

**City of DuPont
Regular City Council Meeting
June 24, 2008
7:00 p.m.**

- Call To Order:** Mayor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
- Roll Call:** Those present were Mayor Jenkins and Councilmembers Bailey, Coffey, Ehrenreich, Marin, Trotter, Westman, and Wilcox.
- Staff Present:** Those present were, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Masko, City Administrator McDonald, City Attorney Kerslake, City Clerk Larsen, Community Development Director Darling, Interim Fire Chief Merritt, Interim Police Chief Goodpaster, Project Manager Ross Swanson, Public Works Director Zahn.
- Pledge:** Councilmember Bailey led the flag salute. The flag salute was followed by a moment of silence to honor our Military.
- Presentation:** Project Manager Ross Swanson provided a brief update on the progress of the Civic Center project.
- Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. Coffey/Wilcox 7/0 motion carried.
- Public Comment:** None

Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

- Claim Vouchers List – June 24, 2008;
- Civic Center Change Orders.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda items. Wilcox/Trotter 7/0 motion carried.

Discussion Items:

Tree Policy Update

City Administrator McDonald highlighted the draft street tree policy stating that it will transfer responsibility to maintain trees on parking strip to adjacent property Owners, provided a process, and ultimately some standards. He stated that this is a step on the way to developing a complete Tree Program.

Intern Brittany Sill stated that she worked with staff, Councilmember Ehrenreich and Department of Natural Resources to develop the draft policy. She stated that it is a first step in the process to become part of Tree City USA and develop an Urban Forest Program.

Councilmember Westman recommended changing the policy to reflect that we have had Arbor Day Celebrations in the past.

Councilmember Coffey inquired as to how much money we spend on our trees and if we meet the Tree City USA requirement.

City Administrator McDonald confirmed that we meet the requirement.

Councilmember Trotter inquired about a policy on trees within development lots.

City Administrator McDonald stated that we will be working on presenting a policy to Council to address issues such as hazardous trees and retention.

Mayor's Report:

Announced the following:

- 4th of July Celebration stating that we are still looking for volunteers and the check the City's website for fireworks safety information;
- Annual Yard Sale very successful event;
- June 27th Bus to the Zoo 11a.m. to 4 p.m. at Forza;
- Music in the Park scheduled for July 15th and 16th;
- Movie in the Park July 18th;
- Music in the Park scheduled for July 23rd;
- Farmers Market hosted by Intel 11a.m. to 2p.m.on July 16th, 23rd, August 6th, 27th, and September 3rd;
- Local Dentists sponsored yellow ribbons around town to show support to our Military;
- "Operation We Love Our Military"(OWLOM) City fundraiser selling blue bracelets;
- "How Patriotic Are You" competition, prizes to be awarded at the OWLOM event in August

Councilmember Wilcox inquired about the City's role in the Farmer's Market.

City Administrator McDonald stated that it is being held on private property therefore the City does not have a role in the event.

Council Comments:

A motion was made and seconded to move item 14 Council Comments before New Business on the agenda. Wilcox/Trotter 7/0 motion carried.

Councilmember Marin stated that the Council has very important business to discuss this evening and that sometimes Council can become lost when discussing items. She recommended limiting the meeting time to 2-hours.

City Attorney Kerslake stated that this can be addressed in the Council Rules of Procedure.

Councilmember Wilcox provided an update on the skate board park presentation he and Public Works Director Zahn provided to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office Preliminary Project Review Panel.

Councilmember Trotter thanked Public Works Director Zahn for his work on the successful transfer of the Historic Village sewer to Pierce County.

New Business:

Resolution Setting the Standards of Coverage for the Fire Department

A motion was made and seconded to discuss the Resolution. Coffey/Wilcox

Interim Fire Chief Merritt provided background information on the proposed Resolution stating that the Department currently has a good response performance and that the proposed Resolution defines the level of service standards.

Council discussed needing additional time to discuss this item.

Mayor Jenkins recommended postponing this item until the next Council Meeting.

Council concurred to postpone action on this Resolution.

Resolution Adopting Amendments to the County Wide Planning Policies

Community Development Director Darling provided background information on the proposed Resolution stating that the amendments have been reviewed and recommended by the professional planning staff and hearing process at Pierce County.

A motion was made and seconded to table the Resolution. Marin/Wilcox 7/0 motion carried.

Agenda Item: 6b

Councilmember Wilcox recommended that Council be given additional time to review items before placing them on the agenda.

Adjourn to a Workshop:

Mayor Jenkins adjourned to a work session to discuss the Fire Service Task Force (FSTF) Report and financing options. She turned the meeting over to Deputy Mayor Coffey to facilitate.

Interim Fire Chief Bob Merritt highlighted the PowerPoint presentation he provided at the last meeting for the benefit of the citizens watching the televised meeting.

Council discussed setting a timeline for discussing items in the final FSTF Report, topics to be discussed, a calendar of meeting including a Town Hall Meeting, and public involvement. Council also inquired about differences in the service models in the FSTF Report, differences in the comparable cities used in the report, drop dead date for the fall election, and the current level of service being provided by the Fire Department, staffing and the inter-local agreement with Lakewood Fire District No. 2. Council concurred to allow staff to discuss the cost of services that Lakewood could provide under model number 3 and provide a report back to Council.

Public/Council Comment:

Jean Wilcox (2766 McNeil St.) stated that residents pay for services such as water, electricity, cable television, and sewer. She stated that if she had an emergency she would expect and is willing to pay for those services.

Adjournment:

Mayor Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

City of DuPont:

Tamara L. Jenkins, Mayor

Attest:

Erin Larsen CMC, City Clerk