

**CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON
601 7TH STREET
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 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 led by Prosser Boys and Girls Club Members of the Month Will Weinmann and Taylor Wolfe.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present were Interim City Administrator Koch, City Clerk Shaw, Finance Manager Yost, Interim Police Chief Markus and City Attorney Saxton.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (None)**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS*****100 Best Communities for Young People 2012 Proclamation***

Mayor Warden read a proclamation celebrating Prosser as one of the nation's 100 Best Communities for Young People for 2012.

Council Member Troemel commented on the yard sale signs on cardboard boxes in the City right-of-way.

Council Member Everett provided a reminder for the Great Prosser Balloon Rally weekend.

Mayor Warden provided an update on the Police Chief Recruitment efforts and scheduled interviews.

REPORT FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR***Dispatch Services and Bi-County Police Information Network (BIPIN)***

Interim City Administrator Koch provided an update on the BI-PIN Records Management Contract. Mrs. Koch requested Council provide staff direction in order to submit a letter to BI-PIN authorizing the City's intent to enter into an agreement with the agency to provide records management. There was discussion regarding the buy-in costs as well as the annual fees associated with the system. Council directed staff to submit the letter on behalf of the City and authorized staff to pay for the buy-in fees out of the Criminal Justice Fund.

PUBLIC HEARING**2013 REVENUE SOURCES**

At 7:19 p.m., Mayor Warden recessed the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council to conduct a Public Hearing regarding 2013 Revenue Sources. Mayor Warden called for public comment with none being offered. At 7:19 p.m., the Public Hearing was closed and the Regular Meeting reconvened.

Council viewed a presentation on 2013 Revenues Sources and Preliminary Budget prepared by Finance Manager Yost.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Payment of Payroll Check Nos. 502401 through 502403 in the Amount of \$2,222.45 and Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$13,320.65 for the Period Ending September 14, 2012

- b. Approve Payment of Claim Checks Nos. 69467 through 69537 in the Amount of \$320,220.21, DOR Electronic Payment in the Amount of \$18,952.58, IRS Federal Tax Wires in the Amount of \$4,332.34, for the Period Ending September 25, 2012
- c. Accept Invoice for Operation of the Visitor Information Center and Reimbursable Tourism and Promotional Expenses for the Month of September 2012 and Authorize Payment for Those Services in the Amount of \$5,500.00
- d. Approve Payment of Washington Trust Bank Claim Check Nos. 1025 through 1027 in the Amount of \$91,396.61 for the Period Ending August 28, 2012
- e. Approve Payment of Washington Trust Bank Claim Check Nos. 1028 through 1028 in the Amount of \$37,039.08 for the Period Ending September 12, 2012
- f. Review and Confirm the Appointments to the Chamber of Commerce Board and Budget and Finance Committee as Appointed by Mayor Paul Warden
- g. Adopt Resolution No. 12-1400 Surplusing City of Prosser Property
- h. Livescan Funding Request and Project Update
- i. Adopt Resolution No. 12-1401 Replacing Resolution 10-1335 to Name a New Alternate Public Records Officer of the City in the Absence of the City Clerk/Public Records Officer Rachel Shaw

COUNCIL ACTION

ORDINANCE 12-2790 AMENDING THE APPOINTED POSITION OF POLICE CHIEF

Council discussed the options presented. Council Members Taylor, Everett, Troemel, and Elder expressed a desire for the Ordinance to be amended to require the Police Chief to reside within a ten minute response time to the Prosser Police Station. Council Members Hamilton, Becken, Rainer were in favor of the requirement for the Police Chief to reside within city limits. Mayor Warden had no issues with either option. Interim Police Chief Markus provided proximity examples under normal conditions and at the normal speed what a ten minute response time to the Police Station. A motion was made by Council Member Becken, seconded by Council Member Hamilton to adopt Ordinance 12-2790 amending the appointed position of the Police Chief to first require him or her to reside within the city limits. Motion passed 5 YES, 2 NO (Everett, Taylor), 0 ABSENT.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2791 INCREASING WATER REVENUE BY 2% AND ORDINANCE NO. 12-2792 INCREASING BULK WATER BY 4.75%

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Everett to adopt an Ordinance increasing water revenue by 2% and bulk water by 4.7%. A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Hamilton to rescind his previous motion. Motion passed 6 YES, 1 NO (Everett), 0 ABSENT.

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Troemel to adopt Ordinance No. 12-2791 increasing water revenue by 2%. Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT.

A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Troemel to adopt Ordinance No. 12-2792 increasing bulk water by 4.7%. Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT.

Council Member Troemel inquired about using the term revenue versus rates. City Attorney Saxton provided the Council with an explanation regarding the use of those terms.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2793 INCREASING SEWER REVENUE BY 3%

A motion was made by Council Member Becken, seconded by Council Member Rainer to adopt Ordinance No. 12-2793 increasing sewer revenue by 3%. Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2794 INCREASING IRRIGATION RATES BY 5%

A motion was made by Council Member Rainer, seconded by Council Member Taylor to adopt Ordinance No. 12-2794 increasing irrigation rates by 5%. Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT. Council Member Troemel asked if the irrigation rate increases are beginning to close the gap between revenues and expenditures. Finance Manager Yost stated that two additional rate increases of 5% were needed to close the gap.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2013 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Finance Manager Yost provided an overview of the 2013 Preliminary Budget. There was discussion regarding the Street and Garbage Funds. Interim City Administrator Koch requested Council submit questions regarding the Budget to the Finance Department prior to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting and advised staff would work on getting those questions answered.

Council Member Troemel expressed his gratitude to Finance Manger Yost for a job well done on putting the 2013 Budget together.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

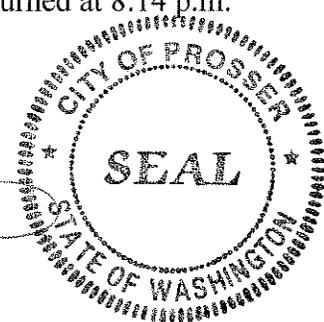
The Executive Session was moved to the next regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Attest:

Rachel M. Shaw
City Clerk Rachel Shaw



Paul Warden
Mayor Paul Warden