

**CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON  
601 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 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 Daniel Fitzgerald and Grace Bryan, Boys and Girls Club Members of the Month for November.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Jerry Lemmon, Sr., 850 Wine Country Road, stated he had some concerns with the location of the water tower. Additionally Mr. Lemmon expressed concerns he had with the bleed-off line and the possibility of run-off water encroaching onto his property. Mr. Lemmon inquired who would be responsible for damages if they occurred. Mayor Warden advised the City has insurance to cover such an event.

Jerry Lemmon, Jr., 860 Wine Country Road, stated he had concerns with the Crime Free Rental Inspection Program proposed by City staff. Mr. Lemmon reported he would have appreciated the opportunity to provide input at the meeting that City staff invited property owners to attend, however was under the impression that staff was not taking input into consideration but rather providing input only. Additionally Mr. Lemmon explained he had no objection to the criminal inspection part of the program; his concerns were with the cost passed on to the landlords to run the program. According to the draft ordinance provided by City staff, the fees associated with the program would cost landlords \$100.00. Mr. Lemmon inquired why citizens would have to pay a fee for a program not initiated by landlords, and proposed that perhaps the City should cover the costs. Mayor Warden apologized on behalf of City staff for not providing adequate notification to property owners for the informational meetings City staff conducted.

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Council Member Chambers stated looking back on the last four years of serving as a City Council Member has been one of the best things he has done. He looks back with a great deal of pride at the things accomplished.

Council Member Poteet stated it has been an honor and privilege to serve as a City Council Member for the City of Prosser and has enjoyed being a part of some great accomplishments for the community and appreciated the opportunity to serve.

Mayor Warden presented Council Members Chambers and Poteet with cards and plaques in recognition of their service to the Prosser City Council.

Council Member Troemel expressed his appreciation to City Staff for a get well card for a sick family member.

Council Member Rainer stated he has appreciated serving on the Council with members Poteet and Chambers and wished them both the best for their future.

Mayor Warden reported on the Main Street meeting held earlier in the week that he and Deputy City Administrator/Finance Director Cathleen Koch attended.

## **REPORT FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

Deputy City Administrator Koch, on behalf of City Administrator Bush, expressed their appreciation to Council Members Chambers and Poteet and to the rest of Council for their hard work and dedication to the community.

### ***Boys and Girls Club Presentation***

Ron McHenry Executive Director, Boys and Girls Club, thanked the Council for their vision of the Boys and Girls Club and for their leadership in the Yakima Valley to distribute resources effectively and make a difference in our community. Mr. McHenry introduced Brenna Cherry, 2011 Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year Award recipient.

Ms. Cherry presented Council with an overview of her involvement with the Boys and Girls Club and thanked them for the opportunity to prepare for the National competition in January 2012. Ms. Cherry spoke on the impact the Boys and Girls Club has had on her life and explained what a difference the Club is making in the lives of many youths in our community.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **SIGN CODE**

At 7:38 p.m., Mayor Warden recessed the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council to conduct a Public Hearing regarding the sign code. Mayor Warden called for public comment. Susan Barbus, 2112 Benson Court, spoke on behalf of her participation with the Sign Code Committee. Ms. Barbus briefed Council on the overview of the work done to develop the Sign Code and thanked Council for their consideration of the work completed.

With no additional comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:43 p.m. and the Regular City Council Meeting was reconvened.

## **COUNCIL ACTION**

### **CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CHANGES AND UPDATES TO THE NEW SIGN CODE**

City Planner Steve Zetz provided Council with an overview of the proposed Sign Code. There was discussion regarding the specific changes and design guidelines made to the current Sign Code. Mayor Warden requested the Ordinance adopting the changes and updates to the new Sign Code be brought to Council at the next regularly scheduled Work Session for continued discussion.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **ZONING CODE UPDATE**

At 7:58 p.m., Mayor Warden recessed the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council to conduct a Public Hearing regarding the zoning code update. Mayor Warden called for public comment. John Probst, Catholic Charities Housing Services, submitted a letter to Council regarding comments on proposed ordinances relating to the City's development regulations. Mr. Probst stated his concern related to the requirement for a garage for all single family homes and the lack of a waiver provision for the garage requirement. Additionally Mr. Probst stated his concern as it relates to the size requirement of a garage and the additional cost of construction. Mr. Probst added their agency fully supports the new ordinance, provided the garage requirement is removed. There was further discussion regarding other alternates such as off-street parking, single car garages, and carports. The Public Hearing was closed at 8:13 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-J". Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Becken).

- a. Approve Payment of Claim Check Nos. 67953 through 68046 in the Amount of \$359,141.01, Washington Trust Bank Electronic Payment in the Amount of \$5,232.56, USDA Electronic Payment in the Amount of \$39,588.00, and IRS Federal Tax Wires in the Amount of \$42,273.52, for the Period Ending December 13, 2011

- b. Approve Payment of Payroll Check Nos. 502125 through 502139 in the Amount of \$33,196.49 and Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$96,240.87 for the Period Ending November 30, 2011
- c. Accept Invoice for Operation of the Visitor Information Center and Reimbursable Tourism and Promotional Expenses for the month of November and Authorize Payment for Those Services in the Amount of \$5,500
- d. Accept Monthly Report by Prosser Economic Development Association for the month of November 2011 and Authorize Payment for Those Services in the Amount of \$2,166.66
- e. Approve Payment of Washington Trust Bank Claim Check Nos. 1014 through 1016 in the Amount of \$217,494.62 for the Period Ending December 13, 2011
- f. Adopt Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Prosser and the Prosser School District Regarding the Use of Public Facilities
- g. Acceptance and Approval of Public Works Project – Kinney Way Sidewalk Improvements as Completed by Rattlesnake Ridge Construction, Inc.
- h. Adopt Resolution 11-1370 Updating the Personnel and Equipment Sharing Agreement between the Cities of Sunnyside, Grandview and Prosser to include Mabton
- i. Approve a Memorandum of Agreement Between the City of Prosser and Teamsters Union #839, Police Officers Extending the Terms of Their Collective Bargaining Agreement Through December 31, 2012
- j. Approve a Subscription Agreement with Washington Teamsters Unit #839, Police for the Term of January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012

#### **COUNCIL ACTION**

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 11-2756 AMENDING PROSSER MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 15.30.020 TO DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF RENTAL LICENSES UNTIL APRIL 1, 2012, AND TO CLARIFY THAT LICENSES ARE VALID FOR ONLY ONE YEAR**

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Everett to approve Ordinance 11-2756 amending PMC Section 15.30.020 to delay the date rental licenses are effective to April 1, 2012, and to clarify that licenses are valid for one year. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Becken).

#### **ADD ON ITEM**

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 11-2757 AMENDING THE 2011 BUDGET**

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Chambers to adopt Ordinance No. 11-2757 amending the 2011 Budget. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Becken).

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Deputy City Administrator/Finance Director Koch requested Council provided direction on what kind of options they would like staff to bring forward for consideration on the Zoning Code. Council directed staff to provide information on garages, off-street parking, carports, and a waiver process for single family housing. Staff concurred alternatives will be brought back at a future City Council meeting for further discussion.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Attest:

Rachel M. Shaw  
City Clerk Rachel Shaw



Paul Warden  
Mayor Paul Warden

