

**CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON
601 7TH STREET
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2014**

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 led by Prosser Heights Elementary “Kids that Cares” award recipient Zihao Zhou.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Aubrey, Taylor, Hamilton, Everett, Ward, Becken, and Elder were present.

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

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (None)

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mayor Warden advised on Sunday, August 17, 2014, staff will hold the annual Employee Appreciation event at the Prosser Aquatic Center and the facility will be closed to the public from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Council is invited to attend.

Council Member Aubrey reported he went to the Wine and Art Walk event over the weekend and stated it was a nice event that was well attended.

Council Member Elder stated he attended the Fly In event at the Prosser Air Port and said it was a great event for the community.

Mayor Warden said the City received a letter from the Chamber of Commerce in support of the City Park Remodel Project.

Weekly Update Report

Mayor Warden stated there was a report in the Council packet regarding the weekly update for their review.

Police Department Quarterly Report

Police Chief Giles provided an overview of the highlights from the Second Quarter Police Department Report. Chief briefed Council on the overtime projections, crime statistics, and training opportunities for the officers.

Council Member Elder inquired if any of the officers had received specialized training related to driving while under the influence of marijuana.

Chief Giles advised that type of training is available to officers, however at this time no officers have been trained for that specific drug recognition.

Council Member Ward commended Chief Giles for his efforts with the Reserve Officer program which has resulted in the Department's overall reduction in overtime and said keeping overtime down helps with officer fatigue and stress.

Council Member Hamilton referred to the report on officer response time to false alarms and inquired what percentage of false alarms are repeat offenders.

Chief Giles stated approximately ninety-five percent are of the false alarms are from commercial wineries and about five percent is residential.

Council Member Taylor expressed his gratitude to the Police Department for the emphasis in patrol and stated it appears to be working well.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

POLICE PATROL VEHICLES

At 7:21 p.m., Mayor Warden recessed the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council to conduct a Public Hearing on a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development, fifty-five percent grant match for the purchase of two Police Patrol Vehicles. Mayor Warden called for public comment. With no comments being offered, Mayor Warden closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council at 7:22 p.m.

Mayor Warden provided Council a revised agenda bill and pointed out the agenda bill in the Council packet inaccurately reflected the cost of the proposal and the percentage of the match for the grant if awarded. The correct amount for the match is fifty-five percent and the cost of the proposal is \$44,600.00.

CITY PARK RESTROOM PROJECT

At 7:22 p.m., Mayor Warden recessed the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council to conduct a Public Hearing on a grant/loan application with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development, for the funding of the City Park Restroom Project. Mayor Warden called for public comment. With no comments being offered, Mayor Warden closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council at 7:22 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Payment of Washington Trust Bank Claim Checks Nos. 1052 through 1053 in the Amount of \$4,745.18, for the Period Ending July 22, 2014

- b. Approve Payment of Payroll Checks Nos. 600119 through 600121 in the Amount of \$2,173.87 and Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$12,137.98, for the Period Ending July 15, 2014
- c. Approve Payment of Claim Checks Nos. 10902 through 10903 and 10905 through 10992, in the Amount of \$234,636.18 and Electronic Payments in the Amount of \$31,856.77, for the Period Ending July 22, 2014
- d. Accept Monthly Report by Prosser Economic Development Association for the Month of June 2014 and Authorize Payment for those Services in the Amount of \$2,166.66 and Authorize Payment in the Amount of \$1,416.67 for Grant Writer Services
- e. Approve Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Invoice Voucher Request No. 5 in the Amount of \$4,573.50 for the Zone 2.5 Water Supply Improvements Project and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Documents
- f. Approve Progress Bill No. 3 in the Amount of \$11,388.00 for Work Performed by HLA, Inc., Through June 30, 2014, for Preliminary Engineering and Design on the Old Inland Empire Highway Improvements Project and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Documents
- g. Review and Confirm the Appointment of Mayor Paul Warden and Council Member Don Aubrey, as the Alternate, to the Good Roads Committee, as Appointed by Mayor Warden
- h. Approve the June 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes
- i. Approve the June 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes

COUNCIL ACTION

APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIM CHECK NO. 10904 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,101.40, FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JULY 22, 2014

Council Member Hamilton recused himself due to a conflict of interest. A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Becken to approve payment of claim check no. 10904 in the amount of \$1,101.40, for the period ending July 22, 2014. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT, 1 ABSENTION (Hamilton).

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-1461 PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014 OF A PROPOSITION CREATING THE PROSSER REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY AND APPROVING THE REGIONAL FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE AUTHORITY PLAN

Mayor Warden provided Council a Regional Fire Authority 2016 Estimated Impact Analysis handout prepared by Finance Director Mauras. Mayor explained the Financial Blueprint, or Appendix “G” of the Plan, did not get finalized prior to the Council packet deadline. However, the Fire Board including the RFA Committee reviewed a draft of the document at the last Board meeting. Additionally, Section 6 of the proposed Resolution provides Mayor and the Fire Chief/Secretary the authority to modify the text of the Plan.

Council directed Mayor to work with Chief Merritt to amend Appendix “G” and insert the document into the Plan prior to the County’s August 4, 2014 deadline to submit a ballot item for the November 4, 2014 general election.

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded Council Member Everett to adopt Resolution No. 14-1461 providing for the submission to qualified electors at an election to be held on November 4, 2014, of a Proposition creating the Prosser Regional Fire Authority and approving the Regional Fire Protection Service Authority Plan. Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT.

CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROSSER MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 9.20.010 TO MAKE HAVING TWO OR MORE FALSE ALARMS IN A NINETY DAY PERIOD UNLAWFUL AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION SETTING EMERGENCY RESPONSE REGISTRATION FEES AND A LATE PENALTY FOR LATE PAYMENT OF SUCH REGISTRATION

Council Member Taylor made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 14-2899 establishing Prosser Municipal Code Chapter 9.20.010 to make having two or more false alarms in a ninety day period unlawful. Council Member Taylor then inquired why staff proposed a separate Resolution for the registration fee.

Mayor explained the Ordinance establishes the PMC while the Resolution sets the fee and late penalty for those who do not register their alarms with the City.

Council Member Taylor withdrew his motion.

Council Member Hamilton stated residential home owners should not be penalized for a commercial offender’s problem. If the false alarm issue is a “business” problem rather than a residential problem, then staff needs to identify and different solution.

City Attorney Saxton stated the purpose of the Ordinance is to establish a database of contact and emergency contact information for alarm owners. Currently the Police Department does not have that information. The proposed fee does not recover the costs.

Council Member Everett stated if the cost wasn’t recovered then there should not be any fee.

Council Member Ward said the \$5.00 fee is a minimal charge for establishing a database.

Council Member Everett said he like the proposed Ordinance however, did not like the Resolution.

Council Member Aubrey said he did not like the annual registration fee and would prefer it to be a one-time cost.

Council Member Taylor said he liked the Ordinance and the Resolution as is without any changes to either.

Council Member Elder echoed Council Member Taylor's comments.

City Attorney Saxton said he would revise the Ordinance to change the registration fee to \$0 but keep the registration as a requirement. The amended Ordinance will be brought forward at the next City Council meeting for consideration.

CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING POSITION DESCRIPTIONS FOR CERTAIN APPOINTED AND UN-APPOINTED POSITIONS

Council Member Taylor expressed his concern with the titles of the position descriptions appearing "top heavy" particularly if there are seven Finance Department employees and three of them are managers.

Finance Director Mauras provided an explanation of duties for each of the Finance Department staff.

Council Member Everett stated he agreed with Council Member Taylor's concerns.

Council Member Becken said he cannot tell what the proposed changes are and would like to see a red-lined version of the updated position descriptions.

Mayor Warden said staff would bring back the red-lined versions of the position descriptions for Council to consider at a future City Council meeting.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

ADD ON ITEMS

Council Member Hamilton stated he would like Council to consider not allowing any more marijuana stores in Prosser and to ban any grow operations in city limits.

City Attorney Saxton said the Planning Commission will be meeting in August to discuss the grow operation regulations as well as setting the hours for the recreation marijuana store. Those items will be coming forward for Council consideration in September.

Council Member Everett said Council should consider enacting a moratorium prior to September, to ban grow operations in city limits.

Council directed staff to prepare an Ordinance enacting a moratorium until the Planning Commission has finished their discussions.

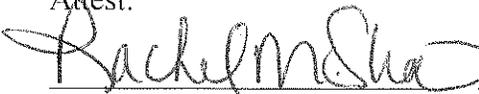
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.



Mayor Paul Warden

Attest:



City Clerk Rachel Shaw

