

**CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON
601 7TH STREET
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Warden called the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council to order at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

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

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

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Bill Jenkin, 253224 1545 PRSW, local business owner, presented his concerns regarding the recent flooding of a couple of the downtown businesses on the corner of 6th and Meade Street. Mr. Jenkins passed out pictures of the damage caused by the flooding and discussed the reoccurring issue. He further explained that he had contacted Murphey Bros. Construction and asked if the Council would consider working with the company to create French drains in hopes to resolve the flooding issue. Additionally Mr. Jenkins read aloud a letter addressed to the City from Dr. John Carmen a local business owner, dated May 25, 2011 related to flooding that had occurred at the same location in 2011. Mr. Jenkins submitted the letter along with a second letter dated June 22, 2015, addressed to the City from Dr. John Carmen, who remained seated in the audience.

Council discussed potential solutions and the costs involved.

Mayor Warden stated that the City could potentially work with the business owners to help alleviate the problem.

Council directed staff to work with City engineers Huijbregtse Louman Associates to look into the situation and provide an estimate to the City for consideration.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Oath of Office of Reserve Officer Chris Baugh

This item was rescheduled as Reserve Officer Baugh was unable to be in attendance.

Quarterly Report Presentation

Mayor Warden asked that item 5b be moved to later on in the Agenda to accommodate audience members in attendance for the next item. Council agreed.

Miss Prosser Presentation

Stephanie Castilleja and Lauren Estey of the Miss Prosser Court spoke about being Ambassadors for the City and explained what the Miss Prosser does throughout the community.

Council Member Aubrey expressed his gratitude to the Court for what they do for the City.

Mayor Warden extended his thanks to Mrs. Kathy Aubrey for her leadership with the Miss Prosser Court.

Good Roads Committee Meeting

Mayor Warden stated that since item 5a has been rescheduled, he would like to have Rob Siemans who was in the audience, brief Council on Good Roads committee meeting.

Mr. Siemans provided a high level briefing of the meeting and talked about upcoming projects scheduled in the Walla Walla area explaining there was not much for Prosser. He said he learned a lot and thanked Mayor Warden for the opportunity to attend.

Quarterly Report Presentation

Mayor provided a memo regarding Quarterly Report presentations. Mayor explained that several years back, the Council required community partners that the City funds, to present a written and oral report quarterly to Council as stated in their contracts. Mayor asked if the Council was interested in reconsidering that requirement and provided the partners an opportunity to submit written reports quarterly and an oral report to Council on an annual basis.

Council Members Aubrey, Taylor, Ward and Becken all stated that they would like to continue with the quarterly presentations stating their preference to interact with the presenters. However Council directed staff to notify the presenters to limit their presentations to no longer than ten minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Becken, seconded by Council Member Ward, to approve Consent Agenda Items "A – K." Motion passed 4 YES, 0 NO, 3 ABSENT (Hamilton, Everett, Elder).

- a) Approve Payment of Payroll Check Nos. 600387 through 600391 in the amount of \$3,604.53 and Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$15,492.65, for the Period Ending June 15, 2015
- b) Approve Payment of Claim Checks Nos. 12553 through 12661, in the Amount of \$234,356.76 and Electronic Payments in the Amount of \$19,079.85 for the Period Ending June 23, 2015
- c) Accept Monthly Report by Prosser Economic Development Association for the Month of May 2015 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
- d) Approve the Special Event Application for the Sacred Heart Parish Latin Festival, August 9, 2015, at the Prosser City Park

- e) Confirm the Appointment of Allen Bierlink to the Board of Adjustment as Appointed by Mayor Warden
- f) Approve Progress Bill No. 6 in the Amount of \$704.29, for Work Performed by HLA, Inc., through May 31, 2015, for Preliminary Engineering and Design on the 7th Street ADA Sidewalk Ramp Improvements Project and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Documents
- g) Approve Progress Bill No. 13 in the Amount of \$3,869.51, for Work Performed by HLA, Inc., through May 31, 2015, for Preliminary Engineering and Design on the Old Inland Empire Highway Improvements Project and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Documents
- h) Approve Progress Bill No. 6 in the Amount of \$4,629.18, for Work Performed by HLA, Inc., through May 31, 2015, for Preliminary Engineering and Design on the Old Inland Empire Highway Improvements Phase 2 Project and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Documents
- i) Adopt Resolution 15-1488 Surplusing City of Prosser Property
- j) Approve May 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes
- k) Approve May 26, 2015 Meeting Minutes

COUNCIL ACTION

CLAIM CHECKS

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Becken, to approve payment of claim check nos. 12662 and 12663, in the amount of \$249.09 for the period ending June 23, 2015. Motion passed 4 YES, 0 NO, 3 ABSENT (Hamilton, Everett, Elder).

CONSIDERATION OF AN ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH D.A. DAVIDSON FOR THE REFINANCING OF CERTAIN LONG TERM DEBT

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Ward, to approve the underwriting engagement letter with D.A. Davidson for the refinancing of certain long term debt and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Motion passed 4 YES, 0 NO, 3 ABSENT (Hamilton, Everett, Elder).

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE ALLOWING FOR THE REFINANCING FOR CERTAIN LONG TERM DEBT AND ALLOWING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A BOND ASSOCIATED WITH THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

A motion was made by Council Member Aubrey, seconded by Council Member Taylor to adopt Ordinance No. 15-2935 providing for the issuance of revenue bonds in an aggregate amount of \$5,000,000 for the purpose of refinancing certain utility debt and for the issuance of bonds associated with the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project. Motion passed 4 YES, 0 NO, 3 ABSENT (Hamilton, Everett, Elder).

Mayor Warden provided a hand-out of Standard & Poor's bond rating schedule.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Operating Funds Budget Amendment

Council Member Taylor requested this item be brought back for discussion when all members of the Council were present. The rest of Council agreed to consider the item at a future meeting.

Shoreline Master Program Amendment

City Attorney Saxton introduced the item and pointed out the numbering on the Shoreline Master Program document is off and he will work with staff to update the final version to bring back for consideration at a future meeting.

Mayor Warden thanked City Attorney Saxton and City Planner Zetz for the hours dedicated to working on the development of the SMP document.

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Becken to notify Department of Ecology that the City accepts all required and recommended changes and to bring back an ordinance to implement the changes. Motion passed 4 YES, 0 NO, 3 ABSENT (Hamilton, Everett, Elder).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Mayor Paul Warden

Attest:



City Clerk Rachel Shaw

