

**CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON**  
**601 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013**

**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 “Kid that Cares” Hayden Andrews and Boys and Girls Club Members of the Month Raul Robles and Olivia Campos.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Members Rainer, Elder, Everett, Taylor, Hamilton, and Becken were present. Council Member Troemel requested an excused absence.

Also present were City Clerk Shaw, Interim Finance Director Yost, City Planner Zetz and City Attorney Saxton.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION** (None)

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Council Member Becken stated there was a call for “shovel ready” projects from the Regional Transportation Planning Organization. There is approximately \$193,000.00 in funding available and anticipated ninety day turn around for the awards.

Mayor Warden advised he spoke with the City Engineers and the Public Works Director regarding the funding. Public Works Director DaCorsi will be attending the upcoming meetings.

***Recognition of the “Prosser Tower Site” Committee Donation***

Mayor Warden presented Patrick Sullivan, Prosser Tower Site, Inc. with a certificate of appreciation for the donation of fourteen spike strips to the Prosser Police Department. Mr. Sullivan spoke briefly on the history and origin of the Prosser Tower Site, Inc.

***Mid-Columbia Library Prosser Branch Update***

Katy Myers, Branch Manager, presented to Council the 2012 Prosser Library Statistics report and discussed the 2013 – 2015 strategic plan. Ms. Myers reviewed the mission standards and discussed the volunteer program. “Friends of the Library” committee members in attendance were introduced by Ms. Myers: Mikki Symonds, Nancy Martinez, Sue Barbus, Tiffany Olivera, and Dorothy Evens.

Mikki Symonds stated on behalf of the library, they were in favor of exploring the annexation issue and are proponents of keeping the library funding in place. Those sentiments were echoed by both Nancy Martinez and Sue Barbus.

*[Clerk's Note: Council Member Becken left at 7:22 p.m.]*

Tiffany Olivera requested clarification on a previous statement by Council regarding the possibility of the library funding in danger of being cut.

Council Member Taylor clarified that it was never the intent of Council to consider closing the local library branch rather than an area of the budget that needed to be evaluated.

Mayor Warden stated the local library branch is a great resource and adds a quality of life to the community.

### **CLOSED RECORD DECISION HEARING**

#### **CHURCH OF PROSSER PROPERTY ZONING**

At 7:31 p.m., Mayor Warden recessed the Regular Meeting for the Prosser City Council to conduct a Closed Record Decision Hearing on Church of Prosser property zoning. City Planner Zetz stated no comments had been received regarding the zoning. At 7:32 p.m., Mayor Warden closed the Closed Record Decision Hearing and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

### **COUNCIL ACTION**

#### **ORDINANCE 13-2806 ZONING PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CHURCH OF PROSSER TO RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM DENSITY DISTRICT (RM) AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP**

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Rainer to adopt Ordinance No. 13-2806 zoning property and amending the City's Zoning Map to reflect this zoning for property owned by the Church of Prosser as Residential Medium Density District (RM). Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Troemel).

*[Clerk's Note: Discussion Item 10a was the next item considered on the agenda.]*

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### ***2012 Planning Department Annual Report***

City Planner Zetz provided a summary of the 2012 year end Planning Department report. Mr. Zetz reviewed the increase in permits and subsequent increase in revenues. Mayor Warden and Council thanked Mr. Zetz for a job well done.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Approve Payment of Payroll Check Nos. 502493 through 502509 in the Amount of \$31,995.36 and Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$112,093.02 for the Period Ending December 31, 2012

- b. Approve Payment of Claim Checks Nos. 69945 through 69962, and 69964 through 70041 in the Amount of \$426,661.66, and Electronic Payment in the Amount of \$58,292.20 for the Period Ending January 8, 2013
- c. Accept Invoice for Operation of the Visitor Information Center and Reimbursable Tourism and Promotional Expenses for the month of January 2013 and Authorize Payment for Those Services in the Amount of \$22,500.00
- d. Accept Monthly Report by Prosser Economic Development Association for the Month of December 2012 and Authorize Payment for Those Services in the Amount of \$2,166.66
- e. Approve the November 2012 Financial Statement
- f. Review and Confirm the Appointments to Various Boards, Commissions and Committees as Appointed by Mayor Warden
- g. Approve Final TIB Updated Cost Estimates and Project Accounting Histories for the Sheridan Ave. Improvements and 6<sup>th</sup> Street Resurfacing Projects, and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Documents
- h. Approve Contract for Tourist Information and Promotion Services Beginning January 1, 2013 and Ending December 31, 2013 and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Documents
- i. Approve a Subscription Agreement with the Washington Teamsters Welfare Trust for the Teamsters Unit #839, Public Works for the Term of January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Documents
- j. Approve Collective Bargaining Agreement with OPEIU Local #11 for Wastewater, Clerical, and Dispatch Employees for the Term of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Documents
- k. Adopt Resolution 13-1413 Approving Amendment No. 2 to Intergovernmental Agreement for State Purchasing Cooperative
- l. Approve the September 25, 2012 Meeting Minutes
- m. Approve the October 2, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Council Member Everett stated the minutes for previous Council meetings are too far behind schedule.

## **COUNCIL ACTION**

### **APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIM CHECK NO. 69963 AND 70042 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64,897.53 FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 8, 2013**

Council Member Hamilton recused himself due to a conflict of interest. A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Rainer to approve payment of Claim Check No. 69963 in the Amount of \$64,897.53, for the Period Ending January 8, 2013. Motion passed 5 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Troemel), 1 ABSENTION (Hamilton).

### **ORDINANCE 13-2807 ADDING A LICENSE FEE AND OCCUPATIONAL TAX EQUAL TO 5% OF THE TOTAL GROSS INCOME FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES**

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Rainer to adopt Ordinance No. 13-2807 adding a License Fee and Occupational Tax equal to 5% of the total gross income for solid waste services. Council Member Everett inquired about an expected dollar figure of revenue that would be received with the increase. Interim Finance Director Yost stated expected revenue was estimated at \$38,250.00. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Troemel).

### **ORDINANCE 13-2808 AMENDING PORTIONS OF PROSSER MUNICIPAL CODE 8.08 REGARDING GARBAGE SERVICE**

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Rainer to adopt Ordinance No. 13-2808 amending portions of Prosser Municipal Code 8.08 regarding garbage service. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Troemel).

### **ORDINANCE 13-2809 INCREASING GARBAGE CHARGES BY 2%**

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Everett to adopt Ordinance No. 13-2809 increasing garbage charges by 2%. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Troemel).

### **ORDINANCE 13-2810 ESTABLISHING THE PROSSER TOURISM PROMOTION AREA, CREATING A TOURISM PROMOTION AREA FUND (131) AND ESTABLISHING THE TOURISM PROMOTION AREA BOARD**

A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Rainer to adopt Ordinance No. 13-2810 establishing the Prosser Tourism Promotion Area, creating a Tourism Promotion Area Fund (131) and establishing the Tourism Promotion Area board. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Troemel).

### **APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROSSER TOURISM PROMOTION (TPA) LODGING CHARGE**

A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Rainer to approve an agreement with the State of Washington Department of Revenue for the administration of the Prosser Tourism Promotion (TPA) lodging charge. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Troemel).

**ADD ON ITEMS**

***Emergency Dispatch Agreement for Law Service Contract Amendment***

City Clerk Shaw stated in an effort to ensure twenty-four hour monitoring of the Washington State Patrol's (WSP) ACCESS printer in the Police Department, it is necessary to amend the previously approved Emergency Dispatch Agreement for Law Service with Benton County Emergency Services (BCES). There was discussion regarding the time sensitive documents that come across the printer and the cost of the service.

A motion was made by Council Member Rainer, seconded by Council Member Elder to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Emergency Dispatch Agreement for Law Service between Benton County Emergency Services and the City of Prosser and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract documents. Council Member Hamilton expressed concern over the additional "hidden" costs with transitioning dispatch services. Staff explained this cost was budgeted for. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Troemel).

***Dispatch Transition and Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) Status Update***

Mayor Warden provided an update of the dispatch transition that occurred at 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2013, and anticipated delivery date of the MDTs. The transition went smoothly and without issue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Attest:

  
City Clerk Rachel Shaw





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Mayor Paul Warden