

CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON
601 7TH STREET
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Warden called the Work Session of the Prosser City Council to order at 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

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

Others in attendance were City Clerk Shaw, Police Chief Giles, Public Works Director DaCorsi, City Planner Zetz, and City Attorney Saxton.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Troemel expressed his concerns regarding the lack of visibility due to street parking on Lillian.

Mayor Warden provided a briefing on staff's desire to bring back a no parking ordinance on Gap Road for Council consideration in order to alleviate damage to the newly asphalted road particularly during the summer months. There was discussion regarding whether the language in the ordinance should address eliminating parking altogether or limit the time frame of no parking between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. Council directed staff to draft a proposed ordinance limiting a no parking time period and bring it back at a future City Council meeting for consideration.

Mayor Warden advised staff has been looking into amending the late fees in the utility billing ordinance. There was discussion regarding the current language in the ordinance and the proposed changes. It is staff's recommendation to change the language to a 5% late fee and incorporate a threshold of a maximum amount not to exceed as well as allowing the Mayor and or City Administrator to have the capability to waive the fees based on once instance per three years for an individual account. Council directed staff to draft a proposed ordinance to bring back at a future City Council meeting for consideration.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Report

Jim Milne, Executive Director presented the Prosser Chamber of Commerce 2013 First Quarter Report. Mr. Milne provided an overview of the tourist promotion services, Attractions Directory, conventions and tradeshow, and marketing, including "e-zine" and Bureau advertising and memberships. There was also discussion regarding the Chamber's new hours of operation.

Historic Downtown Prosser Association Quarterly Report

Dan Smith, Executive Director introduced himself to Council as the new Executive Director of HDPA. Mr. Smith provided Council with a handout and discussed the increased District size, the Façade Improvement Program including current grant applications the District has awarded, and the new furniture around the Downtown District HDPA has installed beginning in February 2013. There was also discussion regarding upcoming events planned for 2013.

Special Event Permit and Fee Ordinance Amendments

L.J. DaCorsi, Public Works Director discussed the proposed Special Events Permit Ordinance amendments. Mr. DaCorsi inquired if it was Council's desire to have the full Council present to discuss this item in detail due to Council Members Everett and Taylor's absence.

Mayor Warden advised he had discussed the item with both Council Members and reported that Council Member Everett stated he was in agreement with the electronic notification process staff is proposing however Council Member Taylor was not. There was discussion regarding the fee schedule and the purpose of the comment period.

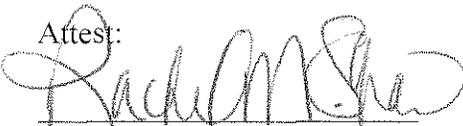
Mayor Warden advised staff would bring this item forward again with the full Council present to discuss in greater detail.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Work Session of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.



Mayor Paul Warden

Attest:


City Clerk Rachel Shaw

