

CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON
601 7TH STREET
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Warden called the Work Session 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, and City Attorney Saxton.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Taylor stated the Parade for States Day turned out great and thanked Council Member Everett for his hard work in organizing the event.

Council Member Everett expressed his gratitude to those who participated and helped support the States Day Parade including the judges, Mayor Warden and Clerk Shaw.

Mayor Warden stated the States Day Carnival and Parade were well run and a great event for our community.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Prosser Fire District No. 3 Task Force Briefing

Kevin Hanlon, Task Force Board Member, provided a handout of the Task Force's Final Report and discussed the committee's findings. Mr. Hanlon reviewed the model and relayed how the Task Force came to its conclusions and subsequent recommendations.

Council thanked Mr. Hanlon for his hard work on the committee and for presenting the Task Force's findings.

PSD Drug Intervention Grant – Community Involvement Action (CIA)

Jennifer Dorsett, CIA Community Coordinator, handed out a community survey and discussed how the Prosser School District Intervention Grant and the CIA program work. There was discussion regarding the strategic plan and implementation of community awareness. Mrs. Dorsett reviewed the twelve different sectors that make up the Prosser Coalition and advised the Board is still looking for additional members.

Council inquired how long the program will last.

Mrs. Dorsett advised as long as there is a need in the community and state funding is available.

Council thanked Mrs. Dorsett for the information and presentation.

Grant Writer Quarterly Presentation

Sue Jetter, Grant Writer, provided Council the Third Quarter Report and advised Benton PUD had recently withdrawn the partnership. Ms. Jetter discussed the return on investments and provided a status update on the recently submitted COPS Grant for the City which she anticipated hearing back on by November of 2013. Additionally Mrs. Jetter advised she had been working with Public Works Director DaCorsi to research the availability of grant funding for public restroom facilities.

Council Member Everett inquired if Mrs. Jetter could provide a year-to-date report on how many grants have been awarded.

Mrs. Jetter stated she would be sure to include that information in her report she will submit to the City for the Fourth Quarter.

Prosser Economic Development Association Quarterly Presentation

Deb Heintz, Executive Director, provided a status update on the Walter Clore Wine and Culinary project and discussed the fund raising efforts. Mrs. Heintz reviewed the membership survey and thanked Council for their continued support. There was discussion regarding the Leadership Prosser Class and advised they are currently recruiting volunteers for the 2014 Advisory Board. On September 26, 2013, Governor Inslee is scheduled to be in town for a tour of the Clore Center and surrounding areas.

Records Request Status Update

Rachel Shaw, City Clerk, provided a status update on current open records requests being processed by the Clerk's Office and discussed the amount of time that has been dedicated to those efforts.

Prosser Fire District No. 3 Task Force Findings Discussion Continued

Mayor Warden inquired what direction the Council wanted to move forward with as it related to the Fire District's governance after hearing the findings presented by the Task Force.

Council Member Everett stated the Fire District is looking for a solid answer as to the City's position.

Council Member Hamilton stated he was under the impression that the Fire District had already received word of the Council's position which was Regional Fire Authority (RFA).

Council Member Everett advised that information had been shared at a previous Fire Board meeting however the Fire Commissioners wanted to be sure that was the Council's consensus.

Council concurred their preference for the governance of the Fire District is to move forward with RFA.

Council Member Everett advised he would be sure to convey that information to the Fire Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

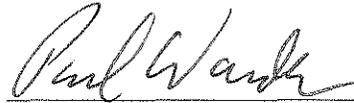
2014 Preliminary Budget

Council Member Taylor inquired about the status of the 2014 Preliminary Budget.

Mayor Warden advised Finance Director Mauras uploaded the Budget Calendar in Dropbox for Council's preview.

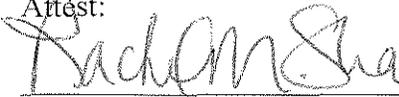
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Work Session of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



Mayor Paul Warden

Attest:



City Clerk Rachel Shaw

