

**CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON  
601 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 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 recited.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION** (None)

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

***Oath of Office, Officer Raul Sabalza***

Mayor Warden administered the Oath of Office for Officer Raul Sabalza.

**REPORT FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

Interim City Administrator Koch reported Brycen Bell, Reserve Officer for the City of Prosser, has begun working for the City as a Provisional Officer.

Interim Chief Markus stated Officer Bell has been a Reserve Officer for the City for eight years and will be a great asset to the City.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**2013 PROPOSED BUDGET**

At 7:05 p.m., Mayor Warden recessed the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council to conduct a Public Hearing regarding the 2013 proposed budget. Mayor Warden called for public comment with none being offered. At 7:06 p.m., the Public Hearing was closed and the Regular Meeting reconvened.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Approve Payment of Payroll Check Nos. 502404 through 502431 in the Amount of \$29,506.46 and Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$89,943.04 for the Period Ending September 28, 2012
- b. Approve Payment of Claim Checks Nos. 69538 through 69556 in the Amount of \$ and 69558 through 69616 in the Amount of \$328,431.56, WTB Electronic Payment in the Amount of \$6,648.78, IRS Federal Tax Wires in the Amount of \$39,230.87, for the Period Ending October 9, 2012
- c. Accept Invoice for Operation of the Visitor Information Center and Reimbursable Tourism and Promotional Expenses for the Month of October 2012 and Authorize Payment for Those Services in the Amount of \$5,500.00
- d. Accept Monthly Report by Prosser Economic Development Association for the Month of September 2012 and Authorize Payment for those Services in the Amount of \$2,166.66

- e. Approve August 2012 Financial Statement
- f. Approval of an Agreement with the Washington Department of Licensing to Authorize ACH Payments Associated with Concealed Pistol License Applications
- g. Approve Memorandum of Agreement with the Office and Professional Employees International Union, Local 11 (OPEIU) Regarding the Contracting Out of Dispatch Services
- h. Approve the July 10, 2012 Meeting Minutes
- i. Approve the July 24, 2012 Meeting Minutes

### **COUNCIL ACTION**

#### **APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIM CHECK NO. 69557 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,001.25, FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 28, 2012**

Council Member Hamilton abstained due to a conflict of interest. A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Taylor to approve payment of claim check no. 69557 in the amount of \$3,001.25, for the period ending September 28, 2012. Motion passed 5 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Rainer), 1 ABSENTION (Hamilton).

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **2013 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

Interim Chief Markus provided an overview of the Police Department's proposed 2013 Budget. There was discussion regarding the request for increase in the overtime budget and the police facility improvements. Discussions continued about the items budgeted in the Criminal Justice Fund.

Council requested staff provide a breakout of previous years' Criminal Justice Fund one-time spending as well as a more detail on the requests for the 2013 budget.

Officer Brian Ohler discussed the police patrol vehicle fleet as well as a municipal car lease program. There was discussion regarding payment options as well as the five year warranty that would help to cycle the vehicles. Council requested staff prepare a vehicle replacement program and bring that information back at a future City Council meeting for consideration.

Officer Alsbury discussed the proposed budget increases as it related to the Southeast Communications Center (SECOMM) dispatch transition.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:02 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, 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, 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 session was to include the Mayor and Council Members, Interim City Administrator, City Clerk, Finance Manager, and City Attorney. The session was expected to last for a period of 15 minutes.

At 8:17 p.m., Mayor Warden reconvened the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council and stated no action had occurred in the Executive Session.

**ADD ON ITEMS**

**SETTELMENT OFFER AGREEMENT WITH LIBERTY NORTHWEST INSURANCE**

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Everett to accept a settlement agreement Liberty Northwest Insurance in regards to the damaged light pole in the amount of \$17,500. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Rainer).

**ORDINANCE REQUIRING POLICE CHIEF TO RESIDE IN CITY LIMITS**

Council Member Hamilton inquired if Council would entertain bringing back Ordinance 12-2790 which requires the Police Chief to reside within the city limits of the City of Prosser within six months from the date of his/her appointment.

Council Member Becken stated he felt the Police Chief should reside in city limits.

Council Members Elder, Everett and Hamilton stated they were fine with a ten-minute response time.

Council Members Troemel and Taylor concurred they would consider a revote on the Ordinance.

Council directed staff to draft the Ordinance changing the language for the Police Chief to be required to live within a ten minute response time to the City of Prosser and to bring the Ordinance back at a future City Council meeting for consideration.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Attest:

*Rachel M. Shaw*  
City Clerk Rachel Shaw



*Paul Warden*  
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Mayor Paul Warden