

**CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON
601 7TH STREET
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Council Members Becken, Chambers, Everett, Taylor, Troemel, Walter, and Warden were present.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Pete Felician of 1007 Market, stated that he has noticed a lot more graffiti, car prowlers, and other gang activity. He stated he believes it is getting out of hand and is impacting the community. Mr. Felician said that the City needs to work with the school and asked what the City is doing to combat the problem such as neighborhood watches.

Mayor Warden stated that the Prosser School District and the City had a joint meeting regarding gangs. A task force has been formed and will be discussing the issues.

Cal Bradbury, resident of Prosser, found 45 gang graffiti incidences and stated that gangs are completely taking over Prosser. Bradbury said the community will lose their way of life if something doesn't change.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Troemel said that he attended the Chamber of Commerce and Columbia Industries was there to discuss their services. He also wanted everyone to be aware that emails from the IRS requesting social security numbers is fraud.

Council Member Everett announced that the council recordings will be posted on the City web site.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Becken asked for item F to be pulled.

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, second by Council Member Everett to approve Consent Agenda items A-E.

- a. Approve payment of payroll warrant nos. 12562 through 12656 in the amount of \$204,822.33 for the December 31, 2007 payroll.
- b. Approve payment of claim warrant nos. 516154 through 56293 and 60000 thru 60014 in the amount of \$472,812.61 and the IRS Federal Tax Wire in the amount \$59,638.23 for the period ending January 8, 2008.

- c. Approve the City Council Minutes for the City Council meeting of December 4, 2007.
- d. Accept the monthly report by Prosser Economic Development Association for the months of November and December 2007 and authorize payment for those services in the amount of \$2,166.66.
- e. Approve contract with Prothman for the recruitment of a City Administrator in an amount not to exceed \$16,500.00 plus expenses.

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, second by Council Member Everett to approve Consent Agenda items F.

- f. Approve contract with Prothman for the recruitment of a City Clerk in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 plus expenses.

Motion carried by majority vote with Council Members Everett, Troemel, Taylor, and Chambers voting yes, and Council Member Becken voting no.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM

Mayor Warden opened the floor for Mayor Pro-Tem nominations.

A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Becken to nominate Council Member Taylor as Mayor Pro-Tem.

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A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Becken to close the nomination. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Becken to appoint Council Member Taylor as Mayor Pro-Tem. Motion carried by majority vote with Council Member Taylor opposed.

Council Member Becken withdrew his nomination.

REVIEW AND CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES AS APPOINTED BY MAYOR WARDEN

Council reviewed the appointments to various boards, commissions, and committees as appointed by Mayor Warden.

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor seconded by Council Member Chambers to confirm the appointments made by Mayor Warden to various boards, commissions, and committees. as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPT ORDINANCE SETTING THE SALARY FOR FRED STOUDER, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Becken to Adopt Ordinance No. 08-2593. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPT ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PETTY CASH AND IDENTIFYING IT'S DISTRIBUTION

A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Becken to Adopt Ordinance No. 08-2594. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR OFFICIALS, OFFICERS, OR EMPLOYEES WHO ARE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN AND ATTEST TO SIGNATURES ON WARRANTS FOR PAYMENTS, CHECKS, DRAFT, NOTES, AND OTHER PAYABLES

A motion was made by Council Member Becken, seconded by Council Member Everett to Adopt Resolution No. 08-1232 including the name of Randy Taylor as Mayor Pro-Tem. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 2007 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Chambers to approve the November 2007 Financial Statements. Motion carried unanimously.

ADD ON ITEMS

Council Member Troemel stated that he was looking for an address and noticed a street sign missing and suggested it be corrected. Troemel also asked if the selection process of the administrator will include the Council.

Mayor Warden answered yes, that the Council would be involved.

Council Member Becken stated that sales tax is looking good.

Council Member Chambers encouraged citizens to come make public comments at Council meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Mayor Paul Warden

Attest:

City Clerk Cathleen Koch