

**CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON
601 7TH STREET
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Warden called the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Miss NaiKia Alsbury led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Becken, Chambers, Everett, Poteet, Rainer, Taylor, and Troemel were present.

With no objection, the following was addressed as the next item of business:

E) APPROVE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR DOWNTOWN ELECTRICAL LIGHTING FROM THE HOTEL MOTEL FUND FOR THE WINTER LIGHTING PROJECT

Jane Hagarty said the Whitehead Foundation would fund the purchase of 30 large winter/snowflake lights for the downtown area. Ms. Hagarty reported local businesses and individuals had contributed \$12,000 with an additional \$3,000 - \$4,000 pledged, all for the "upper" electrical work needed for the winter lighting project. Based on this success, only a small portion would be needed from the Hotel/Motel Fund.

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Chambers to authorize up to and not to exceed \$9,000 from the Hotel/Motel Fund for the necessary electrical work. Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Tammy Nunn, 412 8th Street, informed the Council that someone was feeding numerous stray cats in her neighborhood and asked that the problem be taken care of. Mayor Warden and Council Member Becken said a similar issue had occurred eight or nine years ago, but citizens protested and did not want cats included in animal control.

Jim Tavary, Prosser Memorial Hospital CEO, thanked the Council for funding the local ambulance service in 2008 and requested the same level of funding (\$85,000) for Fiscal Year 2009. Mr. Tavary said other communities, such as Sunnyside, also provided funding, but Benton County did not contribute last year and was not expected to offer funding for 2009. Yakima County has a November 2008 ballot measure to establish an Emergency Medical Service (EMS) District. Mr. Tavary said it was difficult to provide ambulance funding at the local level and suggested Benton County also needed to establish an EMS District.

Council discussion included a review of the hospital's financial statements; ambulance response times; Medicare fee schedules and restrictions; and equitable funding arrangements.

In light of Mr. Tavery's recent announcement that he was leaving the state, Council Member Taylor wished him well and said that Prosser was losing a great asset.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Taylor said he would be participating in the Great Grandview Grape Stomp on Saturday, September 13.

Mayor Warden had received positive comments on the downtown paving project.

Council Member Chambers heard great reviews on States Day from out-of-town guests.

REPORT FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

City Administrator Bush reported on the recent meeting with residents of Village Park Subdivision. While the total project cost for the new water system had increased to \$600,000, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) announced limits had changed and the increases would be covered within the grant funding.

Mr. Bush encouraged positive dialogue with the Benton County Park Board on the new Horse Heaven Rim Trail project.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 8:23 p.m. Mayor Warden recessed the Regular Meeting to conduct a public hearing on the proposed Agri-Tourism (A-T) Zoning District.

Kay Simon, 835 Main Street, was pleased to see the distinction between industrial and agri-tourism usage. Ms. Simon commented on building height restrictions and commercial operations.

With no other comments, Mayor Warden closed the public hearing at 8:26 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

ADOPT ORDINANCE 08-2628 TO ADOPTING ZONING REGULATIONS FOR THE AGRI-TOURISM (A-T) ZONING DISTRICT

City Attorney Howard Saxton noted the Planning Commission had developed the proposed ordinance which defined commercial use in agricultural settings. Mr. Saxton said property owners would submit a development plan stating the intended uses. The Council was reminded that conditional uses would go before the Board of Adjustment.

A motion to amend was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Taylor as follows:

Amend Ordinance 08-2628, Section 4 to read,

- 18.16.030(A)(1), change the word “mix” to “mixed”
- 18.16.030(A)(7), add a new section for “service stations.”

Motion to amend passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Taylor to adopt Ordinance 08-2628 as amended. Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Taylor requested Item A be pulled from the Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Chambers to approve Consent Agenda Items B, C, and D. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Taylor wished to pull Item B, not Item A. A motion was made by Council Member Becken, seconded by Council Member Everett to void the previous action. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Chambers to approve Consent Agenda Items A, C, and D.

- a. Approve Payment of Payroll Check Nos. 500352 through 500426 in the Amount of \$157,006.97 for the August 29, 2008 Payroll
- c. Approve Council Minutes of August 26, 2008
- d. Approve Work Session Minutes of September 2, 2008

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Chambers to approve Consent Agenda Item B, with the following amendments:

-Check No. 61453, \$3,649.40, payable to AWC Employment Benefit Trust, should be voided as it was a duplication.

-Check No. 61491, \$218,520.81, payable to Huibregtse, Louman & Associates, should be voided and reissued to A & B Asphalt.

- b) Approve Payment of Claim Checks Nos. 61434 through 61536 in the Amount of \$711,252.44 and the IRS Federal Tax Wire in the Amount of \$57,956.51 for the Period September 9, 2008, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL ACTION

A) ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 08-1253 APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE PROSSER SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING USE OF PUBLIC FACILITIES

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Everett to adopt Resolution 08-1253, approving an Interlocal Agreement with the Prosser School District regarding the use of public facilities and fees charged to the City. Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

B) ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 08-1254 APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF GRANDVIEW FOR BUILDING OFFICIAL SERVICES

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Everett to approve Resolution 08-1254, approving an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Grandview for reciprocal building inspection services. Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

C) AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TOTAL ENERGY MANAGEMENT FOR REPAIRS TO THE PROSSER CITY LIBRARY ROOF AND HVAC SYSTEM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$89,800.19

A motion was made by Council Member Chambers, seconded by Council Member Becken authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Total Energy Management for repairs to the Prosser City Library Roof and HVAC System in an amount not to exceed \$89,800.19. Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

D) APPROVE THE JULY 2008 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Finance Director Cathleen Koch provided an overview of the July 2008 Financial Statement. A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Becken to approve the July 2008 Financial Statement. Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO.

Council Member Troemel stressed the need to provide funding for the local ambulance service.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Mayor Paul Warden

Attest:

City Clerk Sherry Biggs