

**EAST WENATCHEE WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

October 17, 2007

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the East Wenatchee Water District was held in the District's Office at 692 Eastmont Avenue at 3:00 PM. Members present: Glen Broadsword, Howard Laughery and Mike McCourt. Others present: Greg Brizendine, Dave Smith, Randy Asplund, Bill Brown and Mike Arch. Guests included: Delvin Schorzman, Fred Wiltse, Jim Davis, Brian Egan, Greg Wright, Tom Erlickman (attorney), and Hal Schlomann (WASWD Director).

The meeting minutes of October 3, 2007, were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner McCourt to accept the meeting minutes as presented and seconded by Commissioner Laughery. Motion carried unanimously.

Vouchers No. 3434 to 3497 were presented in the amount of \$147,690.34. Commissioner Laughery made a motion approving the vouchers as presented. Commissioner McCourt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Washington State Sewer and Water Association would like to present a proclamation to Matthew Warner's wife at the November 7, 2007, meeting. The Commissioners were in agreement and Greg will contact Marilyn Warner to see if she is available to attend that meeting. We will provide some snacks for the event and have the presentation at 3:00 pm so the WASWD Board members present can start their trip back home.

Greg reported that Dave Smith printed out the cost of living increase information from the CPI through Aug. 2007. The inflation over the past year was 2.0 percent so that is what will be reflected in wages on January 1, 2008, along with an additional \$25 per month, in accordance with the union agreement.

Greg reported that a Mr. Phil Cook has requested water service for his parcel of land located up Blue Grade Road. This parcel is adjacent to our current service area boundary but outside the current service area. Mr. Cook drilled a well in 1992 and the well yielded 1 ½ gallons per minute. When the well was retested a week ago the yield has dropped to about ¼ gallon per minute, which is not enough for a new home. There was substantial discussion on Mr. Cook's water needs but the Commissioners decided to decline the request for water service since there wasn't a current home on the parcel. It was discussed on how this request contrasted from an earlier decision this year by the Commissioners to allow service to the Mr. Riemen and Woods homes. These homes were already constructed a few years ago and were on wells that failed or became non-potable because of high salt content. Greg will send a letter to Mr. Cook about the Commissioners decision to deny this request for water service.

Randy Asplund gave an update on the Baker Flats ULID formation information. He reported that a draft letter has been completed and after adding some cost information it will be ready to send out. This letter will also set the time for a public meeting (possibly at the Douglas County Annex. On 19th) to discuss the project and property owner options. Randy still needs to update some cost information to include in the letter. They feel comfortable with the proposed reservoir site and will be providing some drawings to the owner, Jeff Lucas, for his review. The ULID boundary was discussed. Randy and Mike Arch have a method to keep the ULID boundary shaped to provide a contiguous area with some properties not having an assessment. This will be provided for review at upcoming meetings. The survey information has been received so design work on the water main improvements are moving forward. Randy commented on the coordination efforts with the Wa. St. Dept. of Transportation so we can obtain a permit for the crossing on Cascade under SR 97 prior to their potential requirement changes, after the first of the year that may require a carrier pipe.

Randy also discussed some upcoming projects which will include water main improvements. The City's Rock Island Rd. from SE 1st to SE 3rd will be out for bid this fall. The water district's old 8-inch steel main will be replaced by a new 12-inch ductile water main and the design work has already been completed and ready to be included in the City's project drawings. The other City project is on S. Kentucky St. from SE 4th to Grant Rd. The water district already has new main in this area so we assume our portion of the project will be limited to the relocation of water meters and fire hydrants. In 2009 the City's Baker Ave. project will likely occur. This is from NE 15th to NE 19th. The District already has new main along most of this project but will upgrade and replace so 8 inch steel main and 8 inch ductile main from NE 17th to NE 19th. The rest of the project will be the coordination of relocating existing water meters and fire hydrants.

Mike Arch gave a brief update on the East Unit Annexation. He has prepared the order to give to the court on the reconsideration order. He assumes the judge will sign this order by the end of next week. He reported that the City would have 30 days to appeal this decision. Last week, it was reported, that the City Council voted to proceed with an appeal.

At 3:45pm a motion to move into executive session, for approximately 1 hour, was made by Commissioner McCourt, seconded by Commissioner Broadsword, to discuss an anticipated real estate purchase, potential litigation, and employee performance. Motion carried unanimously.

At 4:50pm a motion was made by Commissioner McCourt, seconded by Commissioner Laughery, to move back into regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner McCourt made a motion approving Greg's fifth employment contract amendment, seconded by Commissioner Broadsword. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting will be November 7, 2007 at 3:00pm.

At 4:52pm Commissioner Laughery made a motion to end the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Broadsword. Motion carried unanimously.

Glen Broadsword, President

Mike McCourt, Vice President

Howard Laughery, Secretary