

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Warden called the Special Meeting of the Prosser City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Becken commented on the funeral services of Dr. Field.

Council Member Ward reported on the Prosser Economic Development Association's Housing Subcommittee that he recently attended.

City Street Bond Presentation

Mr. Nabil Shawa, City Manager and Mayor Jerry Cummins of the City of Walla Walla provided a power point presentation regarding their experience with a city street bond in the City of Walla Walla. Mr. Shawa discussed citizen feedback and survey results as well as project successes and failures. Additionally there was discussion regarding public outreach efforts, citizen task force and street committee, fiscal impacts the City's Transportation Benefit District and upcoming projects.

Council thanked both Mr. Shawa and Mayor Cummins for the presentation.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

[Clerk's Note: Agenda Item 5e was moved to the beginning of the Council discussion items to accommodate listeners in the audience.]

Rental Inspection Fees Resolution and PMC 15.30 Amendment

Mayor Warden introduced the item and discussed the proposed amendments to Prosser Municipal Code (PMC) 15.30 related to the Rental License Program. Council reviewed the changes and confirmed they were as Council had previously directed staff to make. Council directed staff to bring back the final version of the ordinance to a future City Council meeting for consideration and possible action.

Village Park Cost Sharing Agreement

Mayor Warden introduced the discussion item and advised the proposed Agreement with the Village Park Home Owners Association will allow the City to remove some of the trees along Wamba Road and Old Inland Empire, bordering Village Park subdivision. There was discussion regarding the process for Request for Quotes (RFQ) that Public Works Director DaCorsi sent out to potential bidders and the status of those bids. Discussion ensued regarding the Street Fund and the need to conduct a budget amendment at a future meeting. Council agreed with the language in the agreement and directed staff to bring the item back to a future City Council meeting for consideration and possible action.

Reserve Officer Compensation

Mayor Warden introduced the discussion item and advised the Police Department would like to compensate the City's Reserve Officers for their volunteer service. Council inquired of Police Chief Giles how the Reserve program worked including hours of service and the number of Reserve Officers on staff. Chief Giles explained the Reserve program and advised the next steps if Council approved was to send the proposed ordinance to the Department of Labor for their review and approval. Council agreed and directed staff to forward the ordinance to the Department of Labor as discussed.

Administrative Policies Procedures

Mayor Warden introduced the discussion item and City Attorney Saxton explained the history behind the recommended proposal. There was discussion about the process of adopting an Administrative Policy and the differences between an Administrative Policy and the Personnel Policy.

Council Member Ward expressed his concern with the term "Executive Orders" in Section 1C of the ordinance and further stated he would like Council Members Aubrey and Hamilton to be present for any further discussion on this item.

Council directed staff to make changes to Section 1C as discussed and bring back the amended ordinance to the regularly scheduled May Work Session for further discussion and consideration.

West Benton Regional Fire Authority (WBRFA) Interlocal Agreement

Mayor Warden introduced the discussion item and further explained the proposed Interlocal Agreement was prepared to support services provided to the City and WBRFA cooperatively. The Agreement will allow the WBRFA to utilize the City's vendor roster. Council agreed with the terms of the agreement and directed staff to bring back to a future City Council meeting for further discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:16 p.m., Mayor Warden recessed the Special Meeting of the Prosser City Council to conduct an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or

financial consequence to the agency. The Executive Session was expected to last for 15 minutes and was to include Mayor and Council Members, City Clerk, Finance Director, and City Attorney.

At 8:31 p.m., Mayor Warden reconvened the Special Meeting of the Prosser City Council and stated no action occurred.

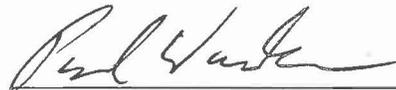
COUNCIL ACTION

APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Ward to approve a Settlement Agreement. Motion passed 5 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSENT (Aubrey, Hamilton).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Special Meeting of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.



Mayor Paul Warden

Attest:



City Clerk Rachel Shaw

