

**CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON
601 7TH STREET
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor 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 Care" award recipients Kory McClure and Noah Moreno.

ROLL CALL

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

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

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (None)

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Confirmation and Oath of Office Acting Finance Director Toni Yost

A motion was made by Council Member Aubrey, seconded by Council Member Hamilton to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Toni Yost to the position of Acting Finance Director effective March 14, 2015 through March 31, 2015, and effective April 1, 2015, Mrs. Yost shall assume the appointed position of Finance Director for the City of Prosser. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Everett). City Clerk Shaw administered the Oath of Office for Toni Yost in the position of Acting Finance Director.

The Council wished Finance Director Mauras well in all her future endeavors.

Mid-Columbia Libraries Quarterly Report

Katy McLaughlin, Prosser Branch Manager provided Council a 1st Quarter Library Report and reviewed the highlights over the quarter. Mrs. McLaughlin reported on the remodel project continued to be on time with a re-grand opening scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2015. Invitations will be provided to the City for Council and City staff members.

Benton County Historical Museum Project Status Update

Alys Means, Museum Curator provided a status update on the proposed BCHM project.

LaRoy Gant, Project Architect addressed Council's previously expressed concerns with the parking lot issues. Mr. Gant presented two options and highlighted option #2 which consisted of a single exit and entrance point.

Council Member Becken stated option #2 met his concerns and approved of the design. Council Member Aubrey agreed.

Council Member Ward stated he would like to see the building moved closer to a ten foot set-back to free up more park space.

Council Member Hamilton asked how many parking stalls are being proposed.

Mr. Gant said twenty-three stalls are being proposed in the current design.

Mayor Pro-tem Taylor advised Mr. Gant and Mrs. Means the Council approves of the design concept and directed the Board to move forward to the next phase of the project.

Mrs. Means thanked Council and said she would be in touch with City Clerk Shaw to schedule the next presentation to Council at a future meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Becken, seconded by Council Member Ward to approve Consent Agenda Items "A – D." Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Everett).

- a) Approve Payment of Payroll Check Nos. 600315 through 600325 in the amount of \$19,672.87 and Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$98,074.76, for the Period Ending March 10, 2015
- b) Approve Payment of Claim Checks Nos. 12003 through 12011 and 12013 through 12088, in the Amount of \$475,999.84 and Electronic Payments in the Amount of \$3,576,246.93 for the Period Ending March 10, 2015
- c) Approve the 2014 Annual USDA Report
- d) Approve January 13, 2015 Meeting Minutes

COUNCIL ACTION

APPROVAL OF CLAIM CHECK

Council Member Hamilton recused himself due to a conflict of interest. A motion was made by Council Member Becken, seconded by Council Member Aubrey to approve payment of claim check nos. 12012, 12089 and 12090 in the amount of \$67,120.92 for the period ending March 10, 2015. Motion passed 5 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Everett), 1 ABSENTION (Hamilton).

CONSIDERATION OF DONATION TO THE PROSSER POLICE DEPARTMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Aubrey, seconded by Council Member Becken to accept the donation of equipment from Cottage Court Market. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Everett).

ADD-ON ITEM

REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

City Attorney Saxton briefed Council on the time constraints of the proposed add-on item. A motion was made by Council Member Aubrey, seconded by Council Member Taylor to approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement as drafted and to execute the agreement and authorize the mayor to sign the agreement. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Everett).

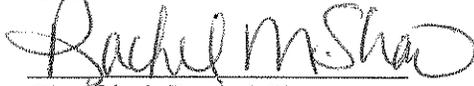
ADJOURNMENT

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



Mayor Paul Warden

Attest:



City Clerk Rachel Shaw

