2008 Appropriating Funds and Established Salary Schedules for Established Positions.”

Council Member Crump moved to approve Ordinance No. 165-C, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sayrs.

Council Member Crump asked if all the salaries were in the compilation. Mayor Van Orman replied “yes.”

Mayor Pro Tem Sayrs offered a friendly amendment to change Sections 1, 2, and 4 to Sections 1, 2, and 3. Council Member Crump accepted.

Discussions continued on cost of living adjustments, creating a new position that was previously unfunded, the budget process, why open the process before the end of the year, the promotions go by the AWC job surveys salaries, merit increases, and process evaluation salary increases.

Council Member Jenkins asked to see the January, 22, 2008 packet.

After further discussions, Council Member Jenkins called for the question, discussions continued on the timing of the job announcements. City Attorney Sean Boutz stated the language in the first paragraph should read, “After the 2008 budget, to accurately recognized organization changes.”

Frank Ambriz, 1013 Malvern Circle, Liberty Lake, asked do we have a current Finance Director? Mayor Van Orman replied no and if we hired a finance manager, it would be for an half an hour.

Cindy Esch, 1817 N Aladdin Road, Liberty Lake, thanked the Mayor Van Orman for acting as a strong mayor and for making the decisions how we perform as a city.

Mayor Van Orman called for the vote. Motion Passed. In Favor: Council Member Olander, Mayor Pro Tem Sayrs, Council Member Owens, and Council Member Crump; Opposed: Council Member Schuler, Council Member Jenkins, and Council Member Langford

Ordinance No. 165-D – An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 165 Passed by the City Council on December 18, 2007, Entitled “An Ordinance of the City of Liberty Lake, Washington, Amending Appropriations to Adopted Annual Budget for the

Period January 1, 2008 Through December 31, 2008 Appropriating Funds and Established Salary Schedules for Established Positions.”

Council Member Owens moved to approve Ordinance No. 165-D, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sayrs.

Mayor Van Orman explained Ordinance No. 165-D was for the appropriation of funds for the City Administrator. Out of all the Washington cities only two do not have a City Administrator – Liberty Lake and the City of Brier.

Mayor Pro Tem Sayrs made similar change to the first recital, accepted by Council Member Owens. Mayor Pro Tem Sayrs also moved that in addition to the salary change, the following salary change was recommended. Council Member Owens accepted as a friendly amendment.

Discussions continued on allotting money in the 2008 budget and creating the job classification. Council Member Owens replied she has always felt a City Administration was the way to run a city.

Mayor Van Orman called for the vote. Motion Passed. In Favor: Council Member Olander, Mayor Pro Tem Sayrs, Council Member Owens, and Council Member Crump; Opposed: Council Member Schuler, Council Member Jenkins, and Council Member Langford.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSIONS

AWC Legislative Review

Doug Smith reported on the AWC legislative review. He gave a brief background, and the expectation legislative agenda. Doug Smith asked for City Council Members who wanted to join the ad hoc committee. Those that volunteered were: Council Member Jenkins, Council Member Schuler, and Mayor Pro Tem Sayrs.

Legislative Reception

Mayor Van Orman stated the Legislative Reception was open to the public. Attendees will be Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rogers and our Legislative Representatives on October 6th from 1 – 3.

Library and Public Safety Building Remodel

Doug Smith spoke about the schedule for the library and the public safety building. He announced the City had received final design yesterday, went through final reviews this morning, and will be out to bid within the next week. Doug Smith stated the unanticipated cost was \$38,000. Discussions continued on the unanticipated cost, the use of outside services, adjustments to budgets, scaling back, and using the old shelving. Council Member Crump asked that all costs be brought back to City Council for their review.

UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS

None

CITIZEN COMMENTS


Frank Ambriz, 1013 Malvern Circle, Liberty Lake, commented on the hard work the parks committee has done in helping our children understand that adults can work together.

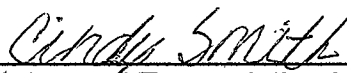
Jennifer Tomlinson, 525 N Homestead Drive, Liberty Lake, thanked the City Council so much for allowing me to celebrate me 5th year of asking for more baseball fields. I am here to ask you that you give us permission to use Pavillion Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion, the Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

These Minutes are approved this 7th day of October, 2008.


Wendy Van Orman, Mayor
City of Liberty Lake


Notes and Transcription by Cindy Smith, City Clerk. This Council Meeting was audio taped. Anyone desiring to listen to the recording may contact the City Clerk.