

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 11, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Norris at 7:08 p.m.

Present: Mayor Norris, Councilmembers Cheney, Combs, Lindquist, McMullen, Ragan and Urban

Absent: Councilmember Fiedler

Staff Present: City Attorney Rogerson, Police Lieutenant Dodd, Fire Chief Hari, Assistant Public Works Director Love, Finance Director Huschka, Wastewater Supervisor Fullner, Human Resources Director Bartlett, Special Projects Administrator Stendal

Citizens Present: One

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. Approval of February 25, 2009 Regular Council Meeting Minutes:

**Councilmember Cheney moved to approve the minutes as stated above. Motion seconded by Councilmember Combs. Motion carried 6-0.**

B. Approval of March 11, 2009 Claims Numbered 109976 – 110160 in the amount of \$1,442,740.26:

**Councilmember McMullen moved to approve the claims as stated above. Motion seconded by Councilmember Urban. Motion carried 6-0.**

C. Approval of Agreement 2274:

**Councilmember Lindquist moved to approve the agreement as stated above. Motion seconded by Councilmember Cheney. Motion carried 6-0.**

**REPORTS:**

A. Committees:

1. Public Works: see Committee agenda and minutes.

B. Community Comments:

None.

C. Councilmember Comments:

- Councilmember Cheney said that the lack of citizens at the council meeting was regrettable but perhaps they are taking advantage of the broadcasts on TV10.

D. Mayor's Report:

None.

E. Committee Agenda Requests:

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Agreement for Health Insurance Broker/Consultant Services: Ms. Bartlett explained that a selection committee interviewed seven firms and determined that Benefits Consulting Services, LLC is the best fit for the City's needs. This is a small firm that can provide actuarial services and will procure health care benefits on our behalf. The agreement term is for two years.

**Councilmember Urban moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Benefits Consulting Services, LLC for health insurance broker and consultant services. Motion seconded by Councilmember Cheney. Motion carried 6-0.**

- B. Agreement with Skagit County Community Action Agency: Mr. Stendal stated that this is an annual agreement with Skagit County Community Action Agency for the provision of services.

**Councilmember Lindquist moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Skagit County Community Action Agency as stated above not to exceed \$73,249. Motion seconded by Councilmember Combs. Motion carried 6-0.**

- C. Annual Tulip Festival Street Fair – Request for Street Closure: Mr. Stendal said that this is a request by the downtown association for the closure of streets for the annual Tulip Festival Street Fair. The closure is for First Street from Division to Kincaid Street, Cleveland Street from Kincaid to Broadway Street and Pine, Myrtle, Gates, Montgomery and Washington Streets from Main to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup> until 7:00 p.m. on Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Councilmember Lindquist moved to approve the street closures as stated above. Motion seconded by Councilmember McMullen. Motion carried 6-0.**

- D. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Public Utility District No. 1 of Skagit County: Mr. Love explained that this is an interlocal cooperative agreement with Public Utility District No. 1 of Skagit County (PUD) where the City will reimburse the PUD for costs incurred to construct a force main in conjunction with the construction of a water main for the PUD. By combining these two projects there will be less impact on adjoining property owners and less traffic delays.

**Councilmember Cheney moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an interlocal cooperative agreement with Public Utility District No. 1 of Skagit County for the construction of a force main. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ragan. Motion carried 6-0.**

- E. Bid Award – 2009 Street Overlay Project: Mr. Love said there was a bid opening for the 2009 Street Overlay Project on March 5, 2009. Five bids were received and Lakeside Industries was determined to be the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$344,820.

**Councilmember Combs moved to accept the bid by Lakeside Industries for the 2009 Street Overlay Project in the amount of \$344,820. Motion seconded by Councilmember Urban. Motion carried 6-0.**

- F. Extension of Contract for Furnishing and Delivering Polymer: Mr. Fullner explained that this is a nine month contract extension with Mt. Hood Chemical Corporation for furnishing and delivering polymer. The contract price is \$2.78/lb. resulting in a 4% decrease in cost.

**Councilmember Lindquist moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into a nine month agreement extension with Mount Hood Chemical Corporation for furnishing and delivering polymer. Motion seconded by Councilmember Urban. Motion carried 6-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

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Lori J. Kimbriel, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

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Alicia D. Huschka, Finance Director

APPROVE:

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Bud Norris, Mayor