

# CITY OF TENINO

## City Council – Fire Department Special Meeting Work Session

### Minutes

February 5, 2009 6:30 p.m. Fire Department, Tenino, WA

**CALL TO ORDER:** Fire Chief Robin Duncan called the special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. February 5, 2009.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Kenneth Jones; Council members: Dawna Kelley-Donohue, John O’Callahan, Robert Scribner and Phil Simmons; City Clerk-Treasurer Betty Garrison. Council member Frank Anderson was not in attendance. Also in attendance: Fire Chief Robin Duncan, Fire Commissioners Tina Vanderhoof and Steve Whalen, and Assistant Janet Duncan.

**DISCUSSION:** Chief Duncan presented the desire of the Fire Department to annex the City of Tenino into the Fire District. He expressed a desire to provide the citizens of Tenino with a voice in Fire District issues. The Fire District is presented to cover 44 square miles including the City of Tenino. Only those residents outside the City Limits are allowed to vote on Fire Department ballot items. The Fire Department is a Volunteer Department with no paid firefighters. There are some paid personnel as maintenance personnel. The Fire Department discussed their desire to grow. Thurston County Assessor’s Office personnel were on hand to provide insight into the tax implications of such a move. The City has a statutory limit on the amount of property tax that they can levy of \$3.60 per thousand valuation; less the amount the Library District levies (currently \$.33/1,000 can be raised to \$.50/1,000); less the amount the Fire District levies (currently \$1.10/1,000 can be raised to \$1.50/1,000). If the Library District and the Fire District were to tax at their maximum capacity the City could levy \$1.60/1,000. The City levied at a rate of \$1.98 for the 2009 Budget Year (including the levy for the Fire, as the City was the taxing authority because we contract and are not annexed into the District). The City presented the idea of working together for long range planning. Both the City and the Fire Department expressed a desire to work together for the good of the citizens we serve.

Fire Department personnel provided a tour of the Fire Department.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting dispersed at 8:30 p.m.

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Betty J. Garrison, CMC, CPFA, Clerk/Treasurer

ATTEST:

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Kenneth A. Jones, Mayor