

**CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON
601 7TH STREET
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Council Members Becken, Everett, Poteet, Rainer, Taylor, and Troemel were present. Council Member Chambers had requested an excused absence.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Everett noted the States Day events were well attended.

Mayor Warden noted Ted Pooler from Huibregtse Louman & Associates (HLA) was in attendance and had a presentation for the Council regarding the North Prosser Water Reservoir.

FINANCING OPTIONS FOR THE NORTH PROSSER WATER RESERVOIR

Ted Pooler with HLA said the need for a water system north of town was not merely for future development or speculation. The area did not meet adequate water pressure levels as required by the Department of Health and there was not enough volume for fire flow requirements.

Mr. Pooler said the estimated construction cost in 2010 was nearly \$4 million dollars. He suggested two funding options for the City Council to consider. The first was a Public Works Trust Fund Loan, which required a 15 percent local match with the remainder financed at .5 percent interest for 20 years. The estimated annual debt service would be \$200,000.

The second option was to finance the project entirely through revenue bonds at 5 percent interest with the debt service at \$270,000 annually.

The Council Members received additional information on a Water Reservoir Service Benefit Area, rate increases, and Local Improvement Districts (LID). Mayor Warden asked for information on LIFTs, a new state financing program.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN CODE ENFORCEMENT

City Administrator Charlie Bush said the common approach for most cities was to focus code enforcement on life/safety issues and address miscellaneous complaints as they were received. Council Members viewed a PowerPoint presentation by Nick Alsbury, which highlighted the two areas within the City of Prosser needing intensive code compliance work. Those areas are considered the main points of entry to the City and are 1) Wine Country Road and a larger section of North Prosser; and 2) From Sheridan and

Sherman North to the River. Council Member Taylor suggested the title to reflect “Emphasis” in Code Enforcement.

PROPOSED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR BUILDING OFFICIAL SERVICES

City Administrator Bush informed the Council that Building Inspector Morrow was to have knee surgery and would be on limited duties while he recovered. The City of Grandview was responsive to sharing building inspection services. Council Member Taylor suggested this agreement should be reciprocal and to consider extending the termination date. Mr. Bush agreed to follow up with the City of Grandview and bring this item back to the Council at the September 9, 2008 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Work Session of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Mayor Paul Warden

Attest:

City Clerk Sherry Biggs