

**CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON
601 7TH STREET
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 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 recited.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Aubrey, Taylor, Hamilton, Everett, Ward, Becken, and Elder were present.

Finance Director Yost was also in attendance.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Joslyn Felicijan Presentation

Mayor Warden and the City Council presented a certificate of recognition to Joslyn Felicijan, a senior at Prosser High School, for her recent accomplishments. Miss Felicijan spoke about the highlights of her trip attending Girls State in June 2015 at Central Washington University. She was elected to be American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) U.S. Senator for Washington State and attend Girls State representing Washington State at Girls Nation in Washington DC in July and is the first young lady from Prosser in thirty years to represent Prosser as ALA U.S. Senator at Girls Nation. Joslyn was an ambassador not only promoting Washington State, but also her hometown of Prosser. Additionally, the Samsung Corporation along with the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary award scholarships to Girls State citizens valued at \$20,000. Each State winner will receive \$1,000 award and the opportunity to continue on to the Nationals level competition for the Samsung Scholarship worth \$20,000. She was selected as the recipient for the award and will represent Washington in the national level for the scholarship competition. She furthermore attended Girls Nation in Washington D.C. and was selected as Supreme Court Judge for Girls Nation 2015. During her visit at the White House Joslyn was able to meet and shake the hand President Obama.

Boys and Girls Club Quarterly Report

Dena Lodahl, Executive Director reviewed the activities that occurred over the quarter and discussed the highlights of the summer programs, the college tours schedule, field trips and recognized community involvement and partnerships. Mayor and Council thanked Ms. Lodahl for her valuable contributions to the community.

Mid-Columbia Library Quarterly Report

Katy McLaughlin, Branch Manager provided an overview of the Library's summer activities making special note of high foot traffic, book check-outs and program attendance over the quarter. Mayor and Council thanked Mrs. McLaughlin for her report.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Quiet Zone

Mayor Warden reviewed the proposal to create a Quiet Zone in the downtown and the improvements that would be necessary to create a Quiet Zone. Council Member Becken expressed his concern regarding the safety of eliminating the train horns. Council Member Aubrey stated that the train whistles are an important safety feature. Mayor Warden said it is important to note that if the City elected to adopt a Quiet Zone that it is not a full out ban of whistles; the conductor could still use them if necessary. The Council further discussed the potential safety and impacts to the area. Ms. Yost read into the record an email the City received from local business owner Dean Benson supporting a Quiet Zone for the downtown business district. After much discussion Council directed staff to not move forward with the Quiet Zone due to lack of Council support.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS CONTINUED

Council directed staff to prepared the notices and ordinances necessary in order to dissolve the Transportation Benefit District and absorb the agency into the City.

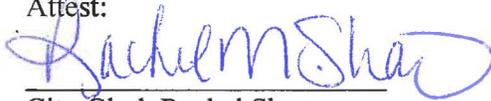
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Work Session of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.



Mayor Paul Warden

Attest:



City Clerk Rachel Shaw

