

**CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON
601 7TH STREET
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2010**

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 Taylor, Becken, Chambers, Everett, Poteet, Rainer, and Troemel were present.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

George Wolcott, 107 Easy Street, asked the Council what the rationale was behind the proposed 2% salary increase for City personnel given there was no inflation nor had senior citizens received any social security advancements. City Administrator Charlie Bush stated the reason for the proposal was based on Council's position to keep non-represented employees in-line with the cost-of-living-allowance (COLA) given to union employees. 80% of the City's labor force is union and has negotiated a 2 – 4% COLA increase. Mr. Wolcott stated he did not agree with the proposed increase and wanted Council to know his position.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Everett stated that since the Regional Fire Authority (RFA) didn't pass, he felt that staff should bring back to Council the Benton County Fire District No. 3 Interlocal Agreement for consideration.

REPORT FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Boys and Girls Club Program Update

City Administrator Charlie Bush pointed out to Council there was a Boys and Girls Club monthly program update in their Council packets.

Future Agenda Forecast

City Administrator Bush requested Council consider having two short City Council meetings and one Transportation Benefit District meeting for the month of December 2010. City Administrator Bush proposed conducting the December 7th Council and Transportation Benefit District meeting as well as the December 14th Council meeting, and cancel both the December 28, 2010 regular Council meeting and January 4, 2011 Work Session. Council agreed.

City Council Priorities, Gang Prevention and Police Patrol

City Administrator Bush stated the Police Department has not determined if the homicide that occurred over the weekend was gang related. In light of the unfortunate incident, he reminded Council their number one priority is gang prevention and their number two priority is police patrol. Efforts in the areas of Code Enforcement, recreation, graffiti paint-out, gang training for

officers, among others, has been an emphasis and those priorities are reflected upon in the current proposed budget.

2011 BUDGET HEARING

At 7:09 p.m., Mayor Warden recessed the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council to conduct a public hearing on the 2011 Budget. Mayor Warden called for public comment with none being offered. At 7:09 p.m., Mayor Warden closed the public hearing and reconvened the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council.

FINAL BUDGET HEARING

At 7:10 p.m., Mayor Warden recessed the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council to conduct a public hearing on the 2011 Final Budget. Mayor Warden called for public comment with none being offered. At 7:10 p.m., Mayor Warden closed the public hearing and reconvened the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Payment of Claim Checks Nos. 65883 through 65947 in the Amount of \$295,995.11 and IRS Federal Tax Wire in the Amount of \$13,119.83 for the Period Ending November 23, 2010

- c. Approve Change Order No. 1 for the Black Walnut Tree Removal Project in the amount of \$6,861.89 including tax, and authorize the Mayor, or His Designee, to sign the Change Order Document

Council Member Becken noted on item "B", under roll call, it appeared his name had been omitted. He requested an amendment to reflect he was absent from that meeting. A motion was made by Council Member Becken, seconded by Council Member Poteet to approve Consent Agenda Item "B". Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT.

- b. Approve Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2010

COUNCIL ACTION

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2702 SETTING ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Everett to adopt Ordinance No. 10-2702 setting the annual property tax levy for fiscal year 2011. Motion passed 6 YES, 1 NO (Chambers), 0 ABSENT.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2703 INCREASING SALARIES FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES BY A COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF 2% EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2011

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded Council Member Everett to adopt Ordinance No. 10-2703 increasing salaries for non-union employees by a cost of living allowance in the amount of 2% effective January 1, 2011. Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2704 INCREASING WATER RATES 1%

A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Becken to adopt Ordinance No. 10-2704 increasing water rates 1% without a yearly CPI rate adjustment commencing on January 1, 2011. Motion passed 5 YES, 2 NO (Chambers, Taylor), 0 ABSENT.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2705 ADOPTING A PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN TO GUIDE THE PROCESS TO ADOPT AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROSSER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Everett to adopt Ordinance No. 10-2705 adopting a Public Participation Plan to guide the process to adopt an amendment to the Prosser Comprehensive Plan and authorize the Mayor or his designee to sign the Ordinance. Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT.

ORDINANCE NO. 10- 2706 INCREASING IRRIGATION RATES 5%

A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Taylor to adopt Ordinance No. 10-2706 increasing irrigation rates 5% with no Consumer-Price-Index (CPI) increase and with amendments to Section 1 calculated rate at .002289 and Section 2 calculated rate at the square foot of .015855. Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT.

2011 BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 10- 2707 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011 AT THE FUND LEVEL AND AUTHORIZE POSITIONS AND SALARIES

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Rainer to adopt Ordinance No. 10-2707 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011 at the fund level and authorize positions and salaries as set forth in the 2011 Budget. Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT.

RESOLUTION NO. 10- 1339 SETTING A DATE AND TIME FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CREATION OF A LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (LID)

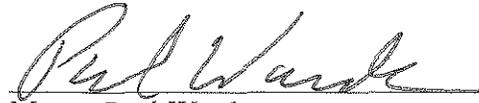
A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Taylor to adopt Resolution No. 10-1339 setting a date and time for a Public Hearing on the creation of a Local Improvement District (LID). Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT.

APPROVAL OF 2011 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Taylor to approve the 2011 Legislative Agenda. Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT.

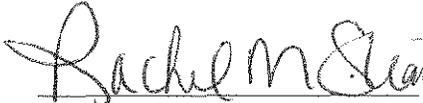
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 8:11p.m.



Mayor Paul Warden

Attest:



City Clerk Rachel Shaw

