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CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Loving called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present: Bill Aslett, Joe DeGloria, Rick DeGloria, Edie Edmundson, and Ted Montgomery. Staff present: Kelly Blaine, Brian Dempsey, Mike Ganz, Bryan Harrison, Geoff Hawes, Brittany Johnson, Leif Johnson, Tom Moser, Marv Pulst, Bill Van Wieringen, and Crystil Wooldridge.

A motion was made to excuse **Councilor Bieche** by **Councilors Aslett/Montgomery**. All in favor; motion carried.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by **Councilors R. DeGloria/Aslett** to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2016 council meeting. All in favor; motion carried.

AUDIT OF BILLS:

A motion was made by **Councilors R. DeGloria/Aslett** to approve 2015 disbursement checks numbered 30285 – 30287 in the amount of \$18,587.63; January 15th payroll checks numbered 30269 – 30284 in the amount of \$336,013.85; and Accounts Payable checks numbered 30323 – 30418 in the amount of \$607,592.02. All in favor; motion carried.

Councilor Bieche arrived to the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no Public Comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilor Aslett commented that he attended the housing summit on January 22nd and it was a great summit with lots of information. He was impressed by the number of attendees and the amount of work done by the county. The summit provided information to get an idea of the size of the problem of homelessness and affordable housing and long term solutions.

Councilor Aslett commented that he and **City Administrator Bryan Harrison** attended a meeting at United General with Peace Health. The meeting was regarding their twenty year assessment plan for facilities. He encouraged all those interested in healthcare to contact Peace Health for information.

MAYOR'S UPDATE:

There was not a Mayor's Update.

PROCLAMATION:

There was no proclamation.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

There was not a Special Presentation.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

City Administrator Bryan Harrison reminded council of the EDASC dinner on Thursday, February 25th, the same evening of council. He stated that if council would like to attend to let Brittany Johnson know and if they are attending they would need to take action to reschedule the February 25th council meeting.

Administrator Harrison reported that he, **Mayor Sexton**, and **Public Works Director Marv Pulst** attended a two day AWC City Action Days event in Olympia. They discussed Raspberry Ridge with legislators as legislation was implemental in funding which led to the discussion regarding infrastructure. City Officials and County Officials met last Friday, January 22nd, to discuss Raspberry Ridge and the City received a

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proposal from Skagit County regarding infrastructure. The City was pleased with the proposal and that information will be brought back to council soon. Other topics that were discussed Enhanced 911 and the future George Hopper interchange.

Public Works Director Marv Pulst reported that there is a grant opportunity for safe routes to school and it is a federal and state grant opportunity. The applications are due mid-May and asked council to think of ideas for safe routes to schools in Burlington. Discussion followed regarding ideas for the grant application and future projects related to safe routes throughout Burlington.

Director Pulst reported that a meeting was held regarding the five-way intersection and the information was taken to design consultants and the results will be presented at the next Downtown Futures meeting.

Director Pulst also reported they interviewed potential designers for the Skagit Street signal project estimated to be \$170,000. They have chosen Reichardt & Ebe and the next step is to negotiate price.

Director Pulst reported that the new bicycle/pedestrian shared use trail will connect with the Gages Slough Trail, the new portion will go south to connect to Pease Road. Trantech Engineering out of Bellingham will design, negotiated price to be around \$80,000.

Director Pulst updated that the Streets Utility I position has closed and over forty applications have been received and interviews will take place next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT DOOR LOCKS

IT Manager Geoff Hawes stated that the project that was to be completed in 2015 has experienced some difficulties due to the availability of parts. The parts that are needed to complete the project will not be available until mid-February. **Hawes** requested that the funds from 2015 be used in 2016 for the project.

Finance Director Crystil Wooldridge clarified that the intent was to have the project completed by December 31st, 2015, but the company was unable to complete work. The budgeted amount was \$12,500 and the IT budget had other funds available within budget to complete the project estimated at \$18,000 plus tax. There were two additional locks added which brought the project to \$23,000. The request is to carryover project into 2016 the unutilized funds. If necessary there can be a budget amendment made at the end of the year.

Discussion followed regarding when the project will be completed, the contract details, and when the funds are due.

DISCUSSION: DESIGNATION OF THE SKAGIT RIVER AS A WILD STEELHEAD MANAGEMENT ZONE

Bill Reinard – 12221 Bayhill Drive – Wildcat Steelhead Club stated his organization's opposition to the designation of the Skagit River as a gene bank. He reviewed information supporting their position.

Bill McMillian – 40104 Savage Road Concrete – retired Biologist – Wild fish Conservancy stated his support to the designation of the Skagit River as a gene bank. He reviewed the pros and cons of hatchery steelhead and reviewed the history of the Skagit River in regards to hatchery fish and wild steelhead.

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Corey Ruiz – 45950 Benjamin Street Concrete – stated his opposition of the designation of the gene bank and the economic impact the designation could have on the economy of Skagit County. +

Discussion continued on the topic of salmon, steelhead, water temperature, and the environmental impact.

A motion was made by **Councilor Aslett** to take no action. **Councilors Bieche/J. DeGloria/R. DeGloria/Montgomery** in favor; **Councilor Edmundson** opposed; motion carries.

CONSENT AGENDA:

There was no Consent Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

PROCUREMENT OF ¾ TON PICKUP FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT – BUDGETED IN 2016

Public Works Director Marv Pulst stated that this new truck would be for the newly hired electrician. **Councilor Bieche** asked if there were any other vehicles in the city fleet that could be utilized. **Director Pulst** stated that there were no vehicles available for this purpose.

A motion was made to approve the procurement of a ¾ ton pickup truck per the quote from the State contract of \$31,066.12 by **Councilors J. DeGloria/Aslett**. All in favor; motion carried.

AGREEMENT WITH GRAY & OSBORNE FOR DESIGN OF SEWER PUMP STATION #6

Public Works Director Marv Pulst stated that pump station #6 is in the vicinity of Peterson Road and I-5. The station was constructed in 1975 and was included for an upgrade in portion of the Sewer Comp plan. The original preliminary design was from Gray & Osborne with estimate of cost. **Director Pulst** requested to move forward with design finalization and then go out for bid. The cost for the bid specifications and construction supervision is \$42,546.

A motion was made to approve the agreement with Gray & Osborne for the design of sewer pump station #6 and to authorize the Mayor’s signature by **Councilors R. DeGloria/Bieche**. All in favor; motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was not an Executive Session held.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made to close the meeting by **Councilors Aslett/Bieche**. All in favor; motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Loving adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Crystil Wooldridge
Finance Director

Steve Sexton
Mayor