

**CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON
601 7TH STREET
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 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 led by Boys & Girls Club Members of the Month for August, David Hurtado and Auslyn Schab.

ROLL CALL

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

Others in attendance were City Clerk Shaw, Finance Director Mauras, City Planner Zetz, Public Works Director DaCorsi, Police Chief Giles, and City Attorney Saxton.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Derek Howell, 1015 Concord Way, expressed his concerns with the Prosser Municipal Code (PMC) as it relates to recreation vehicle (RV) parking in city limits. After recent contact with the City Building Department, he was asked to relocate his RV so it is not in the city right-of-way. In his research, it was discovered there is nowhere in town to store his RV with the closest storage facility being located in the Tri-Cities. Mr. Howell was unsure of the cost at that storage facility. In his opinion, the Code puts a burden on citizens by asking them to comply with a Code that until recently has not been enforced. Mr. Howell asked Council to reconsider the enforcement of this section of the Code.

Clark Hymas, 1027 Concord Way, echoed Mr. Howell's concern with the PMC and further stated in 2006 when he purchased his house, he worked with the City to obtain an encroachment permit which allowed him to pour a cement parking slab for his RV. Mr. Hymas also asked the Council to reconsider the enforcement of the Ordinance based on the hardship it causes for citizens.

Mike Schmitt, 18750 S. Lincoln Road, provided a handout to Council regarding all-terrain vehicles and advised the 2013 Legislature had significantly changed the statutes relating to the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and other types of off-road vehicles on public roads in the State of Washington. He further explained the ATVs would have to meet all the current rules of the road with a speed limit of 35 MPH or less. Mr. Schmitt talked about the benefits and inquired if the Council would consider allowing ATVs to be driven on City streets.

Council advised they would read through the material provided by Mr. Schmitt and decide whether or not it is a topic they would be pursuing.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Rainer reported at the last Fire Board meeting he reiterated Council's position regarding their desire for the Fire Board's governance.

Council Member Elder stated members of Jubilee Ministry recently met with Prosser Police Chief Giles to set up assistant vouchers for people traveling through town that are in need of lodging and financial assistance.

Council Member Everett provided a reminder of the upcoming 24th Annual Great Prosser Balloon Rally event that will begin on Friday, September 27, 2013.

Boys & Girls Club Quarterly Report

Chris Cisneros, Boys & Girls Club Program Director, provided a power point presentation of the third quarter Club report. Mr. Cisneros discussed the highlights of the quarter including field trips the Club kids experienced and reviewed the hours of impact to youth during those trips.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:39 p.m., Mayor Warden recessed the Regular meeting of the Prosser City Council to conduct a Public Hearing regarding locking mailbox clusters in all new subdivisions and applicable short plats. Mayor Warden called for public comments. With no comments being offered, the Public Hearing was closed and the Regular meeting reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

COUNCIL ACTION

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2834 REQUIRING LOCKING MAILBOX CLUSTERS IN ALL NEW SUBDIVISIONS AND APPLICATION SHORT PLATS

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Rainer to adopt Ordinance No. 13-2834 requiring locking mailbox clusters in all new subdivisions and application short plats. Motion passed 4 YES, 0 NO, 3 ABSENT (Troemel, Hamilton, Becken).

PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:41 p.m., Mayor Warden recessed the Regular meeting of the Prosser City Council to conduct a Public Hearing regarding 2014 Revenue Sources. Mayor Warden called for public comments. With none being offered, at 7:41 p.m. the Public Hearing was closed and the Regular meeting reconvened.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2014 Revenue Sources

Finance Director Mauras introduced the new format that will be used in the 2014 Budget and provided a brief overview of the projected revenue sources.

Council Member Everett stated he would like to see the year-to-date actual for 2013 to be incorporated in the next iteration of the budget document.

Finance Director Mauras advised she would pull that information together and provide it prior to the next regular City Council meeting.

There was discussion regarding the method of rounding, and both the beginning and ending fund balances as well as cash carry forward.

Council Member Elder requested a hard copy of the budget.

Finance Director Mauras stated she would provide him a copy.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Everett to approve Consent Agenda Items "A – E". Motion passed 4 YES, 0 NO, 3 ABSENT (Troemel, Hamilton, Becken).

- a. Approve Payment of Payroll Check Nos. 502683 through 502685 in the Amount of \$2,171.79, and Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$10,522.32, for the Period Ending September 13, 2013
- b. Approve Payment of Claim Checks Nos. 71407 through 71464, in the Amount of \$248,932.45, and Electronic Payments in the Amount of \$24,282.78, for the Ending Period September 24, 2013
- c. 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 \$4,500
- d. Approve the USDA Outlay Report and Draw Request No. 23 in an Amount of \$4,114.25, for Costs Associated with the Northwest Prosser Improvements Project (Contract Addendum No. 2) and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Documents
- e. Adopt Resolution 13-1432 Approving an Interlocal Agreement with the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) to participate in their Health Care Programs

COUNCIL ACTION

APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIM CHECK NO. 71465 AND 71466, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,457.72 FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 24, 2013

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Everett to approve payment of claim check no. 71465 and 71466, in the amount of \$1,457.72 for the period ending September 24, 2013. Motion passed 4 YES, 0 NO, 3 ABSENT (Troemel, Hamilton, Becken).

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2013 BUDGET FOR CERTAIN FUNDS

This item was tabled to a future meeting as a super majority of Council Members needed to be present to vote.

ORDINANCE AMENDING PROSSER MUNICIPAL CODE 3.54.010 AND CREATING FUND NO. 301, REAL ESTATE EXCISE TAX – FIRST QUARTER PERCENT

This item was tabled to a future meeting as a super majority of Council Members needed to be present to vote.

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT FUND NO. 144

This item was tabled to a future meeting as a super majority of Council Members needed to be present to vote.

ORDINANCE 13-2835 WHICH RATIFIES THE PREVIOUS ACTIONS OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WSDOT AND THE CITY OF PROSSER FOR THE DESIGN PHASE OF THE OLD INLAND EMPIRE HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND CREATES PROJECT FUND 302

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Everett to adopt Ordinance No. 13-2835 which ratifies the previous actions of the Mayor and City Council regarding the Local Agency Agreement (LAG) between the WSDOT and the City of Prosser for the design phase of the Old Inland Empire Highway Improvements project and creates Project Fund 302. Motion passed 4 YES, 0 NO, 3 ABSENT (Troemel, Hamilton, Becken).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:24 p.m., Mayor Warden recessed the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council to conduct an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(1)(a) collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and discussions relating to the interpretation or application of a labor agreement; or (b) that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress and pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price. The session was to include Mayor and Council Members, City Clerk, Finance Director, Police Chief, and City Attorney. The session was expected to last for a period of 10 minutes.

At 8:34 p.m., Mayor Warden reconvened the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council and stated no action occurred.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Attest:

Rachel Shaw
City Clerk Rachel Shaw



Paul Warden

Mayor Paul Warden