

**CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON
601 7TH STREET
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 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 led by Prosser Boys and Girls Club Members of the Month Conner Livingston and Susanna Lopez.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Becken reported that Benton County recently received a Double "A" Bond Rating.

Mayor Warden reported the railing for the handicap ramp in front of the Police Department has been ordered and should be in place within three weeks.

Mayor Warden stated based on previous Council direction staff is preparing an amendment to the Personnel Policy which will be brought forward at the March 12, 2013 City Council meeting for consideration.

Mayor Warden advised staff has been working on an auto attendant project for the phone system and citizens may notice a change when calling City Hall.

Police Chief Confirmation and Oath of Office

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Rainer to confirm Mayor Warden's appointment of David Giles for the position of Chief of Police for the City of Prosser. Motion passed 5 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSENT (Elder, Troemel).

City Clerk Shaw administered the Oath of Office for David Giles.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

[Clerk's Note: Mayor Warden moved Discussion Item "E" to the beginning of the items for discussion agenda to accommodate those in the audience.]

Prosser Swim Team Fee Change Proposal

Interim Finance Director Yost discussed the proposed changes to the Prosser Swim Team membership fees and reviewed historical revenues and expenditures. There was discussion regarding what the correct amount would be to charge in order for the City to not recognize a profit loss. There was discussion regarding the concessions and what dollar figure could be incorporated into overall projected revenues.

Christine Bryan-Anderson, Swim Team Board Member stated that since the prices have gone up their membership has gone down from over 200 members to 85 in the last couple of years.

Discussions continued regarding different options including group rates and season passes for Swim Team members. Council directed staff to bring back different payment options for \$20, \$25, or \$30 per member, at a future City Council meeting for consideration.

Grant Writer Quarterly Presentation

Sue Jetter provided a brief overview of the first quarter Grant Writer Report. There was discussion regarding the projects that were successfully awarded grants by partner and community return on investment. Mrs. Jetter provided an overview of dollars awarded to the community including the \$2 million dollar grant for the Walter Clore Center and briefly discussed the grant applications pending.

Prosser Economic Development Association Quarterly Presentation

Deb Heintz Executive Director provided Council a handout regarding the 2013 Annual PEDDA meeting scheduled for Monday, April 1, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the Benton PUD building. Mrs. Heintz discussed PEDDA's first quarter accomplishments and upcoming developments. Additionally Mrs. Heintz discussed the Walter Clore Center including the company awarded the bid for construction, ALSC Architects out of Spokane, Washington, and the construction schedule.

Shoreline Public Participation Plan

City Planner Zetz briefly overviewed the Shoreline Public Participation Plan and the process to incorporate public comment. Council directed staff to bring the Participation Plan back to Council at the next Regular Council meeting for consideration.

Second Amendment Foundation Changes

City Attorney Saxton advised the Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) sent letters to several cities in Washington State, Prosser included, regarding code provisions that they believe violate Washington State law or the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution. The sections of the code that SAF pointed out were certain provisions of Prosser Municipal Code Chapter 9.01 and Prosser Municipal Code Section 9.10.020. After much research of the issues noted in the SAF letter, it was determined that changes to that Chapter are necessary. Staff recommended making the changes to the code and is seeking Council direction regarding the potential changes to the code sections. Council directed staff to incorporate the changes to the code and bring the item back at a future City Council meeting for Council consideration.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Hamilton to approve Consent Agenda Items "A - D". Council Member Rainer pulled Item "A" from the Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Council Member Rainer, seconded by Council Member Everett to approve Consent Agenda Items "B - D". Motion passed 5 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSENT (Elder, Troemel).

- b. Approve the January 8, 2013 Meeting Minutes
- c. Approve the January 22, 2013 Meeting Minutes
- d. Approve the February 5, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Council Member Rainer had questions regarding Consent Agenda Item "A" and the timing of the delivery of the Mobile Data Terminals (MDT's). A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Hamilton to approve Consent Agenda Item "A". Motion passed 4 YES, 1 NO (Rainer), 2 ABSENT (Elder, Troemel).

- a. Authorize the Mayor to Negotiate and Execute a Contract Amendment with WAT Inc., Increasing the Contract Amount by \$975.00 to Include Travel Reimbursements and Bringing the Base Contract Amount to \$93,594.82

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Prosser Swim Team Fee Change Proposal Continued Discussion

Council Member Hamilton stated he felt it was too much of a burden for parent to pay so much for their children to participate in Swim Team. He was in agreement with lowering the fee to make it more affordable for families. Mayor Warden stated that staff would work on various fee options to bring back for Council consideration.

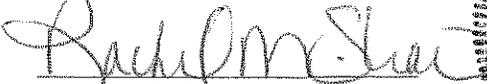
Sunny Dawsey, 821 Market Street, stated that in her opinion the Prosser recreation programs have all but died with the exception of the Boys and Girls Club. The Prosser Swim Team is one of the largest programs in Prosser and felt that if the prices were left as is the Swim Team will continue to see a decline in membership. Ms. Dawsey urged the Council to take that into consideration when weighing the options that will be brought before them.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Special Meeting of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.



Mayor Paul Warden

Attest:


City Clerk Rachel Shaw

