

**CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON**  
**601 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 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 recited.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Members Rainer, Elder, Everett, Taylor, Troemel, Hamilton, and Becken were present.

Also present were City Clerk Shaw, Interim Finance Director Yost, Public Works Director DaCorsi and City Attorney Saxton.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION** (None)

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Mayor Warden stated Action Item 7a was removed from the agenda as the Election of Mayor Pro-Tem was only required every two years.

Council Member Elder reported on his involvement on the Jubilee Ministry Board and stated it was a vibrant organization for our community.

Council Member Everett inquired about the status of the Finance Director recruitment process.

Mayor Warden stated interviews had been tentatively set for February 11, 2013 and staff is working with the Prothman firm to select the semi-finalist.

Council Member Troemel expressed concern over truck traffic near Milne Fruit. Public Works Director DaCorsi stated this was an enforcement issue with the Police Department however he would look into the issue. Council Member Everett inquired about the possibility of allowing large semi-trucks to park in the triangle of land near Bennett Avenue and Kinney Way. Mr. DaCorsi stated that this area was not City property.

Council Member Troemel stated the paint was worn looking on 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. DaCorsi stated traffic markers would be repainted, however painting needs to be done in warmer weather and would ensure 6<sup>th</sup> Street is addressed.

Mayor Warden stated he had been contacted by the Richard Nordgren, Chair of the Criminal Justice Sales Tax Citizen Advisory Committee (CJSTCAC) regarding their request for input from the City of Prosser on law enforcement sales tax. This group is looking to identify law enforcement needs from Benton County and the cities within Benton County. The information

compiled will be provided to the Commissioners to evaluate prior to putting the item on the voter's ballot. Mayor is working with the Police Department and the School District to gather information and will be drafting a letter outlining the needs to submit to the Committee.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Council Member Rainer, seconded by Council Member Taylor to approve Consent Agenda Items "A – F". Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT.

- a. Approve Payment of Payroll Check Nos. 502510 through 502514 in the Amount of \$41,652.01 and Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$36,204.39 for the Period Ending January 15, 2013
- b. Approve Payment of Claim Checks Nos. 70043 through 70047, and 70049 through 70131 in the Amount of \$439,228.44, and Electronic Payment in the Amount of \$66,852.69 for the Period Ending January 22, 2013
- c. Adopt Resolution 13-1414 Designating the Official Newspaper for the City of Prosser
- d. Approve the USDA Outlay Report and Draw Request No. 15 in an Amount of \$17,050.00, for Costs Associated with the Northwest Improvements Project (Contract Addendum No. 2) and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Documents
- e. Approve the October 9, 2012 Meeting Minutes
- f. Approve the October 23, 2012 Meeting Minutes

### **COUNCIL ACTION**

#### **ELECTION OF MAYOR OF PRO-TEM**

This item was removed from the agenda.

#### **APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIM CHECK NOS. 70048 THROUGH 70132 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,921.20, FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 22, 2013**

Council Member Hamilton recused himself due to a conflict of interest. A motion was made by Council Member Becken, seconded by Council Member Everett to approve payment of claim check nos. 70048 through 70132 in the amount of \$7,921.20, for the period ending January 22, 2013. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT, 1 ABSENTION (Hamilton).

#### **ORDINANCE 13-2811 ACCEPTING AN UNRESTRICTED GIFT FROM THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN PROSSER ASSOCIATION (HDP)**

Council Member Taylor stated the City needs to set money aside for future maintenance. A motion was made by Council Member Rainer, seconded by Council Member Taylor to adopt Ordinance 13-2811 accepting an unrestricted gift from the HDP as outlined in the ordinance. Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT. A motion was made by Council Member Everett,

seconded by Council Member Taylor to approve the Bill of Sale and authorize the Mayor to sign the Bill of Sale finalizing the gift from the HDPA to the City of Prosser as provided for in the Bill of Sale. Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT.

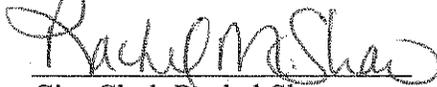
**APPROVAL OF A RELOCATION REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE POSITION OF POLICE CHIEF**

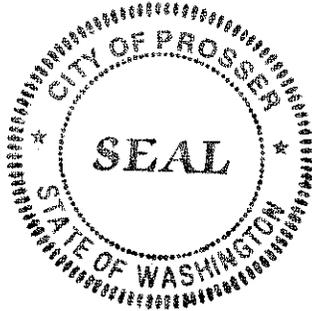
Council Member Everett inquired about the \$4,500 not to exceed amount for the relocation reimbursement. There was discussion regarding the amount and why the spouse of the employee would have to sign the agreement. City Attorney Saxton explained the State of Washington is a community property state. Council Member Hamilton stated he felt \$4,500 could be used better elsewhere and further expressed his concern with the language in the contract regarding repayment upon separation of the employee. He further stated if the employee separated from the City anytime under eighteen months from the date of hire regardless if the separation was voluntary or involuntary, than the employee should be required to repay the City. A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Rainer to approve a Police Chief Relocation Reimbursement Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$4,500. Motion passed 4 YES, 3 NO (Everett, Hamilton, Becken), 0 ABSENT.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Attest:

  
City Clerk Rachel Shaw



  
Mayor Paul Warden