

**CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON**  
**601 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 10, 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 recited.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION** (None)

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS** (None)

**REPORT FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

***Confirmation and Oath of Office – Interim Police Chief***

A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Becken to confirm the Mayor's appointment of John Markus as Interim Police Chief. Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT.

City Clerk Rachel Shaw administered the Oath of Office for Interim Police Chief John Markus.

***Washington State Department of Ecology Wastewater Treatment Plant Award***

Donna Smith, Washington State Department of Ecology presented the fourth consecutive "Outstanding Wastewater Treatment Plant Performance Award". Perry Harris, Danny Cavazos, Art Perez and John Beck from the wastewater treatment plant crew were present to receive the award.

***Prosser EDA Quarterly Update***

Troy Berglund, Prosser EDA Board Member handed out PEDAs Membership and Organization Accomplishments brochures. Mr. Berglund provided an overview of project developments including the Walter Clore Center. There was discussion regarding the City's Six Year Transportation Plan and the list of priorities.

Deb Heintz, Executive Director Prosser EDA reported on the Board's discussions regarding Way Findings signage and stated the Board is looking forward to placing the order for the signs. Mrs. Heintz also updated Council on a recent meeting with Cascade Natural Gas and provided an overview of the results from the Job Fair. Mrs. Heintz thanked Council Member Hamilton for his contributions to the PEDAs Board and discussed the Strategic Plan.

***Mid-Columbia Library***

Katy Meyers, Prosser Branch Manager Mid-Columbia Library District presented Council with the Library's yearly report as well as the budget. Ms. Meyers provided an overview of branch participation and stated the Library District is in the process of identifying four core elements for the Strategic Plan. There was discussion regarding Kindle books and the Library's policy for its members.

***Benton County Fire District No. 3 Budget Amendment***

Interim City Administrator Koch stated Benton County Fire District No. 3 approved the budget amendment to the Interlocal Agreement.

**ADD ON ITEM**

Interim City Administrator Koch provided an update on the contract with Foster Pepper for the work on the Regional Fire Authority. Council previously approved the contract in the amount of \$15,000.00 without a maximum dollar amount noted and requested staff bring back any payment requests for Council consideration if the \$15,000.00 threshold is exceeded. The

\$15,000.00 amount has been met and staff is now recommended payment on a check to Foster Pepper that is included in the Consent Agenda items for approval.

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Everett to authorize payment to Foster Pepper in the amount of \$12,675.00. Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT.

#### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Council Member Troemel inquired about the status of the Water Tower project.

L.J. DaCorsi, Public Works Director advised the engineers are setting up a reschedule to remove sediment and testing of the water.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

##### **SIX YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2013-2018**

At 7:40 p.m., Mayor Warden recessed the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council to conduct a Public Hearing regarding the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program 2013-2018. Mayor Warden called for public comment, with none being offered. At 7:40 p.m., Mayor Warden closed the Public Hearing and the Regular Meeting was reconvened.

#### **COUNCIL ACTION**

##### **RESOLUTION NO. 12-1397 APPROVING THE SIX YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR 2013 – 2018**

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Becken adopt Resolution 12-1397 approving the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program for 2013 – 2018. Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Member Hamilton removed Item "H" from the Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Becken to approve Consent Agenda Items "A – G, I". Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT.

- a. Accept Invoice for Operation of the Visitor Information Center and Reimbursable Tourism and Promotional Expenses for the Month of June and Authorize Payment for Those Services in the Amount of \$5,500.00
- b. Approve Payment of Payroll Check Nos. 502255 through 502291 in the Amount of \$43,965.53 and Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$94,565.77 for the Period Ending June 29, 2012
- c. Approve Payment of Claim Checks Nos. 69068 through 69083 and 69085 through 69158 in the Amount of \$643,151.11, WTB Electronic Payment in the Amount of \$6,343.13, IRS federal Tax Wires in the Amount of \$44,198.70, for the Period Ending July 10, 2012
- d. Approve the USDA Outlay Report and Draw Request for Reimbursement No. 11 in an Amount of \$91,396.61, for Costs Incurred in the Northwest Prosser Water and Sewer System Improvements Project
- e. Approve the April 10, 2012 Meeting Minutes
- f. Approve the April 24, 2012 Meeting Minutes
- g. Approve the May 1, 2012 Meeting Minutes
- i. Approval of Professional Services Contract for Shoreline Master Program Update with Anchor QEA

A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Taylor to approve Consent Agenda Item "H". Motion passed 6 YES, 1 NO (Hamilton), 0 ABSENT.

- h. Resolution No. 12-1398 Declaring the Intent of the City of Prosser to Annex Property Owned by Catholic Charities Housing Services, the Church of Prosser, and the Entire Benton County Right-of-Way to the Western Edge of the Property Owned by Catholic Charities Housing Services, Generally Located on the Western Edge of the City Limits on North River Road and Authorizing the Mayor or his Designee to File a Notice of Intent to Annex with the Benton County Boundary Review Board

**COUNCIL ACTION**

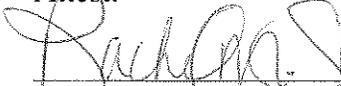
**APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIM CHECK NO. 69084 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,001.25, FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JULY 10, 2012**

Council Member Hamilton abstained 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. 69084 in the amount of \$3,001.25 for the period ending July 10, 2012. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT, 1 ABSENTION (Hamilton).

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Attest:

  
City Clerk Rachel Shaw



  
Mayor Paul Warden