

CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON
601 7TH STREET
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2014

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 Boy Scout Troop 641 Color Guard.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Aubrey, Hamilton, Everett, Ward, Becken, and Elder were present. Council Member Taylor had requested an excused absence.

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

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

[Clerk's Note: Citizen Participation was considered during the applicable agenda items.]

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Becken stated that the Farmer's Market was concluded for the summer season. The Winter Market would begin and continue until May 2015.

Mayor Warden briefed Council that the property tax figures were in which are higher than the forecast. The increased revenue will be captured in the 2015 proposed budget.

Museum Tour and Presentation

Alys Means, Museum Director, invited the Council to attend a tour and information program on Monday, November 10, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments would be provided and it was asked that those attending please RSVP.

Police Department Quarterly Report

Police Chief David Giles provided an overview of the 2014 Third Quarter report and summarized the highlights.

Council Members Everett and Ward commended Chief Giles on his management of the overtime budget.

COUNCIL ACTION

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A PORTION OF LAND LOCATED AT 1311 BENNETT AVENUE AND PROVIDING FOR THE CONDEMNATION, APPROPRIATION AND TAKING OF THAT LAND

Robert Heard, 3203 S. Rainer Road, Kennewick, stated he had submitted a letter to the City regarding his family's property the Council was considering acquiring and wanted to be present to answer any questions. He and Mayor have been in contact and would like to continue negotiations regarding a purchase price for the property.

A motion was made by Council Member Aubrey, seconded by Council Member Becken to continue this item to the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on November 25, 2014. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Taylor).

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Payment of Payroll Checks Nos. 600245 through 600247 in the Amount of \$14,129.05 and Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$16,302.92, for the Period Ending October 15, 2014
- b. Approve Payment of Claim Checks Nos. 11408 through 11465 in the Amount of \$358,634.90 and Electronic Payments in the Amount of \$108,708.45, for the Period Ending October 28, 2014
- c. Approval of September 2014 Financial Statement
- d. Approval of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Invoice Voucher Request No. 8 in the Amount of \$13,443.30 for the Zone 2.5 Water Supply Improvements Project and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Documents
- e. Approve September 2, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Warden discussed with Council the cancellation of the meeting to be held the week of the Veteran's Day holiday and the scheduling of a Special meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2014.

PUBLIC HEARING

2015 BUDGET

At 7:26 p.m., Mayor Warden recessed the Regular meeting of the Prosser City Council to conduct a Public Hearing regarding the 2015 Budget. Mayor Warden called for public comment. At 7:26 p.m., with no comments being offered, Mayor Warden closed the Public Hearing and the Regular meeting of the Prosser City Council was reconvened.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

2015 BUDGET

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Finance Director Mauras reviewed a summary of Council's previous budget discussions and direction captured at the October 14, 2014 City Council meeting. There was discussion regarding the Water Rate Analysis and Options study provided by City Engineer Ted Pooler. Finance Manager Yost discussed the consumption verses base rate options and reviewed the potential impacts of those revenue increases if adopted.

Council discussed the Irrigation Rate Analysis and proposed revenue increase. Council Member Everett asked why staff proposed an increase when no identifiable projects had been outlined. Council Member Ward stated he would not support an increase unless a project or a list of projects had been identified. There was discussion regarding the funds being used for future infrastructure and extending service to those citizens who pay for irrigation rights, however do not receive service. Public Works Director DaCorsi said the first step in project identification is would be to conduct a survey so critical needs could be determined.

Finance Director Mauras handed out a 2015 Sewer Rate Analysis memo and discussed the summary of the proposed rate increase scenarios outlined in the memo. Public Works Director DaCorsi explained the highlights of the funding requests made in the 2015 budget and discussed in detail the underground sewer camera system that is currently inoperable due to lack of personnel.

Council directed staff to calculate two and three percent rate increase options and bring back for further discussion.

Council Member Everett stated he would not support a one percent rate increase for garbage.

City Clerk Shaw advised Basin Disposal Inc., will be presenting their Annual Report at the November 25, 2014 City Council and garbage rate discussions have been scheduled for discussion at that meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:48 p.m., Mayor Warden recessed the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council to conduct an Executive Session 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 increase price and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. The Executive Session was expected to last for 10 minutes

and was to include Mayor and Council Members, City Clerk, Police Chief, Finance Director, Finance Manager, and City Attorney.

At 8:58 p.m., Mayor Warden reconvened the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council and stated no action occurred.

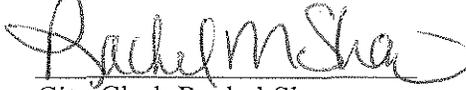
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.



Mayor Paul Warden

Attest:



City Clerk Rachel Shaw

