

CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON
601 7TH STREET
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011

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 by Alex Martinez and Belle McCombs, Boys and Girls Club Members of the Month for September.

ROLL CALL

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

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (None)

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mayor Warden read a Proclamation in honor of Veteran's Day.

REPORT FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Deputy City Administrator/Finance Director Cathleen Koch sought Council direction on including season pass information for the Prosser Aquatic Center in the December newsletter. Council directed staff to leave the season passes at the current established rate and revisit the issue at a future City Council meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

2012 FINAL BUDGET HEARING

At 7:05 p.m., Mayor Warden recessed the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council to conduct a Public Hearing regarding the proposed 2012 Budget. Mayor Warden called for public testimony. Fire Chief Doug Merritt requested Council consider a proposal provided by the Fire Department to fund the replacement of a much needed water truck. Due to changes in funding authorized by Benton County Fire District No. 3, the District will outright purchase the water truck and request a reimbursement from the City. The repayment plan consists of an annual payment; the first payment would not be due until 2012. There was discussion regarding the allocation for Capital replacement plan in the budget. A fifteen year plan consisted of \$8,900 per year. Council concurred they were in support of the repayment plan to the Fire District. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:12 p.m. and the Regular City Council Meeting was reconvened.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Chambers, seconded by Council Member Poteet to approve Consent Agenda Items "A-O". Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Rainer).

- a. Approve Payment of Claim Check Nos. 67808 through 67879 in the Amount of \$289,196.34, Washington Trust Bank Electronic Payment in the Amount of \$4,505.57 and IRS Federal Tax Wires in the Amount of \$39,066.12, for the Period Ending November 8, 2011
- b. Approve Payment of Payroll Check Nos. 502087 through 502106 in the Amount of \$31,906.21 and Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$88,010.66 for the Period Ending October 31, 2011
- c. Accept Invoice for Operation of the Visitor Information Center and Reimbursable Tourism and Promotional Expenses for the Month of October and Authorize Payment for Those Services in the Amount of \$5,500

- d. Approve Payment of Washington Trust Bank Claim Check Nos. 1001 through 1003 in the Amount of \$976,675.04, for the Period Ending August 2, 2011
- e. Approve Payment of Washington Trust Bank Claim Check Nos. 1004 through 1005 in the Amount of \$406,182.28, for the Period Ending August 10, 2011
- f. Approve Payment of Washington Trust Bank Claim Check Nos. 1006 through 1007 in the Amount of \$262,045.29, for the Period Ending September 6, 2011
- g. Approve Payment of Washington Trust Bank Claim Check Nos. 1008 through 1010 in the Amount of \$306,824.56, for the Period Ending October 24, 2011
- h. Approval of the June 2011 Financial Statement (2nd Quarter)
- i. Approval of the July 2011 Financial Statement
- j. Approval of the August 2011 Financial Statement
- k. Approval of the September 2011 Financial Statement (3rd Quarter)
- l. Approve Progress Estimate No. 6 in the Amount of \$37,854.60, for Work Performed by T. Bailey, Inc., through October 31, 2011, for the North Prosser Reservoir Project
- m. Adopt Resolution No. 11-1365 and Approve Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement for Benton County Emergency Services
- n. Approve Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2011
- o. Approve Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2011

COUNCIL ACTION

ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT – NORTHWEST PROSSER WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AS COMPLETED BY MAHAFFEY ENTERPRISES, INC.

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Chambers to accept and approve Public Works Project – Northwest Prosser Water and Sewer System Improvements as completed by Mahaffey Enterprises, Inc. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Rainer).

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2745 INCREASING SALARIES FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES BY A COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF 4% EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012

A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Chambers to adopt Ordinance No. 11-2745 increasing salaries for non-union employees by a Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) in the amount to be determined by the 100% US All Cities Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), June to June, which is an increase of 4% effective January 1, 2012 (based on a ceiling of 4%). Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Rainer).

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2746 SETTING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF PROSSER AT 1% FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 AND ADOPT ORDINANCE 11-2747 SETTING ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY AT 1% FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Everett to adopt Ordinance No. 11-2746 setting ad valorem taxes at 1% for the City of Prosser for fiscal year 2012. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Rainer). A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Everett to adopt Ordinance 11-2747 setting annual property tax levy at 1% for fiscal year 2012. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Rainer).

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2748 INCREASING WATER RATES BY 1% FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012

A motion was made by Council Member Becken, seconded by Council Member Poteet to approve Ordinance No. 11-2748 increasing water rates by 1% for fiscal year 2012. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Rainer).

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2749 INCREASING IRRIGATION RATES BY 5% FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012

A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Taylor to adopt Ordinance No. 11-2749 increasing irrigation rates by 5% for fiscal year 2012. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Rainer).

[Clerk's Note: Ordinance No. 11-2749 was vetoed by Mayor Paul Warden on November 14, 2011, due to an error in the effective date of the ordinance. A corrected ordinance will be brought before Council for adoption.]

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2750 INCREASING SEWER RATES BY 3.5% FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012

A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Troemel to adopt Ordinance 11-2750 increasing sewer rates by 3.5% for fiscal year 2012. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Rainer).

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2751 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012 AT THE FUND LEVEL AND AUTHORIZE POSITIONS AND SALARIES AS SET FORTH IN THE 2012 BUDGET

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Poteet to adopt Ordinance 11-2751 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012 at the fund level and authorize positions and salaries as set forth in the 2012 Budget. Motion passed 5 YES, 1 NO (Chambers), 1 ABSENT (Rainer).

DISCUSSION ITEMS

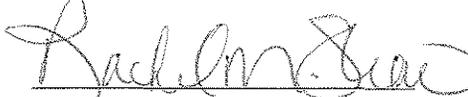
Utility Billing Fee Schedule

Finance Manger Toni Yost provided Council with a handout of proposed Utility Billing Fee Schedule. There was discussion regarding the proposed processes for late fees, service penalties, and voluntary disconnection fees. Council also discussed economic financial hardship guidelines and deferral agreement fees. Council requested staff provide different options 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 7:41 p.m.

Attest:


City Clerk Rachel Shaw




Mayor Paul Warden