1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eidinger called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.
Deputy Mayor Cope led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Daryl Eidinger, Deputy Mayor Steve Cope, Councilmember Donna O'Ravez, Councilmember Paul Crowley, Councilmember Luke Meyers, Councilmember Stephanie Shook.
Councilmember Tyron Christopherson (will be arriving late).
Staff Present: Acting City Manager Eric Phillips, Interim Assistant City Manager Becky Hasart, Acting City Clerk Jane Montgomery, Senior Planner Kevin Stender, Police Chief Ed Knutson, City Attorney Scott Snyder.

2. PRESENTATION

Kevin Stender spoke about Julie Bennett and her service to the City. Mayor Eidinger presented a retirement gift of a clock to Julie for her dedicated service. Ms. Bennett worked for the City of Edgewood from 2000-2015. Acting City Manager Phillips spoke about Ms. Bennett and praised her service to the City.

Mayor Debra Perry of the City of Milton told the Council that she and Milton Chief of Police Bob Hernandez were present at the meeting to give an award to Mayor Eidinger. Chief Hernandez stated that the award was the “Unknown Crime Fighter” award. Mayor Eidinger had assisted in the apprehension of a bank robber in 2012 and in a traffic incident in 2014 in the City of Milton when a vehicle caught fire on Pacific Highway. Mayor Eidinger helped get passengers out of that vehicle and then he put the vehicle fire out with his own fire extinguisher. Mayor Perry read the award out loud and presented the Mayor a plaque. A picture was taken of Mayor Eidinger, Mayor Perry, and Chief Hernandez.

3. AUDIENCE COMMENT

Interim Assistant City Manager Hasart thanked Julie Bennett for her service to the City.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Eidinger recessed the meeting to executive session at 7:12 PM for 20 minutes. City Attorney Snyder stated that the executive session was for the purpose of discussing with legal counsel representing the City, potential litigation and the risks associated with a proposed action. The executive session is anticipated to last approximately 20 minutes. They may or may not take action in open session when they return.

7:12 PM Mayor Eidinger recessed the meeting to executive session.
7:14 PM Councilmember Christopherson arrived and joined the executive session.
7:32 PM The executive session was continued for an additional 10 minutes.
7:42 PM The executive session was continued for an additional 5 minutes.
Mayor Eidinger called the meeting back to order at 7:47 PM.

5. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Acting City Manager Phillips briefed the Council on interim staffing.
He informed the Council that Lance Schwartz who works for BHC will be contracting with the City and will be working part-time on Tues., Wed., and Thurs., to perform inspections. The current
building inspector Dean Mundy will focus on plan review and he will be assisting at the front counter with permitting.

Interim Assistant City Manager Hasart was asked to brief the Council on the following:
- Utilization of the services of Office Team who will provide the City with temporary staffing to assist with permitting and other duties associated with the front counter
- Associate Planner interviews will be on 30th of March and Administrative Assistant interviews will take place on March 31, and April 6th

Acting City Manager Phillips stated that staff has stepped up their efforts and he wanted to express appreciation for all his co-workers. He also thanked Mayor Eidinger for checking in periodically to see that all was well with staff. He briefed the Council on the following:
- WCIA Training on anti-harassment
- Comprehensive Plan Update
- Parks Plan
- Public Hearing notice for April 8th and April 20th for the Comprehensive Plan hearings
- The May 5th Study Session will address Comprehensive Plan recommendations
- The Department of Ecology Report was submitted
- The Gray & Osborne report on the Jovita Slope stabilization project
- The letters for a Neighborhood Meeting were mailed out on April 2nd
- Parks Appreciation day is on April 25th from 11AM -2:00 PM
- Economic Development Board Meeting
- Update on Pasture/Vegetation Agreement with Mr. Pyle
- Update on the Leasing Agreement with Larry Wright
- Update on Public Works Trailer
- WSDOT 161 Project update
- Update on meeting with Ron Kiehne
- An update will be coming to Council soon from the Chairs of the Parks Board and Planning Commission

Discussion ensued between Council and staff regarding the update on Mr. Kiehne, the associate planner and administrative assistant positions, and the on call building inspector position. Interim Assistant City Manager Hasart would like to know if Council was comfortable with bringing on a temporary staff person from Office Team this Thursday. Council agreed. Police Chief Knutson briefed the Council on crime statistics and police events, and the annual auction at the Community Center. He advised Council that the 7th annual shredding event will be on April 25th at the Albertsons parking lot from 10 AM to 1:00 PM.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:
The consent agenda includes items that are routine in nature and are adopted by one motion. Should Council wish to discuss a consent agenda item, the item would be removed from the consent agenda and discussed under Council Business.

The following items are presented for Council approval:
A. Regular Council meeting minutes of February 10, 2015.
B. AB 15-0011, a motion approving Claim check numbers 20609 through 20642, Wires and Transfers in the amount of $181,050.75, and Payroll check numbers 10390 through 10394 including Direct Deposits and Electronic Transfers in the amount of $23,304.80.

C. AB 15-0012, a motion authorizing the Interim City Manager to sign the contracts with Pierce County for access to the Pierce County Community Information/Network Systems.

**Motion:** As Read, **Action:** Approve, Moved by Councilmember O'Ravez, Seconded by Councilmember Crowley.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

7. COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. AB 15-0013, a motion to approve the Acting City Managers execution of a contract with Paladin Data Systems Corporation in substantially the form presented to Council, together with such minor revisions the Acting City Manager may deem necessary or appropriate.

Interim Assistant Hasart briefed the Council on this item. The following additional language was added to the motion, “and to move the appropriate amount of budget from the General Fund balance into the Information Technology Cost Center”.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Council. City Attorney Scott stated that this is a typical contract but that City Attorney Lell will be reviewing the contract for provisions that may not be appropriate for public agencies.

**Motion:** As Read with the following amendment: “and to move the appropriate amount of budget from the General fund balance into the information technology cost center”.

**Action:** Amend, Moved by Mayor Eidinger, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cope.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

A. **Discussion- Council Priorities**

Acting City Manager Phillips stated that this item is a follow up from the last study session. He is hoping to get more feedback from Council on what their top priorities are for the next two months study sessions.

Discussion ensued between Council and staff. Feedback included the following as items Council would like to see in the next two months:

1. Commercial frontage development on Meridian
2. Issues brought forward from citizen Ron Kiehne
3. Impact fees
4. Design standards
5. Staffing levels
6. Project updates
7. Purchase cards
8. Communication with citizens
9. New Website updates
10. Communication between Council and Boards and Commissions
11. School/Fire- get together with service providers –Tri jurisdictional meetings
There was discussion between staff and Council regarding the cost for the staffing from Office Team. Acting City Manager Phillips explained the costs and stated that he would continue to advise Council of costs for staffing and the breakout of those costs.

Additions/Deletions to the agenda.
Council rule 3.3 allows a Councilmember or the City Manager to add an item to the agenda if the necessity is explained and receives a majority vote of the Council to suspend the Council Rules of Procedure and add an item.
Mayor Eidinger made the following statement:
“I believe that it has become necessary to provide notice to the City Manager that his employment with the City will terminate following the City’s plan of government reorganization. I accordingly move to suspend the Council Rules of Procedure to add an item to the agenda for the City Council to authorize such notice.”
First Action:

**Motion:** Suspend the Council Rules of Procedure to add an item to the agenda.
**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Eidinger, **Seconded by** Deputy Mayor Cope.
**Motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Eidinger stated that Council needed to make a motion authorizing the Mayor to provide a six month termination notice to the City Manager.
Council comments were as follows:
Mayor Eidinger stated that there has been discussion in this regard in executive session and that Mr. Bauer’s contract requires a six month notice.
Councilmember Crowley stated that as a general matter he wished that the City was not undergoing a change of government, but the consequences both positive and negative of that will become apparent in the months to come. Councilmember Christopherson stated that he was strongly opposed to the change of government and he feels that the public was misled over the nature and concept of the election.

Second Action:

**Motion:** Authorize the Mayor to provide written notice to the City Manager that the Manager’s employment with the City of Edgewood will be terminated effective six months from the date of such notice which is tomorrow March 25, 2015., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Eidinger, **Seconded by** Councilmember Shook.
**Motion passed unanimously.**

**B. COUNCIL COMMENTS**
Councilmember Meyers had questions about the signage for the City of Edgewood which were addressed by Acting City Manager Phillips.

**C. ADJOURN**

Mayor Eidinger adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Jane Montgomery, Acting City Clerk

Daryl Eidinger, Mayor