

CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON
601 7TH STREET
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Warden called the Special Meeting of the Prosser City Council to order at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

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

Others in attendance were City Clerk Shaw, Finance Director Mauras, Public Works Director DaCorsi, Police Chief Giles, and City Attorney Saxton.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Leif Luglan, 601 Lincoln Court, spoke in favor of the proposed false alarm ordinance. Mr. Luglan did express his concern with the notification process and the fee outlined in the ordinance and requested Council consider amending that portion.

Henry Burnell, 210 Chardonnay Avenue, owner of Silver Dollar Store, inquired when the registration paperwork would be made available.

Finance Manager Yost explained upon approval and adoption of the proposed Ordinance and Resolution setting the fee, the forms will be mailed out.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Everett reported progress is continuing to be made on the Regional Fire Authority (RFA) Plan and should be coming forward for Council consideration at a future City Council meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED 2015 - 2020 SIX YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

At 7:07 p.m., Mayor Warden recessed the Special Meeting of the Prosser City Council to conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed 2015 – 2020 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program. Mayor Warden called for public comment. With no comments being offered, Mayor Warden closed the public hearing and reconvened the Special Meeting of the Prosser City Council at 7:08 p.m.

COUNCIL ACTION

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE REGARDING FALSE ALARMS AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION SETTING EMERGENCY RESPONSE REGISTRATION FEES AND A LATE PENALTY FEE

Council Member Hamilton inquired into the history of the staff proposal of the Ordinance and Resolution and stated it was his preference that officers check the doors and windows at businesses to engage with business owners rather than fining citizens for false alarms.

City Attorney Saxton explained staff hoped to encourage citizens and business owners to be good stewards of the community by properly training their employees or individuals who operate the alarms and decrease the incidences of false alarms.

Council Member Ward stated he felt the proposed fee was too high and was concerned with the impact to tax payers.

Council Member Everett asked where the formula for the proposed fee came from.

Chief Giles explained it was based on an average hourly rate of officers along with the average response time on these types of calls.

Council Member Everett asked if there was an appeal process.

City Attorney Saxton explained not as the ordinance was currently written however that could be amended to include such language.

Council directed staff to change the fee amount to fifty-dollars and add an appeal process.

Mayor said staff will make the amendments and bring back the ordinance and resolution at a future City Council meeting for consideration.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

RESERVE OFFICERS

Chief Giles provided a brief background on the request to offer pay of fifteen-dollars per hour to reserve officers. There was discussion regarding the Law Enforcement overtime budget and the City's contribution to the pension and disability plan of reserve officers.

Council directed staff to research the City's current contribution level to the pension and disability plan and bring the item back for consideration at a future City Council meeting.

REVIEW AND DISCUSS PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PROSSER MUNICIPAL CODE 3.62 REGARDING COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Finance Manager Yost explained in 2004 the City adopted a Competitive Bidding Policy and no changes have been made to update the policy, therefore staff proposed amendments for Council's consideration. Ms. Yost reviewed the changes and discussed the draft administrative policy

which is intended to provide staff with an outline on purchasing requirements. She further explained the next step in the process would be for staff to draft an ordinance implementing the policy.

Council directed staff to prepare the ordinance for Council consideration at a future City Council meeting.

ADD ON ITEMS

K-9 SITUATION BRIEFING

Mayor Warden advised the K-9 Officer is experiencing some health issues. The extent of those issues is unclear at this point.

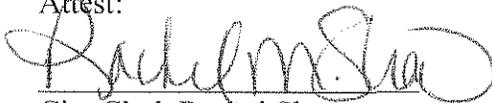
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Special Meeting of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.



Mayor Paul Warden

Attest:



City Clerk Rachel Shaw

