

CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON
601 7TH STREET
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor 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 Felipe Hurtado and Robyn Denny, and Heights Elementary "Kid that Cares" Grace Bestebreur.

ROLL CALL

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

Others in attendance were City Clerk Shaw, Police Chief Giles, Finance Director Mauras, City Attorney Saxton, and Code Enforcement Officer Alsbury.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Becken provided an update on the first opening weekend for the Farmer's Market season.

[Clerk's Note: Mayor Warden arrived at 7:03 p.m.]

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Presentation

Nick Alsbury, Code Enforcement Officer provided a power point presentation to Council on the Geographic Information Systems for the City.

Information Technology (IT) Support Services Transition Plan

Mayor Warden explained as of May 31, 2013, the City of Kennewick will no longer provide IT Support Services to the City. Mayor further explained it is staff's recommendation to move Code Enforcement Officer Nick Alsbury into a part time IT Support staff role as the City transitions to a new provider. Mayor presented a draft letter addressed to the union that outlined the City's intent to temporarily modify the position description for the Code Enforcement Officer to include twelve hours of dedicated time to support IT needs.

Rachel Shaw, City Clerk explained in addition to Mr. Alsbury serving in the capacity of part-time IT Support Services, staff sent out a Request for Proposals and intends on making a recommendation to Council to award the contract to prospective vendor at the May 28, 2013 City Council meeting.

Council had no objections to the transition plan and directed staff to transmit the letter to the union.

Public Restroom Project

Mayor Warden reminded Council that the City dedicated \$25,000 in the General Fund in the 2013 Budget, toward restroom upgrades in the parks, with the priority being City Park due to the number of local and outside users and the fact that is in the worst condition. After researching options that included USDA Rural Development funding, the City discovered the State RCW allows the construction of public restrooms as part of the City sewer system and can be funded from the Sewer Enterprise Fund (Fund 407). However, there are recent opinions from MRSC on the source of funding for Public Restrooms in that maintenance and operations of such cannot be conducted using Utility funds but would need to come from General Funds. If it is the Council desire some of the remainder of that project could be funded from the Parks budget as an alternate source.

Council discussed the different options and directed staff to bring back more information when there is a full Council at a future meeting for further discussion.

Yakima Basin Integrated Plan

Mayor Warden advised the City had recently been contacted by Washington State Department of Ecology's Office of Columbia River (OCR), requesting support from regional agencies like Prosser to pass a Resolution supporting the efforts to secure funding and influence public policy to restore stream flows and add additional storage capacity for our irrigators and agriculture industry. The cities of Ellensburg and Yakima among other entities have already passed Resolutions expressing their support.

Council Member Troemel stated he would not support the Resolution with the word "drought" in it.

The remaining Council Members directed staff to bring back the Resolution supporting the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan at a future City Council meeting for Council consideration.

RV Parking Ordinance Amendment (Mayor Warden)

This item was tabled until the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

School Resource Officer (SRO) Federal Department of Justice (DOJ) Grant Application

Police Chief Giles explained the Community Oriented Policy Services (COPS) Hiring Program Grant application. The basic premise of the grant is that it will pay for up to 75% of the cost for a SRO for three years with a requirement for the agency to fund the position for one full year at the end of the grant period. Chief Giles further explained he has been in contract with the School District who expressed an interest in participating both financially and operationally. The application is due May 22, 2013 which is a short turn around. Grant Writer Sue Jetter has been made aware that this application may be pending. There was discussion regarding how the program works and how many Officers the grant funded. Council expressed concern with the some of the language with regard to the requirement to fund the fourth year.

Council directed staff to pursue the grant and submit the application.

COUNCIL ACTION

APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PROSSER AND TEAMSTER LOCAL UNION NO. 839 REGARDING A 2% COLA INCREASE THAT WAS INADVERTENTLY ADDED TO THE BASE WAGE OF THE POLICE BARGAINING UNIT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

This item was tabled until the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session was removed from the agenda.

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.



Mayor Paul Warden

Attest:


City Clerk Rachel Shaw

