

**WELCOME CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

A regular meeting of the Welcome City Council was held on Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the city hall.

Present: Mayor Eric Anderson; Council Members H. Bocky Borchardt, John Borchardt, Wes Strausser, Louis Weyer and City Clerk/Treasurer Deborah Hansen

Also Present: Duane Pick, Francis Smith, Rosalie Newville, Dolly Joyce, Jason Mix, Larry Fullerton, Duane Rosburg, Max Longley, Rob Stauter, Gene Olson, Ron Schock, Roger Morris and Council Members Elect David Cook and John Larson.

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:05p.m.

Motion by Bocky Borchardt, sec. by Strausser to approve the minutes of November 18, 2008 as written and sent to each council member for study. Carried 5-0.

Motion by Weyer, sec. by Bocky Borchardt to approve all invoices paid in November 2008. Carried 5-0. A copy of all paid invoices is available in the city hall lobby for public viewing.

The proposed increase in utility rates was discussed. Addition concerns from the public where heard. The council discussed several options and the need to adjust the rates to pay the debt on water/sewer improvements. Motion by Strausser to raise the rates on water to \$6.00 per thousand and sewer to \$7.00 per thousand with a maintenance fee of \$20.00. Died due to a lack of a second. The table was open to discussion. The consensus was to start at some point and keep revisiting the revenues versus the debt service and make necessary adjustments yearly. Motion by Strausser, sec. by Anderson to raise the water \$6.00 per thousand and the sewer \$7.00 per thousand with a \$20.00 Maintenance fee. Carried 5-0.

The council discussed the need to have higher maintenance rates on apartment complexes, downtown businesses and the trailer court. Motion by Bocky Borchardt, sec by Anderson to charge a 2 for 1 maintenance fee on the apartments and downtown business that have living quarters upstairs referred to stacking and charge the trailer park a maintenance fee on all trailers in the park. Mayor Anderson suggested the idea be tabled until legal advice from a lawyer is received and an ordinance to the city code has started and the correct legal verbage is used. Motion is rescinded by Bocky Borchardt until the council receives legal advice on how to proceed. The notion of collecting a maintenance fee from vacant buildings were discussed and the council will seek legal advice on that situation.

Lowering the minimum monthly water usage charge will also be considered at a future council meeting.

Resolution 2008-26 Increasing the Rates for Water and Sewer was passed with the adjustment to the maintenance fee for water from \$5.00 to \$10.00.

Motion by Bocky Borchardt, sec. by Anderson to adopt Ordinance #24 Establishing a Storm Water Utility. Carried 5-0.

Motion by John Borchardt, sec. by Anderson to table setting fees for the storm water utility. The consensus of the council is to revisit the fee in 2009. Carried 5-0.

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At the last EDA meeting the EDA approved two appointments to the EDA contingent on councils final approval. Eric Anderson was approved to fill the seat vacated by Tom Gregory's resignation. Motion by John Borchardt, sec. by Weyer to approve the appointment. Bocky Borchardt stated that these appointments should wait until the new administration is in office. ~~The council elect showed no opposition to wait to make these appointments.~~ Carried 3-1. Bocky Borchardt with the opposing and Anderson abstaining. Motion by Strausser sec, by Weyer to extend Jon Saxen appointment to the EDA. Carried 5-0.

The council would like to see the public works department keep on top of the necessary sanding on those known slick spots in the city.

Ron Schock explained to the council that on his property the storm sewer pipe was laid right on top of his sanitary and the shift in the earth and the weight of the storm on top of the sanitary has caused the sanitary to break. Mr. Schock stated he already had spent \$500 of his money to correct the situation and was holding a bill for \$1077 from Rosburg construction. The council discussed the situation and the consensus of the council that the way the infrastructure was laid was not the fault of the Schocks. Motion by Anderson, sec. by Weyer to take care of the bill from Rosburg. Carried 5-0.

Motion by Anderson, sec. by Bocky Borchardt to adjourn at 8:50p.m. Carried 5-0.

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Deb Hansen  
City Clerk/ Treasurer