ROLL CALL
Mayor Frank Cox, Monica Masco, Julie Mayfield, Robert Muth, Amy Weissfeld and Moli Thomas

STAFF
Nick Hogan, Eric Hansen, Ben Shumaker, Kenneth Woodrich

GUESTS
Mary Repar, Wayne Martin, Rob Farris, Dan Read, Casey Roeder, Angie Waiss, Scott Griswold, Ben Sciacca, Scott Anderson, Greyson Rudd

6:02 pm Meeting called to order

MINUTES
Masco motioned to approve the April 16, 2014 minutes with the change of “Chad with WSDOT” to “Chad Hancock with WSDOT” on the 1st page, with a 2nd by Weissfeld. Unanimously approved

CONSENT AGENDA
The following items are presented for council approval:

Water adjustment – Nora Karr (meter No. 405600) requests a water adjustment of $443.98 for a broken water line which has since been replaced.

Water adjustment – David & Jerani Horne (meter No. 607900) request a water adjustment of $42.07 for a main pipe break which has since been repaired.

Comments on NPDES draft permit – City Administrator Nick Hogan requests Council ratification of a letter of comment prepared by OMI and submitted by OMI and the City of Stevenson to the Department of Ecology objecting to several items included in the draft permit. OMI’s letter was reviewed by City Attorney Ken Woodrich.

Weissfeld made motion to approve the consent agenda as written with a 2nd by Muth. Unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Repar thanked Hansen and the public works department for their work on the city sidewalks.

Fire Department Update
Martin introduced Rob Farris as the new Fire Chief.

OLD BUSINESS
Truck Traffic on 2nd Street
Hogan said the WSDOT is now OK with two one-way streets and reminded everyone of the upcoming town hall meeting on May 21st.

Sheriff Brown passed out a handout for discussion. He said the five year comparison gives the percentage of calls the city of Stevenson is putting on the call load verses the rest of the county. There was a drop in 2013 in citations. If you look at the county we had a little over 1000, and he thinks the drop is
consistent. They lost deputies in 2013, and there have been many inconsistencies in patrol staffing. It’s not intentional but a sign of their organizational reassessment, based on changes in funding and staffing levels. The sheriff sent a letter to city council in March about traffic at the east end of town and the transition in the speed limit. Running radar there is difficult; they have to get the reading from the rear and it is hard for them to get a lot of time to do that. They will have an emphasis on traffic in the downtown corridor of Stevenson in the next thirty to sixty days. Mayfield asked his opinion about reader boards. Brown said he thinks it can be an effective tool, but it has to be followed up with enforcement. He said the west bound situation may have more impact because of decreasing speed. It is a tough location for The Cabin; the left hand turn is difficult, especially if there is a build out on the hill. If people coming west bound are slowing they can only hope the others are following suit. East Bound going out, the trucks like to speed up prior to the 50 mph sign. Weissfeld asked if it is possible to request additional time with citations. Brown said you know where the county is with financials. The city is 20% of our call load with 6% of payment; we have to have a discussion. Shumaker said some of the city call outs are for jail incidences and it would be helpful to break those out on the report. Hogan said most of the money from traffic citations goes to the State. Benny Sciacca told Sheriff Brown that he has one of the toughest jobs in the county, because of bad habits; it’s going to be difficult to break. He said the city needs to do everything they can to control this. Sciacca said that this was not a threat, but he called attorneys and they have a liability, it is negligence. He has put three (3) orange flags out there. The sheriff’s office has put the radar out and it was extremely effective. Cox said that is why we are having a public hearing next week, there are a number of options for everyone to discuss. Sciacca said it’s a shame the tourist season is upon us and everything is not in place to control the speed, if he were in charge they would be.

Public Hearing 6:23pm

Six Year TIP (Transportation Improvement Plan)

Hansen updated everyone on the six year TIP and provided a handout. He said he has to have it on the six year transportation program if they anticipate state funding. Muth asked if there was anything missing. Hansen said he feels he has them all. Masco asked if the size of project matters with chip seal versus paved and Hansen said no. He said typically when they go after grants they go for paving. Weissfeld asked about Cascade Avenue, potential right of way on the east end and the general time line of permitting. Hansen said they are bidding in the fall for a better bid result. Mayfield asked if the Quad Gates and Cascade Avenue projects happen before the next big funding. Hansen said yes, that is what they are working on right now.

No public comment received.

Public Hearing 6:29pm

Draft Education District Text Regulation

Shumaker said they held three (3) public workshops which no one showed up to and one open record hearing which led to the seven page draft of the ordinance in front of them. The quasi-judicial hearing will be for the high school and elementary school properties. This meeting is to take public comment on the draft. Weissfeld asked Shumaker about the signage. He said they will not have to make changes to the sign. Muth asked if this will take care of any potential storage issues. Shumaker said they are adding a definition for public, private and parochial school, and also school support facilities. Storage will be addressed in support facilities. Muth asked about Charter Schools. Shumaker said he will let Read speak to that, but said they believe this will cover Charter Schools. Shumaker said the planning commission thought the first draft was too restrictive for home schooling, this draft is more permissive. Mayfield asked about the pool expansion. Shumaker said that the third principal use is about that. The school brought up the pool, signage, and modular units/storage. The planning commission was successful in accommodating those needs. Anderson said the planning commission was to be proactive. And it did
dawn on them that the options the school district had were very restrictive. They met with opposition, and were feeling like they were letting the school district off easy for noncompliant signs. He said they made this available for the public to attend. Unfortunately the public didn't take the opportunity to attend. A brand new zone does hammer home as to what they do as a planning commission. They have come up with a way to give the school some growth without zoning issues and also as Read said in last meeting, to bring items that are out of compliance into compliance. 
Reparr said this is a done deal, that's fine. She feels this all started because of the sign that was out of compliance and other things. She feels they shouldn't rezone because the school wants a sign and storage. The public can get involved at any point they want and can voice its opinion at any time. The school got what they wanted. Read said he appreciated the efforts of the planning commission. They didn't get everything they wanted. He said there are things down the road that will cost the schools additional money, and he appreciates their efforts. Yes, the sign started all of this but it was a healthy process to go through. Shumaker said the zone scheme was to name the school a conditional use. Go to planning commission, public feedback, the planning commission knew they were being more permissive; they turned up the design requirements for the school with the belief that the impact to the community will be less. Weissfeld said there was a question by a high school science class about constructing a wind mill. 
Shumaker said this will be allowed with the same process of R1.

Cox closed public hearing at 6:42pm

Tabled Motion (page 4 of April Minutes) RE: TAC Funding
Cox reopened a discussion on a tabled item from the April meeting; TAC Funding. The following motion was made in the April meeting; 
Masco moved to approve T.A.C. committee of the four (4) items totaling $43,400 with the stipulation that an agreement with the county be created regardless of front lawn before funds are spent with a second by Weissfeld.
Unanimous approval, except for Mayfield who abstained

Weissfeld asked if there has been any communication with county commissioners on the courthouse lawn. Roeder said they were waiting and Muth requested an update when they know more.

NEW BUSINESS
Stevenson Volunteer Firemen’s Association Raffle
Stevenson Volunteer Firemen’s Association President Scott Griswold explained the structure and operation of the Stevenson Volunteer Firemen’s Association. Griswold said they are a non-profit with the US treasurer and they receive no funds from the city. All money from the raffles goes to high school scholarships. He said he is astonished by the hatred by both sides that this has caused. He said he realizes this is an issue but we need to remain adults.

Council Discussion of Level of Involvement & Oversight
City Council members requested an agenda item to discuss the level of City Council involvement and/or oversight of City of Stevenson Fire Department and Skamania County Chamber of Commerce activities. City of Stevenson’s involvement with the chamber of commerce is that someone sits on their board. Masco said they don't direct the day to day activities. Woodrich said they are contractual. Muth asked who sits, and Masco said she does. The city as a whole doesn't direct the chamber. Cox said we are given this information and should talk it out. Woodrich said they have specific deliverables. Hogan said a he started several months ago including the chamber’s monthly invoice with the city council agenda package as an information item for City Council members. Weissfeld commented that she is not a hunter and has never fired a gun, she knows nothing about guns. She did read the statement on this particular rifle being an assault rifle. She read this is a hunting rifle and not an automatic. Farris said it's an AF 15, a copyrighted term by a fire arms manufacture, AF stands for Assault Rifle. It’s a semi automatic rifle that
looks fancy. You have to pull the trigger each time to get it to fire. He said it is not a single action. **Woodrich** said you can pull the trigger multiple times. **Woodrich** asked **Griswold** when you buy does it come with a standard magazine. **Griswold** said he believes twenty (20). **Thomas** said that you can do modifications. **Farris** said that is true if you jump through the hoops. We purchased the weapon from NW Armory and the winner has to go there to get it, we never take possession of the firearm. **Woodrich** said he heard their fundraising money is used for scholarships and does not go to the city. The **UNDER CURRENTS** that went out said that a limited number will be sold with the money going to Stevenson Fire Department. **Farris** said he hasn’t seen it, but that probably did cause confusion. **Waiss** with the Chamber apologized; she didn’t know the difference in the entities when she typed up the newsletter. **Farris** said we have made efforts to reiterate to everyone and to clarify that there is a difference. **Woodrich** said in that vein it's important for the city council to be aware of donations. This is what gives city the authority to accept donations. It is up to the city council to say no in their policy, if this was coming up and they didn't want the funds. Some cities have adopted ordinances that give their city council the ability to reject funds. **Woodrich** has done this for the city of White Salmon, he said the city of Stevenson doesn’t have one but if they do want one he can create it. In this case, this isn’t even applicable because these funds aren't going to the city. I think it's good for city council to be aware. **Muth** said they should have a policy to undo contributions, **Woodrich** said he could add this. **Thomas** said she grew up here and she doesn't have an issue with guns. She said a citizen addressed **Roeder**, the Chamber Director and it was inappropriate. There was a very terse voicemail left from **Paul Pearce** to **John McSherry**, it was angry. It was sent after **McSherry** sent an email out requesting **Roeder**’s resignation. **Thomas** said it was an inappropriate voicemail. It’s a simple right or wrong. A member of the public asked if **Paul Pierce** was on the chamber, and city council confirmed yes. **Muth** said it was nothing but the gun and it's been nothing but the gun. **Thomas** said there has been silliness from public officials. **Tony Coates** stood up and said he thought **Thomas** sent an email out first, and that she sent threats. **Thomas** said it was a cobbled up mess of emails, and it’s crazy that it is an issue. **Coates** said **Thomas** went outside of her duties of city council and said she was not including everybody. **Coates** asked **Thomas** if that was true. **Thomas** said she sent an email to city council, **Phillip Watness** with the local newspaper and others until she got a response. **Cox** said he thinks they covered it. **Farris** wants to add why the Fire Department was added into this agenda item. **Farris** said he should be working through City Administrator **Nick Hogan**. **Cox** said that is the way it works. **Farris** said if city council has Fire Department questions to please go through **Hogan**. **Weissfeld** said that perception drives reality, perception was what caused a lot of this political flap. Be careful what you choose to raffle. **Griswold** said it was the misconception that the Fire Department was doing this and not the Fireman’s Association. **Griswold** said we raffle off a beach house too, but make more money with the gun raffle. We have discussed more of a hunting rifle that doesn’t look quite so aggressive. He said if you raffle off a Blazer or Ferrari you make more money with a Ferrari. **Farris** said they did the same fundraiser last year.

**Open Public Meetings Act & Electronic Communications**

A summary document **Open Public Meetings Act and Electronic Communications** prepared by MRSC is attached for Council’s review. City Attorney Ken Woodrich will answer any questions related to the use of email and the potential for inadvertent violation of the Open Public Meetings Act.

**Woodrich** said the reminder is: do not send emails out to all of council and do not hit “reply to all”. **Thomas** said that only two (2) council members responded. **Woodrich** said even BCC isn’t safe. He explained to **Thomas** that it’s not what you feel, it's what is legal. **Woodrich** said they can be removed from office and they can be fined. If they feel it's important just ask **Hogan** to put it on the agenda.

**Training & Overnight Lodging Request**

Judge Andersen requests approval to attend the 2014 District & Municipal Judge’s Spring Program in Blaine, Washington, June 8th through June 11th and approval of a higher lodging rate of $129 per night for
a total net cost to the City of approximately $685.00.

**Weissfeld** made a motion to approve **Judge Andersen’s** training and lodging request with a 2\textsuperscript{nd} by **Mayfield**. Unanimous Approval

Public Works Maintenance employee Karl Russell requests approval to attend a Water Treatment Plant Operator Certification Exam Review course in Redmond, Washington, June 3\textsuperscript{rd} through June 5\textsuperscript{th} for a total cost to the City of approximately $986.36.

**Mayfield** motioned to approved **Karl Russell’s** training and lodging request with a 2\textsuperscript{nd} by **Masco**. Unanimous approval

**Stevenson-Carson School District Request**

The Stevenson-Carson School District Board of Directors requests City Council consider implementing restrictions on burning during school hours. Masco asked if there was a way to implement restrictions on burning during school hours. Woodrich said you can prohibit it. If you can prohibit it, you can limit it. Read said the latest incident was from Carson elementary, but this has happened in Stevenson too. Read has not heard back from the county yet. In Carson the school principal had called the sheriff’s department a few times. Mayfield wanted to know if the people that were burning had been contacted directly by the school and Read didn't know. Cox said if this continues please come see us again. Schumaker said that public works has responded to these calls before, sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't. Masco said if it's a continued problem she would like the school to talk to the neighbors’ first, if they can identify them. If that has occurred and they don’t care then we could move forward. Cox tabled this issue for now.

**Mary Repar Letter 5/14/14 Planning Commission**

Attached for Council consideration is a letter from Mary Repar requesting that City Council direct the Stevenson Planning Commission to change their bylaws.

The planning commission discussed the at-large position and determined that the at-large position need not live within the city limits. **Repar** said that at the planning commission meeting on Monday night, they voted three to two (3 to 2) to pass their updated bylaws. **Repar** said she has no clue why three (3) members of the planning commission would feel this is logical and rational (referring to the at-large position not needing to live within the city limits). This is obscene and absurd. **Muth** confirmed that planning commission members are appointed by city council. **Shumaker** explained that the planning commission was updating their bylaws. He said the city council appoints planning commission members. **Masco** asked if they approve their bylaws and **Shumaker** said no. **Weissfeld** said she agrees with **Repar**. I think it's important to say you really should appoint people to the planning commission that live in the city. **Mayfield** said what if there is someone really involved but doesn't live here. **Weissfeld** said they can volunteer at the chamber or SBA. **Cox** said he agrees with **Weissfeld** and **Repar**. **Muth** asked what if there is a person with a vested interest in the city. **Woodrich** gave John Mobley as an example. He said your planning commission has the authority to create bylaws but city council has the authority to enforce them. **Repar** said that person has another city they are residents of and they have interests in. **Repar** thinks city council should have control over their bylaws. **Muth** asked if they can reverse their bylaws. **Woodrich** said you aren't even required to have a planning commission due to the size of the city. **Weissfeld** asked if they want to ask planning commission to change their bylaws. **Thomas** said that the 4\textsuperscript{th} person has to live in Skamania County, more inclusive to people scattered around.
**Weissfeld** made a motion that city council send a letter to the planning commission asking them to change their bylaws to be residents of the city of Stevenson with an amendment to allow one person to be a resident of Skamania County with a 2nd by **Masco**. Unanimous Approval

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Information items were handed out and reviewed with no discussion.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Masco** had a flyer to share; the interpretive center is having their 19th anniversary celebration on Saturday, May 17th from 11 am – 4:30 pm.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF REPORTS**

**Shumaker** said the board of adjustment met for an appeal about roof top mechanical in the DT zone/C1 District. HVAC replacement has a 15' setback; the Board of Adjustment overturned that decision, subject to the grandfather provision. **Repar** thanked **Woodrich** for his assistance.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL:**

April 2014 Payroll checks and May Accounts Payable checks have been audited and are presented for approval. April payroll checks 8432 thru 8451 total $73,348.06 including electronic tax payments of $12,032.31. May Accounts Payable checks 8453 thru 8501 total $108,876.39 including $4,005.75 ACH excise tax payment Check 8452 was voided due to a printing error. There were no investment purchases in April, 2014. Expenditure summary reports are attached for your review. Detailed claims vouchers will be available for review at the Council meeting.

**Muth** motioned to approve the vouchers as written with a 2nd by **Masco**. Approval by all except **Thomas** who abstained.

**ISSUES FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

**Muth** apologized to city council for his actions. **Thomas** said she is resigning from city council because she is moving to Vancouver, WA. **Woodrich** asked her to give something in writing to **Hogan**. **Hogan** can advertise for the position. **Masco** said if someone is interested they should give a letter to **Cox**.

**Grayson Rudd**, general director-Skamania County Chamber, asked the progress of the quad gate. **Hogan** said it’s still proceeding; it’s tied into the Cascade Ave project. **Rudd** said there seems to be a lot more noise lately. **Rudd** asked if city council has a fundraising event and the chamber promotes it, are they obligated to accept everyone, can they be selective about fundraisers. **Woodrich** said the city has control of the funds given to it, but we have to stay out of it.

7:58 PM ADJOURNED

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Frank Cox, Mayor  Nick Hogan, City Administrator/Clerk

Minutes by Melissa Andersen