CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES March 11, 2009 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Olita Johnston. Councilmember Hatfield led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

There was a roll call of City Council Members – Council President Carmen Miller, Councilmember Claire Hatfield, Councilmember Lacey Hynes, Councilmember Ed Peone. There was a quorum present.

There was a presentation by Kevin Clements of the Kootenai County Office of Emergency Management for the Emergency Management Project. There were no questions from the Council.

The minutes for February 25, 2009 were reviewed. The minutes for the special meeting of March 5, 2009 were not complete. Motion made by Councilmember Hatfield, seconded by Councilmember Hynes to approve the minutes.

The Treasurer reviewed the Treasurer's report with the Council. There were several questions from the Council. The Councilmembers expressed to Ms. McCoy how much they approved of the format of the Treasurers report. A motion was made by Hatfield, seconded by Hynes to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion called with voice vote.

The Council briefly discussed the committees and the description of council assignments. There was a consensus of the group to review the descriptions over the next two weeks and place the assignments on the next agenda.

Councilmember Hatfield discussed the citizen's participation and that she would have a committee meeting in mid April to begin working on events for the City. She, along with Cheri will contact various groups to assist in the planning. Councilmember Hynes had nothing to report. Councilmember Peone had nothing to report and stated that he was waiting for spring to work on the maintenance of the City streets. Councilmember Miller asked the Councilmembers to review the template of the policy and procedure manual and she would bring back a draft to the next meeting. Ms. Miller also stated that she would be beginning inventory of the City Hall in the near future.

There was a discussion of the Clerk's request to contract with the County for upcoming elections. She felt that the elections would be more cost effective in the long run to have the County administer the elections. She reminded the Council that four positions were up for election. After a lengthy discussion of costs and the various duties that the County would administer, a motion was made by Councilmember Peone, seconded by Hatfield to negotiate with the County Election Supervisor to contract with the County on the administration of the next City election. The cost would not exceed \$1500.00. Motion carried with Miller, Hatfield, Hynes and Peone.

The payables for the month were reviewed by the Treasurer. A motion was made by Councilmember Hynes, seconded by Councilmember Miller to approve the payables for the month. Motion carried with Miller, Hatfield, Hynes and Peone.

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The City Treasurer requested that the Council set the public hearing date for the FY 2009-2010 budget. The Council chose August 26, 2009 at 6 p.m. for the budget public hearing. The Treasurer stated that there would be several workshops in the future prior to the public hearing.

The Code Administrator presented a request for fee waiver for Big Sky Development for annexation of a five acre parcel adjacent to Hauser Lake Road and the mini storage. The zoning district is Hauser Hills and the property owner is requesting to annex into the City with a Highway Commercial zoning district. There were questions related to the costs associated with the annexation and what that request entailed. The Code Administrator stated that this request for fee waiver covered the annexation application costs, however the Applicant would be responsible for the hard costs of publication, notification and subsequent survey of the property. This waiver also did not include subsequent subdivision applications. After a discussion from the mayor and council, Councilmember Hynes made a motion to approve the fee waiver request for an annexation and zoning application fee not to include hard costs of publication and legal notice. Roll call vote of Miller, Hatfield, Hynes. Peone abstained from voting.

The Mayor asked if there were any public comments. Seeing none, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Peone, seconded by Hatfield to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Cheri Howell, Clerk

Olita Johnston, Mayor