

**CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON  
601 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Warden called the Work Session 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.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Council Member Everett reported the Fire Board approved the 2014 Budget at the last Regular Meeting.

***Veteran's Day Proclamation***

Mayor Warden read a proclamation in honor of Veteran's Day. Mayor Warden invited all to attend the Veterans Day Parade to be held on Monday, November 11, 2013.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

***Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Report***

Humberto Rodriguez, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director handed out the Third Quarter Hotel/Motel Report and provided an overview of the quarter's highlights.

***Historic Downtown Prosser Association Quarterly Report***

Dam Smith, HDP Executive Director provided a handout of the Year of Review report and discussed the highlights including the Façade Improvements Program, Shop Local campaign and the Annual Scarecrow Contest.

***Proposed Park Fees***

Public Works Director DaCorsi discussed the proposed park usage fees related to City parks and parks facilities. There was discussion regarding different options proposed by staff and the potential revenues to be recognized as well as potential impacts to citizens.

Council concurred they were comfortable with any of the three options and directed staff to bring back a proposed ordinance at a future City Council meeting for consideration.

### ***2014 Preliminary Budget***

Finance Manager Yost provided an overview of the draft Cost of Living Allowance ordinance and inquired if Council had any concerns. Council directed staff to prepare the ordinance and bring back to the November 12, 2013, City Council meeting for consideration.

Finance Manager Yost provided an overview of the draft Property Tax Levy ordinances and inquired if Council had any concerns. Council directed staff to prepare the ordinance at a 1 percent increase and bring back to the November 12, 2013, City Council meeting for consideration.

Finance Director Mauras provided an overview of the 2014 proposed budget amendments to the General Fund. There was discussion regarding the Water, Sewer, and Garbage Funds as well as curbside recycling. Discussion ensued regarding the Streets Fund and 2014 planned projects related to the chip seal and Transportation Benefit District funds.

Council discussed the proposed water rates increase and projected consumer impact.

*[Clerk's Note: Council Member Rainer left at 8:20 p.m.]*

Staff provided a 2014 Irrigation Budget Summary and explained the budget history compared to the actual. There was discussion regarding planned infrastructure improvements and the possibility of establishing a Reserve Fund for upcoming projects.

### **ADD ON ITEMS**

#### ***Medical Marijuana***

Mayor Warden inquired as to what Council's level of interest is related to a moratorium for medical marijuana. Council directed staff to prepare a moratorium ordinance for Council's consideration at a future City Council meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:32 p.m., Mayor Warden recessed the Work Session of the Prosser City Council to conduct an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.110(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. The Executive Session was expected to last for 5 minutes and was to include Mayor and Council Members, City Clerk, Finance Director, Police Chief, and City Attorney.

At 8:37 p.m., City Clerk Shaw stated an additional 5 minutes was needed.

At 8:42 p.m., City Clerk Shaw stated an additional 5 minutes was needed.

At 8:47 p.m., Mayor Warden reconvened the Work Session of the Prosser City Council and stated no action occurred.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Work Session of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

*Paul Warden*

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Mayor Paul Warden

Attest:

*Rachel M Shaw*

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City Clerk Rachel Shaw

