

**CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON  
601 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Warden called the Special Meeting of the Prosser City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Prosser Heights Elementary “Kids that Care” Kadence Shaw and Kashus Shaw.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Members Aubrey, Brumley, Hamilton, Taylor, Everett, Becken, and Elder were present.

Others in attendance were City Clerk Shaw, Finance Director Mauras, and Finance Manager Yost.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION** (None)

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

***Oath of Office for Newly Elected Officials***

City Clerk Shaw administered the Oath of Office for Don Aubrey as Council Member – Position No. 1, Morgan Everett as Council Member – Position No. 2, and Deb Brumley as Council Member – Position No. 3.

***Oath of Office Officer Matt Shanafelt***

City Clerk Shaw administered the Oath of Office for Matt Shanafelt in the position of Police Officer.

*[Clerk’s Note: City Clerk Shaw left after the Oath of Offices and Finance Manger Yost assumed the role of Clerk of the Special Meeting]*

**COUNCIL ACTION**

**ELECTION OF MAYOR OF PRO-TEM**

A motion was made by Council Member Hamilton, seconded by Council Member Becken to nominate Randy Taylor as the Mayor Pro-Tem. Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

***Prosser Chamber of Commerce Contract***

Nick Cox, Chamber President, Fred Lamb, Tourism Board Member were present to discuss the Chamber of Commerce contract. Mr. Cox and Mr. Lamb discussed the revenue received from Hotel/Motel and believe that the funds received should be forwarded back into tourism. Mr. Cox

and Mr. Lamb encouraged Council to let the tourism professionals in Prosser determine who to best utilize the tourism funds to best support and increase tourism in the community.

Jennifer Ely, Chamber Board Member expressed her desire to see the tourism funding be spent on tourism and not on public restroom improvements, although she supports that effort, she said she felt that was not the best use of the tourism revenue. Additionally, Ms. Ely invited Council to attend a Tourism Committee meeting.

Rob Seamans echoed Ms. Ely's statements regarding the use of the tourism revenue.

Kerry Warden stated many people in the community resent the wine industry and tourist. If the Chamber and Tourism Committees supported the bathroom remodel project, than the community might better appreciate and support tourism and events.

Mr. Cox indicated the Chamber would be willing to help fund raising efforts for the bathroom remodel improvements project.

### **COUNCIL ACTION**

#### **APPROVE CONTRACT WITH PROSSER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

A motion was made by Council Member Becken, seconded by Council Member Hamilton to approve contract with Prosser Chamber of Commerce for Tourist Information and Promotion Services for the term of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, and authorize the Mayor or his designee to sign the contract documents. Motion passed 5 YES, 2 NO (Taylor, Everett), 0 ABSENT.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Council Member Becken, seconded by Council Member Everett to approve Consent Agenda Items "A – F." 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 December 2013 and Authorize Payment for those Services in the Amount of \$2,500
- b. Approve Payment of Claim Checks Nos. 71841 through 71862, and 71864 through 71951, in the Amount of \$447,081.33, and Electronic Payment in the Amount of \$63,623.88 for the Period Ending January 7, 2014
- c. Approve the USDA Outlay Report and Draw Request No. 26 in an Amount of \$60,792.62, for Costs Associated with the Northwest Improvements Project (Contract Addendum No. 2) and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Documents
- d. Approve Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Invoice Voucher Request No. 8 in an Amount of \$258,423.16, for the

Disinfection, Filtration and Source Improvements Project and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Documents

- e. Adopt Resolution 14-1439 Approving Contract Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton and Franklin Counties and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Contract Documents
- f. Approve Contract Amendment No. 2 to Interlocal Agreement between Washington State Department of Corrections and the City of Prosser and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Contract Documents

### **COUNCIL ACTION**

#### **APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIM CHECK NO. 77863 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,921.20, FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 7, 2014**

Council Member Hamilton recused himself due to a conflict of interest. A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Brumley to approve payment of Claim Check No. 77863 in the amount of \$1,921.20, for the period ending January 7, 2014. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT, 1 ABSENTION (Hamilton).

After the motion was passed, Finance Manager Yost noticed that the check number listed was not accurate. The check for approval should have been listed as Check No. 71863. A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Taylor to approve payment of Claim Check No. 71863 in the amount of \$1,921.20, for the period ending January 7, 2014. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT, 1 ABSENTION (Hamilton).

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 14-2861 CLOSING FUND NO. 125, CONTINGENCY FUND**

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Hamilton to adopt Ordinance No. 14-2861 closing Fund No. 125, Contingency Fund. Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT.

#### **ORDINANCE 14-2862 CLOSING FUND NO. 311, WELL 4B CONSTRUCTION FUND**

A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Becken to adopt Ordinance No. 14-2862 closing Fund No. 311, Well 4B Construction Fund. Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT.

#### **MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS (continued)**

Council Member Taylor stated that the Fire Board would like the City Council to discuss what the City would like out of a new governance model for the Fire District. Council directed staff to put the item on the February Work Session for Council discussion.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:07 p.m., Mayor Warden recessed the Special Meeting of the Prosser City Council to conduct an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.140(4)(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. The Executive Session was expected to last for 10 minutes and was to include Mayor and Council Members, City Clerk, Finance Director, Police Chief, and City Attorney.

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At 8:26 p.m., Mayor Warden reconvened the Special 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 8:27 p.m.



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Mayor Paul Warden

Attest:



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City Clerk Rachel Shaw

