

**MINUTES  
CITY OF DOVER  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Date August 08, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Dover City Hall  
699 Lakeshore Ave., Dover Id 83825**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Councilwoman Burge informed council that Mayor Curless would arrive shortly and was instructed to bring the meeting to order. Councilwoman Burge called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Present at this meeting:

Council Members: Dave Darling, Annie Shaha, Denise Travis and Marguerite Burge

Staff: Ronda L. Whittaker (City Clerk/Treasurer), Bryan Quayle (City Planner)

Public Present: See Sign-in Sheet.

Councilwoman Burge invited Mr. Thomas Woolf to give his presentation on the proposed Milfoil Treatment for the City.

Mr. Woolf announced that he is with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture and works with Invasive Species and Noxious Weed Program. He advised of his proposal of an Asian Water Milfoil treatment plan within the Dover marina area waters. He stated that the Idaho State Department of Agriculture conducts a yearly lake wide survey for Asian Water Milfoil and advised that this year a dense area of Milfoil was found in the Dover marina area waters specifically the marina area and Glengary Bay, which would be the only areas that would be treated this year. He went on to explain that the specified areas would be treated on September 4, 2013 and explained that aquatic herbicides would be used and the irrigation systems would need to be shut down until water samples indicated that the herbicide was diluted enough for usage for irrigation and also indicated that drinking water systems using water from the river would be subject to the restrictions. Mr. Woolf explained that this year the milfoil was not dense along the shore areas, but that it was becoming very dense further within the waters within the specified areas. Mr. Woolf advised that Mr. Sletager was not opposed to the treatment plan and the he wanted to make the City aware and give opportunity for discussion. Councilwoman Burge stated that previously the City had agreed to accept milfoil treatment along the beach area of the park and asked how effective the treatment had been and asked with the reoccurrence rate was. . Mr. Wolf explained a typical rule is three to five years. Mr. Woolf stated that the City area waters had been treated three times; 2006, 2007 and 2008 and following the last treatment, no further treatment was necessary up until this point. He went on to explain that he had been working with the Bonner County Invasive Species Task Force who had provided a list of priority areas to focus on instead of a wide area treatment. The focus is on high use areas; public swimming areas and recreation boating areas. Councilwoman Burge asked what the percentage of effectiveness of the herbicide treatment in flowing water like the river vs. areas like Glengary where the waters are more confined. Mr. Woolf explained that flow areas are a challenge, but that this area had not prevented a viable treatment. He stated that the project does a GPA grid study before and after the treatment to evaluate the treatment. He state that last year the grid study was done in Perch Bay and the results

were favorable and felt that this area would give the same results. He stated that the project uses lengthy hoses that reach to the bottom of the specified areas, which increase the contact of the herbicides. Councilwoman Burge asked for an explanation of the chemical/herbicides used and the length of time that drinking water sources such as the City of Dover, the City of Laclede and residences along the treatment areas; the expected time that they will not be able to use the water. Mr. Woolf explained that Trycoper would be used which is a common herbicide that has been used within the local waters. He explained that the herbicide breaks down quickly. He explained that the Pend Oreille waters were not restricted for more than five days, but that the restrictions are different for each area. He suspects that with the flow of the waters in this area the restrictions would not exceed the five day period. He stated that the threshold was 1 part per billion testing for irrigation water release and 40 parts for drinking water. Councilwoman asked what the impact would be on the City of Laclede's water source downriver from the City of Dover. Mr. Woolf stated that the area being treated would be very small, so the dilution and breakdown of the herbicide would prevent the City of Laclede from any restrictions. Councilwoman Burge asked Mr. Woolf to confirm the areas for the proposed treatment. Mr. Woolf stated that the treatment would be from just upstream from the marine area to the City Hall point. Councilwoman Burge asked if the treatment would affect the swimming area at the City Beach. Mr. Woolf explained that there would be no issues with swimming or fishing within the treatment areas and stated that the project would inform the area of the treatment by going door to door and posting notices two weeks prior to treatment giving instruction on what was being used and who to contact with any questions. Councilwoman Burge asked if they could post the entrance of the Park area. Mr. Woolf confirmed that he could. Councilwoman Burge asked what the herbicides would do to the native species. Mr. Woolf stated that there have been a lot of complaints about weeds, but that the weeds complained about are native to the area and are resistant to drawdowns unlike the milfoil. Councilwoman Burge asked about alternatives to using herbicides. Mr. Woolf explained that there are some biodegradable treatments are being tested such as burlap covers on the surface of the milfoil, but that because of the denseness of the milfoil in this area that type of treatment would not be cost effective. Councilwoman Burge suggested pulling it up. Mr. Woolf explained that that is a preventive option once the milfoil has been initially addressed. Councilman Darling asked if Webbles would be an option. Mr. Woolf explained that the Webbles have been used in the past but that they were not a reliable or effective treatment. Councilwoman Shaha confirmed the areas to be treated and asked why this area was chosen for the treatment. Mr. Woolf explained that the treatment is alternated from area to area, wherever it is needed at the time. Mayor Curless asked about the results of treatment in other areas. Mr. Woolf stated that there had been no milfoil found in the Perch Bay area after treatment, which was one year ago and that at other treatment sites the milfoil had returned in small enough amounts that hand weeding was affective. Mayor Curless asked if the burlap mats were pulled. Mr. Woolf said that the mats are biodegradable and that the milfoil would eventually come back. Councilwoman Burge confirmed that the burlap preventative treatment also kills the native plants. Mr. Woolf concurred and stated that there is a type of breathable barrier that can be used, but is area regulated by the Department of Lands and is mostly used by private dock owners. Councilwoman Shaha asked who funds the treatment project. Mr. Woolf explained that the Department of Agriculture is a government funded project. There was discussion about how the treatment will affect the City's drinking water. Mayor Curless stated that the with summer water usage, the City's reserves would not last very long. There was discussion as to where the City's intake system was located. Mr. Woolf stated that the treatment would begin ½ mile downstream from the intake system and would not affect the City's drinking water. Mr. Woolf explained that the same type of treatment had been done in this area in the past and that he was advised to follow the herbicide label with extra steps beyond that for safety for buffers and such. He stated that in the past there had been some blue dye studies along the railroad area and the herbicide detection was very short. Councilwoman Burge asked for an explanation of short. Mr. Woolf stated it was gone within one day. Councilman Darling asked Mr. Woolf to explain the term half-life. Mr. Woolf explained that half-life is how long it takes the herbicide to dilute to half. Councilwoman Shaha asked if the milfoil in the City's area waters could be maintained after treatment. Mr. Woolf explained that it is a large area and it would take

persistent efforts. He stated that it would take funds from the City and cooperation with a nonprofit group such as Water Keepers to maintain milfoil without treatment. He suggested starting a maintenance program that would take place every year after treatment. Councilwoman Shaha asked Mr. Woolf to confirm how notice would be given. Mr. Woolf explained that everyone within 1/4 mile of the treatment area would be notified. Councilwoman Burge asked why the treatment is done when the water is so high. Mr. Woolf explained that the flow of the water is quicker when the water is down the milfoil growth is stunted and the treatment needs to be completed while the plants are actively growing; when the water is high.

Councilwoman Burge asked for Public Comment.

Mr. Steve Holt announced himself as one of the original Bonner County Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force and is now the President of the Lake Pend Oreille Water Keeper. He advised that milfoil will continue to be an ongoing issue and that since 2006 the State has spent 6 to 7 million on Lake Pend Oreille and that the treatment and the success rate on the river has been questionable as it is difficult to treat flowing waters. He went on to explain that there are alternatives that are viable and continue to work. He stated that that their work with the City of Sandpoint is working. They have been using diving techniques and advised that private water site residences could purchase burlap barrier at \$50 each from the Department of Lands. He stated that they could get one free and use it as a template for making additional barriers. He stated that the organization would be happy to meet with the City to work on implementing a preventive and ongoing management plan. He explained that the organization had purchased a pontoon boat and all necessary equipment for diving and hand picking the milfoil. He asked council to wait on their decision until further discussion of alternatives to herbicide treatment.

Councilwoman Burge asked for further Public Comment on this issue.

Councilwoman Shaha stated that it would be nice not to have to use herbicides, but that at this point it may be necessary. Councilwoman Burge concurred and stated that there are alternatives and that the City did need to be further educated on the topic. She stated that she would like to meet with Water Keeper before the issue comes up again. Councilman Darling concurred. Councilwoman Travis stated that she also did not like the idea of using herbicides, but that she had researched the issue and advised that treatment and ongoing maintenance would be advisable. Councilwoman Burge asked council if they wanted make a decision at this time or wait until next meeting. Councilwoman Travis suggested that time issues necessitated a decision now. Mayor Curless stated that council might think about getting the treatment completed and then developing a maintenance plan.

**Councilwoman Shaha made a motion to proceed with Mr. Woolf's proposed treatment plan. Councilwoman Travis seconded the Motion. Councilwoman Shaha, Travis and Burge in favor. Councilman Darling opposed. Motion passed**

Councilwoman Burge requested Water Keeper work with the City to provide a milfoil maintenance program. Mr. Holt left his contact information and asked the Clerk to contact his office. Mr. Woolf advised that the Department of Agriculture also would work with the City in providing a maintenance plan. Councilwoman Burge asked if the meeting could include the Department and Water Keeper. Mr. Woolf invited a mutual meeting. Councilwoman Burge asked the Clerk to arrange a meeting after the treatment was provided and thought it would be good to coordinate the meeting with IDWA and the Water Source Program. Councilwoman Burge asked Mr. Woolf if he needed written approval for the treatment. Mr. Woolf suggested the City to provide written authorization.

Councilwoman Burge called for a recess at 7:51 p.m.

Mayor Curless brought the meeting back to order at 8:01 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Public Comment: Councilwoman Burge announced that the public comment time is 3 minutes per person. Additional comments on an already presented topic must be limited to new or additional information. No action will take place until item is placed on the agenda.

Resident Freda King expressed her thanks to council for creating a water rate study and expressed her concern about there not being enough revenues within the City's water and sewer divisions to address potential failures within the system.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Council reviewed the July Payables and Minutes. Councilwoman Travis and the City's Planner submitted suggested changes to the minutes. There were no objections to the proposed changes. **Councilwoman Shaha motioned to approve the consent agenda, Councilwoman Travis seconded the motion. All agreed; Motion carried.**

**MONTHLY REPORTS:**

**ENGINEER:** Not present

**PLANNER:** There was discussion about having a special meeting regarding the City's contract for building inspection. **It was decided to have the meeting on August 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.**

**Councilwoman Shaha made a motion for the City to put out a Request for Services, Councilwoman Burge seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.** Mayor Curless stated that there was no need to have Inland Code present at the special meeting as the motion had been made for a Request for Services. Bryan stated that he thought the Inland Code should be at the meeting so she would have an opportunity to express her concerns. He stated that that could be a portion of the meeting. Councilwoman Travis asked Bryan to provide a sample of a Request for Services to present at the special meeting.

Bryan addressed the highway deeding and agriculture element. Councilwoman Burge confirmed that there would not be changing of ownership of the old highway until after the Federal Government inspects the ponds. She asked if Bryan could speak with Mr. Davis and request a speed limit sign on it. There was discussion about what the speed limit should be; no decision was made about the speed limit.

Bryan addressed issues related to addressing and water usage. He stated that there was a mix up in an address that had been remedied and it was concluded that there was not a missed hook-up.

Bryan reported that Idagon Homes had discussed three building permits with him and that one had been presented to the City today, August 8, 2013. He also stated the John Sletager had discussed a couple more that should come in soon.

Bryan stated that the 595 Corps of Engineer Grant is coming along and that the City had received letters of support from George Eskridge and Shawn Keough.

Bryan reported that he has been concentrating on flood insurance issues. He stated that flood insurance subsidizing will be phasing out due to the flooding back east and lack of funds; he stated that flood insurance will still be available to homeowners, but the rate will be raised and the rules will be the same.

Bryan stated that the Roosevelt addressing situation has been resolved. He stated that GIS is happy with the mapping as it shows the new addresses for McFearson , Becker and Auto Tech; also Ames is the same number whether on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street or Roosevelt Avenue and Dover Joe's is addressed off of 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Councilwoman Burge asked what the Discovery Center was addressed at. Bryan stated he thought it was off of 4<sup>th</sup>, but that if it wasn't it would be off Roosevelt.

Bryan reported that Thorne Research had put in a new HVAC system and are using temporary facilities. He stated that he is monitoring the changes as their conditional use permit requires facilities to be rooftop. Councilwoman Shaha asked if the temporary facilities are causing all the noise. Bryan stated that he thought that some of them might and that last year they had put some facilities on the ground that were supposed to be temporary but are still there. Mayor Curless reported that he had talked to them and was told that the generators on the ground were going away soon.

Bryan once again addressed Inland Code. He stated that he had asked for a report from Inland Code and then proceeded to read from the report, attached hereto. There was discussion about the permit process to Certificate of Occupancy being very slow. Bryan stated that he does not have an explanation for the hold ups. The City Clerk stated that she had spoken with Inland Code and was told that some of the holdup is a scheduling conflict between her and John Sletager. Alex Lett who was present at the meeting, stated that she did not understand why there would be a scheduling conflict as John is on the premises most of the day. Bryan concurred with Alex. Bryan also confirmed that this is another reason that Inland Code needs to be at the special meeting so that she can explain. Mayor Curless stated that this issue is why the City's contract needs to include the building inspector provide a written report each month. Bryan concurred.

Bryan stated that the City would be getting street lights in the dog park parking lot and that the project was running smoothly.

There was discussion about the Buoy, rock line, log boom and water intake simultaneously. The Buoy project has been redrafted he has one more exhibit to change, water intake he is reviewing what the City's Engineer, Rob Tate, has given to him. He has to change one other exhibit. Councilwoman Shaha and Burge questioned Bryan about what it was that he is working on in regard to the intake project. Bryan stated that is was a joint permit from the Department of Lands and the Corps of Engineers that Rob had originally applied for. There had been a change in administration and the Department of Lands had advised that the permit application submitted could not be a joint application. Bryan stated that there had been too many changes to the application and that he was in the process of cleaning it up. Councilwoman Burge asked when Bryan would expect a decision. Bryan stated that the Department of Lands is at issue, but thought that the issues would be addressed this fall. Mayor Curless expressed his concern that children cannot play at the beach waters because of the wake and it is really imperative that the buoy/rock line and log boom projects be pushed along. Councilwoman Shaha asked if Council could begin getting a copy of the minutes for the P&Z meetings. Bryan stated that he did not see that as a problem.

Councilwoman Burge asked Bryan how the removal digital speed limit signs were coming along. Bryan stated that he was still shopping; prices were falling between \$600 and \$1,500 for solar recharge signs.

Councilwoman Shaha asked if this kind of project could be funded from the street budget. Bryan stated that yes it could and should. Bryan stated that it does take some effort and time to remove and move the signs and that vandalism is also an issue. He advised that the issue really needs to be thought out. Councilwoman Travis brought up the issue of no parking on pavement signs. Bryan stated that that was something that Mayor Curless was addressing. Mayor Curless stated that some of the holdup is due to the lack of conveyance of the road to the city. He went on to state that if the city does get the state land then there was an area that is paved and it would be a perfect area for parking, which would take care of some of the parking on pavement issue. Councilwoman Burge asked Bryan to talk to the Department of Transportation about the issue. Councilwoman Travis asked if someone could contact Mr. MacAfee and let him know that the city was working on the project.

Councilman Darling brought up an issue related to Susan Kent in Washington in regard to property lines and asked Bryan to bring the issue up to speed at the September meeting. Mayor Curless stated that was also a ditching issue and that the State was looking at putting some pavement in that area. Councilwoman Burge stated that the area has always been a drainage problem. There was discussion about the frustration of getting the State to do something about it. Mayor Curless excused Bryan from the meeting if all was discussed. Councilwoman Travis asked Council to have Bryan to address the agenda item in regard to drainage, signage, paving and mosquito issues that had been tabled at the last meeting. It was suggested that the items be addressed as listed on the agenda. Bryan stated that Mayor Curless was well informed on the issues. Councilwoman Travis expressed her concern that the issues keep getting pushed back and not really addressed due to the lack of knowledge of who owns the road and/or adjoining property. Councilwoman Burge confirmed that the state has not done their part and the city still just does not have an answer as to who really owns the property. Mayor Curless confirms that a survey needs to be completed. Bryan concurred and stated the State is responsible to survey the property and provide a legal description. Bryan advised that landowner questions surrounding the survey was not something that council should be addressing. Bryan suggested that concerned adjoining property owners that are confused about where their property lines were in that area, they should have their property surveyed. Councilwoman Shaha stated that she thought that this issue should be a priority. Bryan asked if she was speaking about the drainage or ownership. Councilwoman Shaha stated that the ownership needed to be up on the priority list; she asked if this problem was related to the bridge construction. Mayor Curless stated that this was an issue that began previous to the construction. Councilwoman Travis asked Bryan if he could recommend a local surveyor. Bryan advised against recommending a specific surveyor.

Bryan was excused.

**INDEPENDANT HIGHWAY DISTRICT (IHD):** Chairwoman Marj Tilly reported that IHD had completed the mowing on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> streets. She stated that they were going to do chip sealing from Oakland to Front Street on Tuesday and cleaning up on Wednesday, therefore the streets would be closed intermittently. She went on to report that repairs were scheduled on Syringa and Upper Syringa Lanes within the next couple of weeks. She stated that the irrigation water from Dover Bay was used in the past and it did not work out well and asked for the city to get an agreement from Dover Bay for them to use it again. Ronda expressed that she had emailed Mr. Sletager and had not received a response as of yet. Councilwoman Travis asked when they would address the pathways at the men's restroom and the decline issue to the City Hall. Marj advised that Scott was looking at the project and it was just a matter as to when the hot mix was available.

**WESTSIDE FIRE:** Neil Hewitt reported that their budget hearing and the hearing on the ballot regarding the increases over and above the 3% allowance was coming up on August 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:00 p.m. He encouraged everyone to attend the hearing. He advised that the fire department needed 66 3/4 % of voters to pass the allowance. Mayor Curless advised that he had referred several people who were interested in volunteering to the department. Neil expressed his satisfaction of attendance at the benefit spaghetti feed they had; they raised about \$1,000. Councilwoman Burge asked if the building permit process was working for the department. Neil advised that Dale was happy and the city cooperation was working very well.

**TREASURER:** Ronda Whittaker stated that she did not have a report. Councilwoman Shaha addressed the proposed budget. She asked if anyone had reviewed it before publishing the Notice. Ronda stated that the publication was drafted from the decisions of the previous budget workshop. Councilwoman Shaha expressed that she had gone over the proposed budget and expressed her concerns that the proposed budget was not in order. She stated that she had removed the transportation fund from the budget and found a problem with the figures as there seemed to be double entries among other problems. She expressed her concern that the proposed budget may have already been published as it was blatantly incorrect. Councilwoman Shaha expressed that she did understand that explanation and did not have problem with having those figures in the budget, but that even with the transportation fund entered, there were still incorrect figures. She stated that she has specifically asked to review the budget before it was published. She stated that she was very unhappy with the treasury department. She went on to speak about the water hookup figures and how they differ from the P&L reports and the worksheets and budget. She stated that the bookkeeper stated that she had mistakenly made a double entry. Councilwoman Shaha stated that she had contacted the city's auditor and was told that she should speak to a CPA. She stated that she had contacted a local resident, Lou MacAfee, who is a CPA and asked if she could help the city clean up their books. She reported that Lou stated that she would be happy to help and that she assessed that it would take approximately 10 hours at \$85 per hour. She asked Council to invite Lou to help. Councilwoman Shaha went on to explain that another issue is by not reporting some of the income the city still managed, every month, on the P&Ls to report SPOT income without any expenditures. Therefore looking at the month of June it would seem that the city is benefiting from SPOT. She expressed that she knew that that was not the case, but that is how it looks and is being reported. Mayor Curless stated that he would speak with Lou and invite her to administratively clean up the books. He stated that it was not something that needed to be budgeted; it was something that can be addressed right away. Councilwoman Burge stated that she would support that administrative action. Mayor Curless stated that there were problems with the meter system for the water and that the city may need to purchase a new program. He went on to state that Mrs. Breymann and Ronda were in the process of looking at alternative programs. It appears that this program that we are using is plugging in random numbers and is records sewer as a water usage causing a huge problem. Ronda affirms that she felt that the problems began when the software was initially installed. She stated that she felt that there may have not been training available. She stated the Mrs. Breymann and our water operator have been scrutinizing over the numbers and that they have been able to clean up a lot of the problem, but that there were still issues that were being addressed. She stated that the issue is a real priority as the program that the city is now using is reporting a high usage of water with a low billing. Councilwoman Burge asked the clerk to contact Lou and asked her to come in and address the books. There was discussion about the publication of the proposed budget. Mayor Curless advised that the proposed budget that is published had to be the same and that the city may need to reopen the budget to change it if Lou finds issues with the books. It was confirmed that the property tax figure cannot raise more than 3% without having a hearing but that rule does not apply to the whole budget. Councilwoman Shaha stated that it looked like the property taxes had risen 8.5%. Mayor Curless suggested that Lou would need to speak with the county about that issue. Ronda stated that the proposed budget would not be published until Tuesday. Councilwoman Travis asked if we could pull it from being published. **There was discussion about time restraints for publishing and it was decided that the publication could be pulled, adjusted and published within the time**

**restraints.** Chairwoman Marj Tilley with IHD requested the city to provide a letter to IHD allowing for the 3% increase.

**ROADS:** Mayor Curless reported that he had permits submitted for the Ontario project. He stated that there were still some minor dirt sluffing out from under the pavement but that had been no drop within the center. He spoke about the water drawdown will cause problems with the culvert and the city may not be able to wait for potential grant funds before beginning the project.

Councilman Darling asked Marj if they had done the weed spray along the easements. Mayor Curless stated that the County had done that project. Councilman Darling and Mayor Curless expressed their concern that some trees may be affected and it will be a big project to clean up dead trees. Mayor Curless stated that he was going to contact Avista and Northern Lights to see if they can do some cleanup along the lines.

Mayor Curless expressed his satisfaction with the Magchloride and grating process and confirmed that IHD will address the walkways at the City Hall. Councilwoman Burge confirmed that the high walkway was already ADA compliant. Mayor Curless concurred and stated that people will still want to use the lower walkway therefore the city will address it.

Councilwoman Burge asked Mayor Curless about the road closed sign and main street sign on Harding, and the stop sign at Washington and expressed her understanding that Hal was very busy as the city's water operator and asked if there was an alternative service that could be used to get the signs in. Mayor Curless stated that he would speak with IHD to see if they would address the issue. He stated that all of the city's signs needed to be updated to meet new regulations. Councilwoman Burge expressed her concern about the intersection and West and Lakeshore, as there is supposed to be a third stop sign posted at that intersection. She suggested taking the sign at the Dover Bay side of Lakeshore and move it to Washington. Councilwoman Shaha concurred. Mayor Curless asked council to consider putting the stop sign at Washington and to consider putting a yield or stop sign at Lakeshore onto Jackson. Councilwoman Shaha confirmed that there is a sign at lakeshore onto Jackson. It was decided to address the issue. Mayor Curless advised that the city should contact Ralph Sletager and request he relinquish the existing sign as it is actually his sign. Ronda stated that the agreement needed to be in writing. Marj asked if Washington Street was a dead end. Mayor Curless confirmed that it was. Marj stated that IHD would move the sign once approval has been obtained to do so.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** Ronda reported that the city had received a Thank You Note from Laura Rench. She read the card aloud to Council. She reported on the city picnic and stated that the city had raised \$685 toward next year's scholarship fund. She stated that she would send out Thank You correspondence to all who donated. She asked Councilwoman Shaha about her statement at the last meeting indicating that Dover Bay Development would donate to the fund. Councilwoman Shaha advised that she would be happy to address the issue. Ronda thanked Councilwoman Shaha for funding the window cleaning at the City Hall. Mayor Curless stated that the picnic was almost aborted as Mrs. Becker's health is failing and thought the city needed to send out a Thank You Card to both Mrs. Becker and Mrs. Ames for supporting the picnic each year. He advised that the city should consider finding other interested parties that could help support the picnic. Councilwoman Burge confirmed that Mrs. Becker would not be able to coordinate the picnic next year. Councilwoman Burge stated that the picnic had been going on since 1922 and felt that it would be a shame to lose that historical annual event even if the city has to take over the responsibility. Councilman Darling stated that Mrs. Darling and Shelly Munson stated that they would love to organize the picnic each year.

**DURA:** No Report



**POCWA:** Councilwoman Travis reported that there was no meeting this month.

**WATER PROTECTION PROJECT:** Councilwoman Burge reported that the committee was winding down on the campaign. Final reports would be in by the end of the month. She stated that she and Melinda from IDRW will be working to develop an ongoing water protection plan and will share when it is completed. She stated that they had made some changes on the pet brochures and talked of location for two pet waste units at the bike trail and Syringa. Biggest question was who would restock them. Possibilities were discussed. Ronda asked if discussions during regular meeting could be tallied toward the city's contribution to the project. Councilwoman Burge stated that because of Councilwoman Travis's contribution related to the distribution of the Lake "A" Silt information the city did not need additional contribution.

**BCATT:** Mayor Curless reported that updates on State hwy project were address. Marj Tilley reported about the letter to commissioners regarding the brine salt issue was rescinded. Mayor Curless stated that the brine is the only thing that can remove the ice and it saves lives.

**BCDC:** No report was given.

**WATER/SEWER DEPT:** Reports were reviewed.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Curless reported that the water and sewer plants were running well. He stated that the intake pipes were silting up and the city has had divers assessing the issues. He reported that the difficult issue is the depth for filtering the system; it may be that the pipe will need to be cut to get the silt out. The silt also affects the filters. Councilwoman Burge stated that she was very happy with Hal's report as it is just not a lot of numbers; it explained what was going on. There was discussion about high water usage and the disadvantage of watering too much.

**COUNCIL:** Councilwoman Travis addressed the Water Protection Campaign and stated that she was very impressed with the Pend Oreille booklet as it was very informative. She stated that she had delivered it to 170 homes. She stated that residents seemed to be very receptive and grateful for the awareness. Councilwoman Burge asked if books had been distributed to the rental bungalows. Councilwoman Travis stated that she had given a couple to the Development but not enough for all of the bungalows. It was discussed that it may be advisable to get some there. Councilwoman Travis apologized for her outburst at the last meeting regarding the Westside Emergency process. Mayor Curless expressed that it is a very touchy issue and he is waiting for more information. Councilman Darling asked if the issue should have been on the DURA agenda. There was discussion that in the past it was something that DURA needed to know about, but it is not something that they will fund completely, but that there may be expenses for gates and such that will need to be funded. It was suggested that the issue should be taken from DURA's agenda until further development.

Councilwoman Shaha reported that she was going to submit the 595 grant without the easements as Rob Tate had been in touch with Ralph Sletager to move the easement forward. She asked the Mayor to sign off on the PSA with DURA as discussed in the Joint Meeting, so that it could also be sent in with the grant application. She expressed concern that the project is not moving forward. Mayor Curless stated that there was discussion about Geo Bag foundation and that he would discuss the issue with Rob Tate.

Councilwoman Shaha asked Ronda about the requested special meeting for the mediation issue. Mayor Curless advised Council that the Mediator and Attorney Susan Weeks need to be present. Councilwoman Shaha expressed her concern that the city's attorney is working too much with Bryan. Mayor Curless concurs and suggested the city have a special meeting. Councilwoman Burge suggested a special meeting with the

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city's attorney and council. Mayor Curless suggested all be at the meeting; even if by conference. **It was decided that a special meeting be held on August 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** Councilwoman Burge confirms that the meeting will be short and to the point and would include the city's attorney and council and that there is no need for the city's Planner to be involved in mediation negotiations. Mayor Curless and Councilwoman Shaha concur.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was discussion that the Westside Emergency Access had already been addressed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was discussion that the street issues had already been addressed and the August meeting dates be tabled.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Councilwoman Burge to adjourn the Council Meeting, Councilwoman Travis seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.**

Mayor Curless adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Ronda L. Whittaker