

**CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON
601 7TH STREET
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor called the Special 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 "Kid that Cares" award recipient Dominik Chavez.

ROLL CALL

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

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

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (None)

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Elder reported the Regional Fire Authority Board Members have been sworn in and Council Member Everett was voted in as the Board Chair.

Council Member Becken said he recently attended a Wine and Food Fair Event planning meeting and advised there will be several changes coming for future events.

Council Member Aubrey said he received a citizen complaint regarding the lack of lighting at the recycling and dumpster site and will be working with Mayor Warden to see what it would take to get lighting at the that location.

Grant Writer Quarterly Report

Sue Jetter, Grant Writer thanked Council for their continued support and advised that 2014 marks the tenth year of partnership. Ms. Jetter handed out the 2014 Annual Report and reviewed the highlights and discussed the status of pending grant applications including the City Park Restroom Remodel Project.

Council Member Everett asked to clarify if the USDA Police Patrol Vehicle grant was awarded since it was not included in the grant award section of the report.

Ms. Jetter confirmed yes, the City had been awarded the grant and advised she would make the amended to the report to accurately reflect the award.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor thanked Ms. Jetter for the report.

Prosser Economic Development Association Quarterly Report

Deb Heintz, Executive Director thanked Council for their ongoing support and partnership. Ms. Heintz reported on growth statistics over the last ten years and reviewed current demographics. Ms. Heintz thanked Council Member Ward for his attendance at the “Young Entrepreneur” event that was recently held at the Walter Clore Wine and Culinary Center and summarized the event’s highlights. Ms. Heintz also provided Council with the Food and Beverage Retention and Expansion Opportunities (FABREO) 2014 survey results, booklet as presented by Tri-City Development Council (TRIDEC) and pointed out observations found throughout the publication. Additionally Ms. Heintz advised she would like to invite Gary White, TRIDEC to present his findings in greater detail at a future City Council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor thanked Ms. Heintz for the report and encouraged her to make arrangements for Mr. White to come speak to Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a) Approve Payment of Payroll Checks Nos. 600280 through 600295 in the Amount of \$24,029.08 and Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$121,980.35 for the Period Ending December 31, 2014
- b) Approve Payment of Claim Checks Nos. 11665 through 11697 and 11669 through 11772 and 11774 through 11779, in the Amount of \$653,646.70 and Electronic Payments in the Amount of \$89,949.36, for the Period Ending January 6, 2015
- c) Accept Invoice for Operation of the Visitor Information Center and Reimbursable Tourism and Promotional Expenses for the Month of December 2014 and Authorize Payment for those Services in the Amount of \$6,500.00
- d) Accept Invoice for Operation of the Visitor Information Center and Reimbursable Tourism and Promotional Expenses for the Month of January 2015 and Authorize Payment for those Services in the Amount of \$31,000.00
- e) Approve the November 2014 Financial Statement
- f) Adopt the PEDA Grant Writer Agreement Extension Order for 2015 in the Amount of \$17,000 and authorize the Mayor to Sign the Grant Writer Extension Order
- g) Adopt Resolution 15-1471 Designating the Official Newspaper for the City of Prosser for 2015 as Prosser Record Bulletin and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Contract

COUNCIL ACTION

APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIM CHECK NO. 11698, 11773, AND 11780 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,701.89 FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 6, 2015

Council Member Hamilton recused himself due to a conflict of interest. A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Aubrey to approve payment of claim check no. 11698, 11773, and 11780 in the amount of \$69,701.89 for the period ending January 6, 2015. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT, 1 ABSENTION (Hamilton).

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 15-2921 AMENDING THE 2015 BUDGET

A motion was made by Council Member Aubrey, seconded by Council Member Ward to adopt Ordinance No. 15-2921 amending the 2015 Budget for Fund 105, General Fund Small Projects Fund. Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Loud Music at the City Park

This item would be discussed at a later date when all necessary staff members are present for the discussion.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS CONTINUED

Council Member Aubrey expressed his gratitude to City Clerk Shaw and Finance Manager Yost for taking care of the American flag that hangs outside of City Hall that was recently damaged in a wind storm.

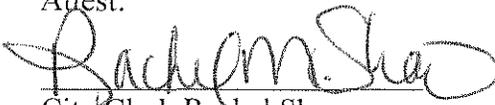
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Special Meeting of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.



Mayor Paul Warden

Attest:



City Clerk Rachel Shaw

