

CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON
601 7TH STREET
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Heights Elementary student Peter Felicijan Jr.

ROLL CALL

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

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Poteet advised Council he passed out a copy of the 2011 Prosser EDA work plan outline by priority.

REPORT FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Proposed January 25, 2011 City Council Meeting Cancellation

City Administrator Charlie Bush proposed that Council consider cancelling the January 25, 2011 Regular City Council meeting due to the conflict of the Prosser Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet scheduled the same night. Council Members Poteet and Rainer advised they would not be available that night. All other Council Members were available and would like to conduct the Regular meeting.

Proposed February 22, 2011 City Council Meeting Cancellation

City Administrator Bush proposed that Council consider cancelling the February 22, 2011 Regular City Council meeting since Council will have a Special meeting on February 15th, resulting in four meetings for the month of February. Council confirmed all are available and directed staff to continue with the Regular meeting on February 22, 2011.

Prosser Receives A+ Bond Rating Score

City Administrator Bush handed out to Council a press release stating the City had received an A+ bond-rating grade from the national rating agency of Standard & Poor's.

PUBLIC HEARING

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

At 7:05 p.m., Mayor Warden recessed the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council to conduct a public hearing on the Local Improvement District. Mayor Warden announced no public testimony was provided on the December 14, 2010 Public Hearing and no written testimony had been received. Mayor Warden called for public comment.

Richard Ballard, stated he was representing Tri-City Community Health, formally La Clinica. Mr. Ballard inquired on the status of the grant for the project and asked when construction was scheduled to begin. Mr. Ballard stated Tri-City Community Health is the owner of 8 of the lots within Empire Subdivision. Ted Pooler, Huibregtse Louman, Associates, reported the design portion of the project is near complete and anticipates the City will be going out to bid for the construction portion of the project in February 2011. There was discussion centered on what the creation of a Local Improvement District (LID) means for the property owners and how much money each property will be assessed. Mr. Pooler stated each parcel will pay approximately \$1,333.00. The timeline of the next steps for the project was discussed. Mr. Ballard requested any further notification regarding the project be forwarded to his address.

At 7:15 p.m., Mayor Warden closed the public hearing and reconvened the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council.

PROJECT BRIEFINGS***Northwest Prosser Water System Improvement Project***

Public Works Director L.J. DaCorsi passed around to Council a mock up of the 3 million gallon water tower. Public Works Director DaCorsi stated the water tower will have the City's logo and the Prosser Mustangs logo painted on either side of it. The plans have been approved and the following week the City will be going out to bid.

Prosser Aquatic Center

Deputy City Administrator/Finance Director Cathleen Koch stated the construction contract had been awarded and T.W. Clark is on site beginning the project. She reported the first step would be to close down a portion of the street to work on sewer improvements. Currently, the project is on track to open the facility as scheduled on June 7, 2011.

Public Safety Building

City Administrator Charlie Bush reported City staff has been working Jensen-Fey Architects to develop a scope of work and will be bringing that forward to a future Council meeting for consideration.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Becken, seconded by Council Member Chambers to approve Consent Agenda Items "A – F". Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Troemel).

- a. Approve Payment of Payroll Checks Nos. 501726 through 501746 in the Amount of \$36,374.41 and Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$109,179.93 for the Period Ending December 31, 2010
- b. Approve Payment of Claim Checks Nos. 66069 through 66205 in the amount of \$968,294.92, Department of Revenue electronic payment in the Amount of \$16,462.49 and IRS Federal Tax Wire in the Amount of \$47,435.32, for the period ending January 11, 2011
- c. Accept Monthly Report by Prosser Economic Development Association for the month of December 2010 and authorize payment for those services in the amount of \$2,166.66
- d. Accept Invoice for Operation of the Visitor Information Center and Reimbursable Tourism and Promotional Expenses for the Month of December 2010 and Authorize Payment for those Services in the Amount of \$5,000
- e. Approve the Subscriber Agreement with Public Safety Testing to provide City Service Testing and Recruitment Services
- f. Approve the 2011 Contract for Tourist Information and Tourist Promotion Services with the Prosser Chamber of Commerce

COUNCIL ACTION**RESOLUTION NO. 11-1341 SUPPORTING PROSSER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 116 PROPOSITION 1 BONDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HIGH SCHOOL ON THE FEBRUARY 8, 2011 ELECTION BALLOT**

A motion was made by Council Member Poteet, seconded by Council Member Rainer to adopt Resolution No. 11-1341 supporting Prosser School District No. 116 Proposition 1 Bonds for construction of a new high school on the February 8, 2011 election ballot. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Troemel).

PRESENTATION BY JIM NELSON, MARTIN NELSON & CO., - LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (LTGO) TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE AQUATIC FACILITY PROJECT

Jim Nelson, Martin Nelson & Co., provided Council a presentation on the Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds (LTGO) to provide funds for the Aquatic Facility Project. Mr. Nelson congratulated the City of Prosser for receiving a grade of "A+" from Standard & Poor's national bond rating agency. There was discussion centered on the financing of the bonds over a 25 year term with a target annual payment of \$130,000.00 or less.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2710 PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (LTGO) TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE AQUATIC FACILITY PROJECT

A motion was made by Council Member Chambers, seconded by Council Member Everett to adopt Ordinance No. 11-2710 providing for the issuance of Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds (LTGO) to provide funds for the Aquatic Facility Project. Motion passed 5 YES, 1 NO (Becken), 1 ABSENT (Troemel).

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At 7:52 p.m., Mayor Warden recessed the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council in order for City officials to sign legal documents regarding the Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds (LTGO) to provide funds for the Prosser Aquatic Facility Project.

At 7:58 p.m., Mayor Warden reconvened the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-1342 APPROVING THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT – SOLID WASTE BRUSH BANDIT, BETWEEN BENTON COUNTY AND THE CITY OF PROSSER FOR THE CITY'S USE OF THE COUNTY'S WOOD CHIPPER

A motion was made by Council Member Chambers, seconded by Council Member Everett to adopt Resolution No. 11-1342 approving the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement – Solid Waste Brush Bandit, between Benton County and the City of Prosser and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Motion passed 5 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Troemel), 1 ABSENTION (Becken).

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2711 CREATING THE OFFICE OF THE TRAFFIC CONTROLLER WHO IS AUTHORIZED BY THE ORDINANCE TO PLACE CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AND MAKE CERTAIN TRAFFIC AND PARKING CHANGES, ALTERATIONS, OR ADDITIONS AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE ORDINANCE

A motion was made by Council Member Chambers, seconded by Council Member Poteet to adopt Ordinance No. 11-2711 creating the Office of the Traffic Controller who is Authorized by the Ordinance to Place Certain Traffic Control Devices and Make Certain Traffic and Parking Changes, Alterations, or Additions as Provided for in the Ordinance, and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Ordinance. Motion passed 4 YES, 1 NO (Everett, Becken), 1 ABSENT (Troemel).

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2712 AMENDING SECTION 4 OF ORDINANCE NO. 10-2704 TO CORRECT A SCRIVENER'S ERROR

A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Becken to adopt Ordinance No. 11-2712 amending Section 4 of Ordinance No. 10-2704 to correct a Scrivener's error. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Troemel).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:13 p.m., Mayor Warden recessed the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council to conduct an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency and RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decrease price. However, final action selling or leasing public property shall be taken in a meeting open to the public and RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However subject to RCW 42.30.140(4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency

shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging of discharging an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public. The session was expected to last 20 minutes and included the Mayor and Council Members, City Administrator, Deputy City Administrator/Finance Director, City Attorney, and City Clerk.

At 8:33 p.m., City Clerk Shaw stated an additional 10 minutes was needed.

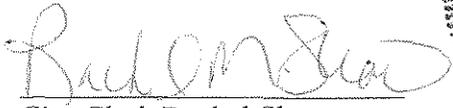
At 8:43 p.m., City Clerk Shaw stated an additional 3 minutes was needed.

At 8:47 p.m., Mayor Warden reconvened the Regular Meeting of the City Council and stated no action had occurred in the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Attest:


City Clerk Rachel Shaw




Mayor Paul Warden