

**CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON
601 7TH STREET
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, FERUARY 5, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Warden called the Special 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, Taylor, Troemel, and Becken were present. Council Members Everett and Hamilton requested an excused absence.

Also present were City Clerk Shaw, Interim Finance Director Yost, Officer Montelongo, Kendall Murphey, and City Attorney Saxton.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Troemel expressed his continuing concern over truck traffic near Milne Fruit. Officer Montelongo stated patrols have been contacting truck drivers in that area and the Police Department was allowing time for them to make necessary changes. No traffic citations have been issued to date. Mayor Warden stated he would speak with David Luther of Milne Fruit during an upcoming meeting about the issue.

Council Member Troemel stated there was a large pothole on the corner of Market Street and Ellen Avenue. Mayor Warden stated the Public Works Department keeps a list of potholes that need to be filled and when there is a sufficient amount they would order asphalt. Mayor Warden also stated the temperatures have to be correct for pouring asphalt.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Becken, seconded by Council Member Taylor to approve Consent Agenda Items "A & B". Motion passed 5 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSENT (Everett, Hamilton).

- a. Approve Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Prosser and Teamsters Local Union No. 839 regarding Police Department Contract Negotiations
- b. Approve the October 30, 2012 Meeting Minutes

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Home Occupation Permit

Interim Finance Director Yost provided Council with an introduction to the proposed changes to the home occupation permitting process. The current requirements have been burdensome for customers and staff to process. With the rise of home based businesses, staff recognized a change to the Prosser Municipal Code was needed.

Ms. Murphey stated the City currently has 19 business registrations that are pending, all due to the businesses needing home occupation permits. 17 of the 19 businesses could be addressed by the proposed changes to the code.

Ms. Yost stated the changes would add the possibility for businesses that meet specific requirements to be exempt from the home occupation permit fee and the notification by posting process.

Ms. Murphey stated many staff hours are spent in making sure businesses are in compliance with current requirements.

Council Member Elder asked if businesses would still be required to apply for a business registration if they have a home occupation permit.

Ms. Yost stated the home occupation permits are required in addition to the City of Prosser Business Registration.

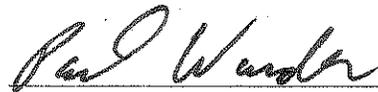
Council Member Taylor was in favor of the proposed changes.

Acceptance of Gifts Options

City Attorney Saxton discussed the options available to the Council for the acceptance of gifts. The first option provides for the delegating of authority for the acceptance of gifts. The second option included keeping the same process and accepting of gifts by the adoption of an ordinance. This option was costly to City. The third option allowed the Council to adopt by motion instead of by an ordinance. Council Member Rainer stated he was in favor of option three. Council directed staff to draft an ordinance that allowed the Council to adopt by motion the acceptance of gifts. Staff will bring back the ordinance at a future City Council meeting for consideration.

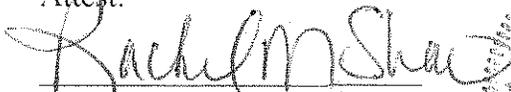
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Special Meeting of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Mayor Paul Warden

Attest:



City Clerk Rachel Shaw

