

**CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON
601 7TH STREET
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012**

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 Boys and Girls Club Members of the Month Robyn Denny, Esmeralda Ramales Gomez, and Jeremiah Munoz.

ROLL CALL

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

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

John Cooper, Yakima Valley Convention Bureau, shared with Council the 2011 Annual Report. There was discussion regarding the upcoming travel season and Prosser centered events.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Troemel reported the street striping on Bennett and 6th Avenue is barely visible and inquired whether the City could do something about it. Public Works Director L.J. DaCorsi advised staff would look into it.

Council Member Everett stated that Benton County Fire District No. 3 is interested in the timeline of the City bringing forward the Regional Fire Authority (RFA) Plan or Annexation for City Council consideration. They would like the City to make a timely decision either way so the Fire District can begin their citizen educational efforts early on prior to the placing the item on the ballot.

Mayor Warden thanked the Council Members and especially Mayor Pro tem Randy Taylor for stepping in and being accommodating to his work schedule during his recent absences.

REPORT FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Tour of Prosser Police Department Dispatch Center

City Administrator Charlie Bush announced Council would be taking a tour of the Prosser Police Department Dispatch Center. At 7:12 p.m., Mayor Warden recessed the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council to conduct a tour the Prosser Police Department Dispatch Center. Sergeant John Markus, Dave Sandretto and Gordon Holmes, Prosser Police Department Dispatchers provided Council with a tour of the Dispatch Center; other City staff members present were City Administrator Bush, and City Clerk Rachel Shaw. There was discussion regarding the process of how calls are handled when they come into the Dispatch Center as well as how the Dispatchers serve the Patrol Officers. Discussion ensued regarding institutional knowledge and Police Records Clerk administrative support needs. At 7:29 p.m., Mayor Warden reconvened the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council.

Lightspeed Network Franchise Agreement

Public Works Director DaCorsi advised the City had been contacted by the Lightspeed Networks Inc., DBA LS Networks, with a request to enter into a Franchise Agreement that would grant it the right to install, operate, and maintain a fiber optic cable communications system within the public ways of the City. There was discussion about the company running fiber optic cable through town and the benefits citizens could realize from entering into a non-exclusive franchise. There was further discussion regarding administrative fees and what was a reasonable amount to request from Franchisee. Mr. DaCorsi advised staff would identify the amount necessary to recuperate the costs to enter into the Agreement. A Public Hearing will be scheduled for April 24, 2012 to consider the Franchise Agreement.

Regional Fire Authority Plan and Annexation Presentation

Robert Merritt, Prosser Fire District No. 3 representative provided Council a presentation on the Regional Fire Protection Service Authority Plan (RFA) and annexation. Mr. Merritt reviewed financial impacts to the City which included tax levy rates, assessed valuation and various scenarios if the City annexed into the Fire District. There was discussion regarding the benefits and differences between an RFA versus if the City chooses to annex into the Fire District.

Staff recommended the City retain Foster Pepper, PLLC to assist with property tax scenario modeling to ensure the City does not hinder its general property tax revenues in the process, particularly in combination with other annexations such as Mid-Columbia Library District that might be a future consideration. Deputy City Administrator/Finance Director Cathleen Koch state based on previous Bond Counsel recommendation that annexation should be taken off the table for consideration because overall the City would incur financial losses. There was discussion regarding the RFA Committee, Board appointments and City Council representation on the Board. Staff will bring back a detailed review of the RFA and annexation and a recommendation for Council consideration at the April 10, 2012 City Council meeting.

2013-2014 Budget Principals and Priorities

City Administrator Bush passed out the revised *2013- 2014 Budget City Council Service Prioritization* document. There was discussion regarding the categories of Mandated Services, Non-Mandated Non-General Fund Services, and General Fund Significant Budget Non-Mandated Services. Mr. Bush explained this document would aide as a guide to staff during budget building exercises and discussions. Staff requested Council to review the document and provide feedback at a future City Council meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Troemel pulled Consent Agenda Item "D." A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Taylor to approve Consent Agenda Items "A – C, E – K". Motion passed 5 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSENT (Rainer, Elder).

- a. Approve Payment of Payroll Check Nos. 502195 through 502197 in the Amount of \$2,168.45 and Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$13,019.22 for the Period Ending March 15, 2012
- b. Approve Payment of Claim Check Nos. 68527 through 68597 in the Amount of \$271,338.39, Deluxe Business Checks Electronic Payment in the Amount of \$424.48, DOR Electronic Payment in the Amount of \$10,760.10, and IRS Federal Tax Wires in the Amount of \$4,687.77, for the Period Ending March 27, 2012
- c. Accept Invoice for Operation of the Visitor Information Center and Reimbursable Tourism and Promotional Expenses for the Month of March and Authorize Payment for Those Services in the Amount of \$5,500.00
- e. Approve the USDA Outlay Report and Draw Request for Reimbursement – No. 10 in an Amount of \$36,275.05, for Costs Incurred on the Northwest Prosser Reservoir and Booster Pump Station Projects and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Request Documents
- f. Adopt Resolution No. 12-1389 approving the Extension of an Interlocal Agreement between Washington State Department of Corrections and the City of Prosser
- g. Approve the Annual United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Report
- h. Approve Agreement between the City of Prosser and Tolman Electric, for the Purpose of General Electrical Maintenance and Repair Services for City Facilities and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Agreement

- i. Approve Agreement between the City of Prosser and Senske Lawn & Tree Care, in an Amount Not to exceed \$15,865.95, for the Purpose of Removing Diseased and Dying/Dead Trees around the City and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Agreement
- j. Approve Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2012
- k. Approve Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2012

Council Member Troemel expressed concern with the number of times the Council is asked to approve revised progress estimates for projects. Public Works Director DaCorsi provided the Council with an explanation of the project process and indicated the work had been completed. A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Becken to approve Consent Agenda Item "D". Motion passed 5 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSENT (Rainer, Elder).

- d. Approve the Revised Progress Estimate No. 6 in the Amount of \$22,334.08, for Work performed by the Contractor, Apollo, Inc for the North Prosser Zone 2 Booster Pump Station Project

COUNCIL ACTION

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2276 AMENDING PROSSER MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 15.30.020 TO DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF RENTAL LICENSES UNTIL JULY 1, 2012

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Everett to adopt Ordinance No. 12-2776 amending Prosser Municipal Code Section 15.30.020 to delay implementation of rental licenses until July 1, 2012. Motion passed 5 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSENT (Rainer, Elder).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session was pulled from the agenda.

ADD ON ITEM

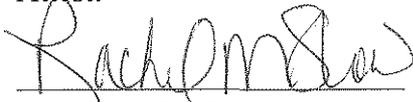
Deputy City Administrator/Finance Director Koch advised there have been recent issues with the decking at the Prosser Aquatic Center and therefore the City will need to amend the Contract Agreement with T.W. Clark Construction, LLC to extend the one-year warranty on the pool deck and allow for correction of the surge tanks and pool decking issues.

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Everett to approve the second amendment to the agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement. Motion passed 5 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSENT (Rainer, Elder).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Attest:


City Clerk Rachel Shaw




Mayor Paul Warden