

**CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON  
601 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Warden called the Work Session 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 recipient Jaden Peters.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Others in attendance were City Clerk Shaw, Finance Director Yost, City Planner Zetz, and City Attorney Saxton.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Council Members Aubrey and Taylor as well as Mayor Warden all provided positive comments about the grand re-opening of the Prosser Library.

***Proclamation – Older Americans Month***

Mayor Warden read aloud a proclamation declaring the month of May 2015 as “Older Americans Month.”

***Proclamation – Municipal Clerk’s Week***

Mayor Warden read aloud a proclamation recognizing the week of May 3<sup>rd</sup> through May 9, 2015, as Municipal Clerks Week and extending appreciation to City of Prosser Clerk Rachel Shaw and to all Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform for their communities.

City Clerk Shaw thanked Mayor Warden and Council for their kind comments and recognition.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

***Ordinance for 2015 Budget Street Fund (102) Amendment***

Finance Director Yost introduced the proposed budget amendment related to Street Fund 102. Council discussed the Village Park street project related to this item. Council directed staff to prepare the final version of the ordinance and bring it back for consideration at the next City Council meeting.

***Ordinance Adoption Procedures for Administrative Policies***

City Clerk Shaw provided Council with a redlined version of the proposed ordinance related to Administrative Policies so that Council could identify the changes staff had made.

Council Member Ward inquired about the need for Section 1C of the ordinance related to “Executive Orders.”

City Attorney Saxton said that language does not need to be included and could be removed.

Council agreed with the removal of Section 1C of the ordinance and directed staff to bring the ordinance back for consideration and potential action at the next City Council meeting.

#### ***Ordinance Amendments to Special Event Permit***

City Attorney Saxton provided an overview of the amendments made to the Special Event Permit ordinance which Council discussed.

Council Member Everett stated that he used to receive notification of City Park events being that he lives close to the park and has noticed in recent years he does not get that same notification.

City Attorney Saxton explained how the previous ordinance outlined the notification process compared to the new requirements.

Council Member Hamilton stated his concern was with making sure that the Police Department is made aware of all the special events.

Council agreed with the proposed amendments and directed staff to bring the ordinance back to the next City Council meeting for consideration and potential action.

#### ***Large Vehicle and RV Parking and Storage***

City Planner Zetz introduced the Large Vehicle and RV Parking and Storage item and advised that after the Council packet was compiled, four additional surveys were received by the City.

Council Member Hamilton stated that RV’s should not be allowed to park on city streets and further offered that every complaint the City receives regarding the parking of RV’s, needs to be evaluated individually. If the RV is not an eye sore or causes a site-distance issue than the owner should be allowed to park the RV on their property. He further stated that he would not support the misuse of authority on personal property. The City does not need any more new laws we need to enforce the ones we have.

There was discussion regarding the property setbacks and aesthetics of the residential areas.

Council Member Aubrey said there are several properties throughout the community that do not have 20 feet of setback area to park their RV’s and therefore causes a hardship for those property owners.

Council Member Taylor said there needs to be a variance procedure included in the ordinance.

City Attorney Saxton said that topic was discussed at the Planning Commission and they decided against it. The problem with a variance is that an RV is a mobile unit, not a permanent structure.

Council Member Hamilton said it would be more reasonable to change the setbacks from 20 feet to 15 feet.

Council Member Aubrey echoed Council Member Hamilton's comments.

Council directed staff to go around town and gather pictures and measurements of what the current 20 foot setbacks compared to 15 foot setbacks would look like and bring back options to Council at a future meeting for further discussion.

Karen Rumsey, Prosser resident, submitted to City Clerk Shaw a four page petition signed by Prosser residents in favor of amending PMC Section 18.60.070 to allow RV parking.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:13 p.m., Mayor Warden recessed the Work Session 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 5 minutes and was to include Mayor and Council Members, City Clerk, Finance Director, and City Attorney.

At 8:18 p.m., Mayor Warden reconvened the Work Session of the Prosser City Council and stated no action occurred.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Work Session of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

  
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Mayor Paul Warden

Attest:

  
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City Clerk Rachel Shaw

