

Agenda Item: 5b
Date: October 14, 2003

City of DuPont
Regular Meeting
September 23, 2003
7 p.m.

- Call To Order:** Mayor Drost called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Councilmember Bartro led the flag salute.
- Roll Call:** Those present were Councilmembers Bartro, Coffey, Potts and Young.
- Approval of Agenda:** Item B under Old Business was moved to Item A. A motion was made to approve the agenda as amended. Young/Bartro 4/0 motion carried.
- Staff Present:** City Attorney, Interim City Administrator, Interim Community Development Director, Interim Fire Chief, Police Chief, Accountant II and Administrative Assistant.
- Appointment to City Council Vacancy:** Motion was made and seconded to appointment Roger Westman to fill the council vacancy. Bartro/Coffey 4/0 motion carried. Mr. Westman was sworn into office.
- Appointment to Planning Agency Vacancy:** Motion was made and seconded to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Bonnie Gee to Position 1 of the Planning Agency. Bartro/Young 5/0 motion carried.
- Approval of Consent Agenda Items:**
- September 9, 2003 – Regular Council Meeting Minutes;
 - September 15, 2003 – Special Meeting Minutes;
 - Finance Report – September 23, 2003;
 - Approval of Claim Voucher List – September 23, 2003;
 - Approval of Contract with Challenger Sports Corporation and the City of DuPont.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda. Bartro/Coffey 5/0 motion carried.
- Discussion Item:** Richard Robinson, Chairman of the YES for DuPont Committee, stated that he was impressed with the intelligence of this community. Currently the vote results for

Proposition 1 is 57% to 43%. He thanked all of those who worked so hard in getting the Proposition passed.

Mayor's Report:

- Read letter from Principal Yoho thanking Police, Fire, and Public Works staff for assisting a student;
- Thanked Jim Skinner, Scott Hein, and the group of volunteers from Bay Colony for cleaning up an island on Center Drive. It was very much appreciated;
- Kudos were given to volunteers for painting the Fire Department;
- Discussed National Arbor Days/Tree City USA program for DuPont.

City Administrator's Report:

- Discussed Sequalitchew Creek Restoration;
- Briefed Council on the Historic Village Sewer Construction Phase 2 funding;
- Explained to Council the Conveyance of Certain Lands on Hoffman Hill;
- Discussed with Council the importance of using Rainier Communications Media Center as a tool to reach citizens.

Old Business:

Resolution Approving Rainier Communications Commission Interlocal Agreement

Maria Pierce, Accountant II, introduced Bill Oltman of Rainier Communications Commission. Mr. Oltman provided background information on this Resolution. Councilmember Bartro voiced his concerns. Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution. Young/Potts 4/1 motion carried. Councilmember Bartro opposed. Resolution No. 03-275.

An Ordinance Limiting the Sale, Possession, and Use of Fireworks, Except During Authorized Public Displays; Repealing DuPont Municipal Code Chapter 9.12; Enacting a New Chapter 9.12 of the DuPont Municipal Code.

Interim Fire Chief Small discussed with the Council the alternatives they requested at the first reading that would be less restrictive, yet acceptable to the community. Councilmember Westman had some additional suggestions. Council discussed this ordinance at length. Council was in agreement that an educational flyer on fireworks should be distributed throughout the community. No action was taken.

Richard Robinson, (1425 Heron Ct) suggested that a flyer should make it perfectly clear what number you call if you have a fireworks complaint.

Wayne Everett, (302 Barksdale Ave) stated that he did not like rules that are not being enforced and did not think we should add more of them.

New Business

Agreement with Washington State Patrol

Bill McDonald, Interim City Administrator, explained that Washington State Patrol has asked for a new agreement be executed by the Mayor for the Internal Investigation of actions related to the conduct of the former Fire Chief. This agreement allows WSP to recover actual costs associated with this investigation. Motion was made and seconded

authorizing the Mayor to sign agreement No. C04355GSC with Washington State Patrol for internal investigation services. Young/Coffey 5/0 motion carried.

Public/Council Comments:

Suzanne Schenck, (Park Agency Chair) thanked the Council for approving the contract for the Challenger Soccer program; it was a great success. She discussed a trifold flyer advertising what programs the agency offers and the prospect of working with Metro Parks.

Suzanne Schenck, (2236 Anderson St) thanked Chief Pohl and the police department for following up on her request for more police presence at Chloe Clark Elementary School.

Chief Pohl, (Police Department) shared information with Council that on October 21, 2003, at Chloe Clark there would be a crime prevention meeting to jump-start a neighborhood watch program. More information will be on the web site and in flyers.

Paul Wooten, (1873 McDonald) voiced his concerns in regard to the Council spending monies on an internal investigation.

Councilmember Coffey responded to Mr. Wooten's comment stating she felt it necessary to go forward with this investigation in order to put the whole incident to rest. She stated that she wanted an open and transparent government.

Councilmember Westman commented that it was his understanding that an internal investigation is a normal procedure following a criminal investigation when it involves a public employee.

Councilmember Bartro commented that he thought it healthy for the City to move forward with this investigation.

Councilmember Young stated that DuPont's Historical display at the Puyallup Fair was outstanding and congratulated all those who participated in the project.

Councilmember Potts thanked the Council for their indulgence and understanding in the fact of her being a new mom.

Adjournment:

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Bartro/Young 5/0 motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Penny Drost, Mayor

Attest:

Charmayne Frost, CMC
Administrative Assistant