

**CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON  
601 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2013**

**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 recited.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Members Rainer, Elder, Everett, Taylor, Troemel, Hamilton, and Becken were present.

Others in attendance were City Clerk Shaw, Police Chief Giles, Finance Director Mauras, City Attorney Saxton, Public Works Director DaCorsi and Administrative Assistant Kendall Murphey.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION** (None)

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Council Member Taylor reported on the disbursement of gas tax revenue back to the Counties that they came from. Benton County is one of the donor Counties Statewide.

Mayor Warden explained at the last City Council meeting he and staff had misinformed the Council regarding the terms of the School Resource Officer (SRO) Federal Department of Justice (DOJ) Grant. Staff had misinterpreted the contribution from the grant to mean there is \$125,000 per year available however that dollar amount is intended to be allocated over the entire 3 term of the grant if awarded. Due to the time constraint, staff submitted the grant paperwork. However, there is no obligation to commit the City if Council chose to not move forward with pursuing the grant any further.

Mayor Warden read a Proclamation recognizing and supporting the future soldiers of our area and congratulating local graduating seniors who enlisted in the different branches of the military.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT**

At 7:06 p.m., Mayor Warden recessed the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council to conduct a Public Hearing regarding home occupation permits. Mayor Warden called for public comments. With no comments being offered, the Public Hearing was closed and the Regular meeting reconvened at 7:07 p.m.

## COUNCIL ACTION

### ORDINANCE 13-2822 MODIFYING THE HOME OCCUPATION ORDINANCE EXEMPTING HOME OFFICES THAT HAVE NO IMPACTS TO SURROUNDING PROPERTY FROM PROVISIONS OF 18.75.060 AND DISCUSS ALTERING THE FEES FOR HOME OCCUPATION PERMITS

Administrative Assistant Kendall Murphey provided a brief overview of the Home Occupation permitting process. Ms. Murphey explained the proposal to exempt home offices that have no impacts to surrounding property owners was coming forward for Council consideration to cut down on administrative processing time. There was discussion regarding altering the fees. Council directed staff to bring back a revised fee schedule with options to a future City Council meeting for consideration.

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Hamilton to adopt Ordinance 13-2822 modifying the home occupation ordinance exempting home offices that have no impacts to surrounding property from provisions of 18.75.060. Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT.

### CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Becken to approve Consent Agenda Items "A – J". Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT.

- a. Approve Payment of Payroll Check Nos. 502252 through 502559 in the Amount of \$22,548.39 and Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$102,002.30 for the Period Ending April 30, 2013
- b. Approve Payment of Claim Checks Nos. 70665 through 70679 and 70681 through 70773, in the Amount of \$364,280.62, and Electronic Payment in the Amount of \$52,746.51 for the Period Ending May 14, 2013
- c. Approval of the March 2013 Financial Statement
- d. Accept Invoice for Operation of the Visitor Information Center and Reimbursable Tourism and Promotional Expenses for the Month of April and Authorize Payment for Those Services in the Amount of \$4,500.00
- e. Accept Monthly Report by Prösser Economic Development Association for the Month of April 2013 and Authorize Payment for Those Services in the Amount of \$2,166.66
- f. Approve Maintenance Contract Renewal with Abadan for Konica Minolta Bizhub 751 Copier and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Contract
- g. Approve Community Video Tour Agreement with CGI Communications, Inc.

- h. Approve Special Event Application for the Sacred Heart Parish Latin Diversity Festival, August 11, 2013, at the Prosser City Park
- i. Approve the Request for Fireworks Ban Special Use Waiver for the Prosser Scottish Festival Anvil Launch to be Held on June 15, 2013 at the Port of Benton East Prosser Industrial Wine and Food Park
- j. Adopt Resolution 13-1423 Expressing the City of Prosser's Support of the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan

Council Member Troemel expressed his appreciation of the Financial Statement and stated he felt it was the best he had seen in 8 years.

### **COUNCIL ACTION**

#### **APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIM CHECK NO. 70680 AND 70774 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,571.20, FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MAY 14, 2013**

Council Member Hamilton recused himself due to a conflict of interest. A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Becken to approve payment of claim check no. 70680 and 70774 in the amount of \$2,571.20 for the period ending May 14, 2013. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT, 1 ABSENTION (Hamilton).

#### **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**

Mayor Warden explained that the City inadvertently increased the base wage of the Teamster Policy Bargaining Unit No. 839 by the 2% COLA that was adopted with the 2013 Budget. However the Teamster's contract expired effective December 31, 2012 and the 2% COLA increase should not have been applied while union negotiations continued. The proposed Memorandum of Agreement was approved and signed by the Teamster's Bargaining Unit Representative. It is staff's recommendation to approve the MOA acknowledging that the City and the Union are currently engaged in negotiations, and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

Council directed staff to stop any future payments made in error to not further compound the mistake and to bring back an alternative MOA for Council consideration.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **RV PARKING ORINANCE AMENDMENT**

Mayor Warden explained at the April 23, 2013 City Council meeting, staff brought forward concerns of recreational vehicles and commercial trucks parked in front of houses and in public right-of-way in violation of Prosser Municipal Code 10.04.460. Mayor Warden stated it is staff's recommendation to send letters to property owners that are in violation of the Code giving

them a set period of time to comply with current language regarding the storage of items in the improved right-of-way in accordance with PMC 10.04.460.

There was discussion regarding the way the Code is currently written and the definitions regarding setbacks.

Mayor Warden recapped Council's comments stating staff would take a phased compliance approach giving property owners 4 months to comply and escalate the enforcement.

**ADD ON ITEMS**

***Port of Benton Van purchase***

Mayor Warden explained the City had been contacted by the Port of Benton inquiring whether or not the City was interested in partially funding vinyl siding for a community van that had been recently purchased in the amount of \$500. The graphics were estimated to cost approximately \$3,500 - \$4,000.

Council stated that the Port needed to identify an alternative funding such as the Chamber of Commerce.

***SRO Officer Continued Discussion***

Mayor Warden explained roughly \$40,000 a year would be funded through grant toward the School Resource Officer if the City were awarded the grant and the School District verbally committed to contributing \$25,000 toward funding the position.

There was discussion regarding the grant requirement to continue to fund the officer for the fourth year after the grant funding ran out.

Police Chief Giles reported the School District stated their position was to contribute 50% of the funding the fourth year, however the Superintendent's contract is up at the end of 3 years and therefore is unable to commit the District to anything beyond that.

Council concurred the grant is worthwhile pursuing and directed staff to go back to the School District to inquire if the District would be interested in increasing their contribution. The Council stated they were interested in this being a long term partnership with the School District stating they felt an SRO Officer would be of great benefit to the community.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

  
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Mayor Paul Warden

Attest:  
  
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City Clerk Rachel Shaw

