

**CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON  
601 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Warden called the Special Meeting of Prosser City Council to order at 8:33 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Members Becken, Chambers, Everett, Poteet, and Taylor were present. Council Member Troemel was absent.

**DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING THE CITY OF PROSSER'S COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

Council discussed the following priorities:

**Street Maintenance Chip Seal Program**

This remains a priority and is in progress with \$100,000 budgeted for 2008.

**Reconstruction of the Downtown Prosser Intersections at 6<sup>th</sup> and Bennett Streets and 6<sup>th</sup> and Meade Avenue**

Reconstruction of the two intersections has been budgeted in the amount of \$300,000 for 2008. A preliminary schedule has been set with the City's Engineers, Huibregtse, Louman, & Associates (HLA), and a meeting is being scheduled with the property owners and businesses in the downtown area to identify and discuss the project and the timing.

**Reconstruction of Sheridan Avenue**

Reconstruction of Sheridan Avenue has also been budgeted in the amount of \$421,000 for 2008, and a schedule has been set by HLA.

**EJ Miller Park Swimming Pool Reconstruction**

Reconstruction of the swimming pool at EJ Miller Park was also identified as a priority in 2007 as a result of a feasibility study completed in 2006. Final design is underway and a grant application will be submitted for 50% of the total project cost to the State of Washington Parks and Recreation Offices.

**North Prosser Water System (Tower)**

During the past two years, the City Council has reviewed various engineering proposals, site alternatives for the location of a water tower, and financing options. The project remains a top priority of the City Council. The Council will be conducting sessions the first quarter of 2008 to discuss the project further.

### **City Right of Way Road Improvements to Chapman Lane**

In 2007, the City Council authorized improvements to Chapman Lane in support of the railroad required crossing improvements as part of the Desert Wind and Walter Clore Wine and Culinary Center Projects. The project has been waiting for final approval by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF). On December 11, 2007, City Council authorized signing an agreement with BNSF. Final agreements and approvals are expected from the two private entities, the Port of Benton/Walter Clore Wine and Culinary Center and Desert Wind Winery.

### **City of Prosser Police Facility and Space Needs Assessment**

Beginning in 2006, the City, along Jensen Fey Architecture and Planning, has been engaged in a space needs assessment for current and future police operations. The most current preliminary needs assessment report completed by Jensen Fey was presented to and discussed by the City Council in June of 2007 with further comments and direction then provided by the Council to the architect.

Based on City Council direction and discussion, Jensen Fey has revised the initial report and resubmitted it to the City for review. The report and discussion with representatives from Jensen Fey will be scheduled for a forthcoming Council meeting the first quarter of 2008.

### **Street Vehicle License Fees as a Revenue Source for Street Improvements**

The City Council has been informed in previous status reports regarding the 2007 priorities about recent State legislation enabling the City to implement up to a \$20.00 annual vehicle license fee by a vote of the City Council. Additional amounts per vehicle can be raised by a vote of the citizens. The City Council expressed interest in hearing more about the fee and what other cities in the State have done.

### **Crawford Park Boat Dock**

A feasibility and design study, supported by funds from the State of Washington, was authorized by the City Council in 2006. The study was completed by Grey and Osborne Engineers who presented several options to enhance and expand the boat dock. The City Council, during the most recent priority setting discussions, indicated an interest in information on the cost of basic repairs to the boat dock.

### **Mid-Columbia Library – Prosser Branch**

Mid-Columbia Library is currently assessing financial options system-wide regarding taxing districts and various approaches to consolidation of services. The City was approached previously in the summer and fall of 2007 for financial assistance for

expansion and improvement of the City owned building in which library services are provided. It is anticipated that Mid-Columbia Library will bring various options to the City to continue discussions regarding library services.

**Safe Streets to Schools Grant Application (Sidewalks along Kinney Way)**

The City will be resubmitting an application for a Safe Streets to Schools Grant in the first or second quarter of 2008, depending on program requirements. An application for funding assistance was submitted last year, but did not receive approval. However, it is appropriate to attempt to strengthen the application and resubmit it to the Safe Streets Program or similar types of programs through state or federal agencies.

**Police Department Operations**

The City is continuing to conduct a feasibility analysis and to determine various cost options of being a full partner in the regional Bi-County Police Information Network (BIPIN). The City is currently maintaining a dispatch system while also budgeting for full participation in the regional system with Southeast Communications Center (SECOM). Various bench marks will be established in order to adequately measure the reliability of the regional approach if the City relinquishes its system. The provision of fiber optic services is also paramount, and the alternatives for the delivery of those services must also be analyzed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

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Mayor Paul Warden

Attest:

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City Clerk Cathleen Koch