CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hogan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Kelley led attendees in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Jeffery Hogan, Deputy Mayor Mike L. Kelley, Jr., Councilmember Dave Olson, Councilmember Paul Crowley, Councilmember Steve Cope (arrived at 7:03 p.m.) Councilmember Daryl Eidinger, Councilmember Donna J. O'Ravez. Absent/Excused: None. Staff Present: City Manager Mark Bauer, Public Works Director Joe Seet, Police Chief Ed Knutson, City Attorney Zach Lell and Bonnie Valens, Administrative Services Manager/Acting City Clerk.

PUBLIC HEARING – Sewer Rate Ordinance

City Manager Bauer briefed Council and attendees on the Sewer Rate Ordinance.

Mayor Hogan opened the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m. and called for public comment.

Hearing no public comment, Mayor Hogan closed the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

City Manager Bauer noted that an Open House meeting was held on January 11th to allow citizens to review and comment on the Jovita Boulevard Realignment project and the planned roundabout. He noted that there was a large group of citizens representing both Milton and Edgewood in attendance. He said that the majority of the comments were regarding access in and out of Albertsons and that the consultant did a good job of answering their questions.

He noted that the storm last week slowed progress on the rail fence portion of the Interurban Trail project, but that the contractor is now back on the job and should have the fencing completed by the end of the week. He also stated that we are still waiting on the final submittals and good weather for the contractor to start on the construction of the Jovita Crossroads Trailhead Park.

He informed Council that our new Finance Director/City Clerk, Deborah Zabell, will start work with the City on February 10th.
He informed Council that the Pierce County Rules and Operations Committee passed Ordinance 2011-95 out of the Committee and on to the full Council for consideration, which included new language in Section 5 that establishes a fund to assist jurisdictions with their flood and storm water control needs and will leave it up to the Flood Control District to establish the amount and the rules for use of these funds. He noted that there were three amendments offered at the committee meeting: An amendment to Section 5 to levy a property tax of $0.10 per $1,000 of assessed value passed; an amendment to strike Section 5 in its entirety did not pass; and an amendment to insert a new Section 5 encouraging jurisdictions located in the flood plain to make additional contributions for flood control construction projects, did not pass.

City Manager Bauer noted that he sent a letter last week to all LID property owners updating them on the status of the LID and that he has received one phone call regarding the letter. He noted that staff has scheduled a meeting to meet with LID appellants on Wednesday the 25th.

He noted that during the long power outage in the City last week during the storm we found out that the standby generator does come on automatically, but does not provide power to any of the essential operations areas. It does provide power to the downstairs tenant area, some emergency lighting and provides power to a host of plug-ins in the north conference room. It does not provide power to the staff work areas, phone system, lighting system or heating system, making it impossible for City staff to continue to function during any outage. He noted that staff will be working on correcting these inadequacies in the near future. In a debrief meeting with staff on Monday we discussed after hours call handling and communication with citizens prior to the winter period on preparedness and what to expect when a similar event occurs.

Police Chief Ed Knutson noted that the Police Department has had three Driving Under the Influence incidents over the past two weeks. He noted that the Police Departments former Office Assistant had started a DUI reimbursement program and explained how that brought money back into the City and noted that there is extra paperwork involved to manage that program to ensure that the funds are requested when appropriate. He noted that Mt. View-Edgewood Water Company staff was out in the City helping to clear roads during the storm event. He thanked Public Works Roads Superintendent Rick Pederson and Pierce County Public Works, for the great job they did keeping the roads plowed and de-iced and removing tree limbs across the roadways. He thanked his Deputies for providing coverage and working the extra hours to ensure public safety. He gave special thanks to Deputy Jerry Johnson who found a resident who had been out of power for days and took the time to call PSE who thought that their power had already been restored, and as a result, the residents power was turned back on.

Public Works Director Joe Seet provided a presentation on the storm event, which included the Citys procedures, photos of some of the affected areas around Edgewood and an overview of the most severe incidents that occurred. He provided statistics on the storms damage and thanked all those involved in getting through the event.
Discussion ensued regarding things that could be done better next year, including web updates during an event, pre-storm season mailing to residents with important information, procedures and phone numbers for their reference and future use.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items are presented for Council approval:
A. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Summary of December 15, 2011
B. Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Summary of October 27, 2011
C. Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2012
D. AB 12-004, a motion approving 2011 claims in the amount of $45,510.99
E. AB 12-005, a motion approving 2012 claims in the amount of $154,591.88

Motion: As read, Action: Approve, Moved by Councilmember Paul Crowley, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Mike L. Kelley, Jr.

Discussion ensued.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 6).
Yes: Councilmember Daryl Eidinger, Councilmember Dave Olson, Councilmember Donna J. O'Ravez, Councilmember Paul Crowley, Deputy Mayor Mike L. Kelley, Jr., Mayor Jeffery Hogan.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

AB 11-0376, second reading and adoption of a sewer rate ordinance
City Manager Bauer noted he had nothing further to add on the item.

Motion: As read, Action: Approve, Moved by Deputy Mayor Mike L. Kelley, Jr., Seconded by Councilmember Paul Crowley.

Discussion ensued.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 6).
Yes: Councilmember Daryl Eidinger, Councilmember Dave Olson, Councilmember Donna J. O'Ravez, Councilmember Paul Crowley, Deputy Mayor Mike L. Kelley, Jr., Mayor Jeffery Hogan.

Discussion regarding a temporary stock pile yard
This item was pulled from the agenda and will be added to the January 31st Study Session agenda.
COUNCIL COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS
Councilmember Eidinger provided an update on the Pierce Transit Conference and provided a map showing the tentative schedule. He noted that Sumner has opted not to be part of Pierce Transit. He noted that there will be public hearings in early March. He noted that Buckley and Bonney Lake are also opting out. He said that he voted for Edgewood to stay in the boundary due to conversations the Council has had in the past. He noted that Fort Lewis is considering opting out as well. He stated that the Council may have to do a resolution at some point to indicate whether we will be participating or opting out.

Councilmember Olson noted that the next Regular Council meeting falls on Valentines Day. Discussion ensued regarding a possible early start time for that meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the Les Schwab ribbon cutting ceremony.

Councilmember ORavez noted that she attended the last Fife, Milton, Edgewood Chamber luncheon and that Lieutenant Colonel David Hodney spoke about the military families that live in this area and that there is an organization of the Army that works with them. She noted that she has an application and that she would like to discuss at a future Study Session to see if Edgewood would like to participate. She noted that the Chamber luncheon meetings are on the first Wednesdays of each month.

Discussion ensued regarding the Local Flood District.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
None.

ADJOURN
Seeing no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Hogan adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.