

CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON
601 7TH STREET
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

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, Everett, Troemel, Becken, Poteet, and Taylor were present. Council Member Chambers requested an excused absence.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Jerry Lemmon, 850 Wine Country Road, addressed Council with concerns regarding the Water Tower. Mr. Lemmon inquired whether the City had a "water get away plan" in the event of an emergency. He advised a city in Arizona had dug out the road surrounding the Water Tower and wanted to know if the City had anything similar planned. Mr. Lemmon also inquired if the chlorinated water used to treat the water would kill the grass if it interfered with irrigation.

Public Works Director L.J. DaCorsi advised he had taken note of all of Mr. Lemmon's concerns and would discuss with the City's Engineers and report back to Mr. Lemmon.

Robert Elder, 1103 Yakima Avenue, thanked the Public Works staff for their quick response during the recent wind storm.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Taylor reported Benton-Franklin Council of Governments (BFCOG) discussed establishing a process to finish up urban and rural projects with "Road Dollars".

Council Member Becken thanked City Clerk Rachel Shaw and Senior Administrative Assistant Lindsay Bardessono for assisting with the removal of an abandoned box spring and mattress left at the recycling bin by the Court House.

Council Member Becken also reported he had attended a ceremony at the Fire Station for the dedication of the piece of steel from the Twin Towers. The ceremony was nice however there was low attendance.

Council Member Troemel thanked Clerk Shaw, the Public Works Department and Code Enforcement for ensuring the weed issue on Bennett Avenue was taken care of as well as the replacement of missing street signs.

Council Member Everett reminded everyone that the Great Prosser Balloon Rally will be held September 23 – 25, 2011.

Council Member Poteet inquired what staff could do about the dry grass and weed issues on private property throughout town.

City Administrator Bush advised the Code Enforcement Department is currently working on issuing citations. Staff will redouble the clean-up effort.

Mayor Warden reported he spoke at the ceremony for the artifact from the World Trade Center and stated it was a very nice ceremony. He encouraged anyone who had not yet seen the artifact to go view it.

Mayor Warden thanked everyone involved in the States Day event for their efforts.

Mayor Warden stated the Region wide swim meet was well attended and he received several comments from attendees on the Prosser Aquatic Center (PAC). It was a great event and a great showcase of the new facility.

REPORT FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Wastewater Treatment Plant Performance Award

Donna Smith, Washington State Department of Ecology presented the third 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.

Police Department Staffing Update

City Administrator Bush advised staff will be recommending two Officers in the 2012 Budget in response to the increase of violent crimes in Prosser. One position was eliminated previously through vacancy the other would be an addition to the current staff level. It's approximately \$180,000.00 investment for salaries and benefits. Staff will be working on the details of the proposal to bring back at a future Council meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Payment of Claim Check Nos. 67511 through 67605 in the Amount of \$498,457.45, USDA electronic payment in the amount of \$77,456.00 and Washington Trust Bank electronic payment in the amount of \$3,205.99 and IRS Federal Tax Wires in the Amount of \$50,079.87, for the Period Ending September 13, 2011
- b. Approve Payment of Payroll Check Nos. 501993 through 501995 in the Amount of \$2,219.11 and Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$11,904.95 for the Period Ending August 15, 2011
- c. Approve Payment of Payroll Check Nos. 501996 through 502037 in the Amount of \$56,401.32 and Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$106,064.49 for the Period Ending August 31, 2011
- d. 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
- e. Approve Progress Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$81,150.29, for work performed by the contractor, Apollo, Inc. for the North Prosser Zone 2 Booster Pump Station Project and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Documents
- f. Approve Professional Services Agreement between the City and the Wesley Group
- g. Approve Public Disclosure Request and Tracking System Software License Agreement between the City of Prosser and the City of Lakewood
- h. Approve Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2011

COUNCIL ACTION

APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR LOCAL HOMELESS HOUSING AND ASSISTANCE PLANS AND PROGRAMS

A motion was made by Council Member Rainer, seconded by Council Member Everett to approve Benton County Homeless Housing and Assistance Interlocal Agreement between the County of Benton, and the City of Benton City, the City of Kennewick, the City of Prosser, the City of Richland and the City of West Richland for providing for Local Homeless Housing and Assistance plans and programs. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Chambers).

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2743 ESTABLISHING SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FEES

A motion was made by Council Member Becken, seconded by Council Member Taylor to adopt Ordinance No. 11-2743 establishing Special Event Permit fees. Motion passed 5 YES, 1 NO (Everett), 1 ABSENT (Chambers).

RESOLUTION NO. 11-1361 STATING THE CITY COUNCIL'S POSITION OF HOUSE BILL 2124 AND SENATE BILL 5964 THAT NARROWS THE REQUIREMENT FOR UTILITIES TO PURCHASE REQUIREMENT FOR UTILITIES TO PURCHASE ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES OR RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS WHEN NOT NEEDED TO SERVE CUSTOMER'S LOADS

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Rainer to adopt RESOLUTION No. 11-1361 supporting House Bill 2124 and Senate Bill 5964. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Chambers).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Paul Warden

Mayor Paul Warden

Attest:

Rachel M Shaw

City Clerk Rachel Shaw

