

**CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON
601 7TH STREET
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Warden called the Regular 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 Aubrey, Taylor, Hamilton, Everett, Ward, Becken and Elder were present.

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

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (None)

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Ward provided a Prosser Economic Development Association (PEDA) Housing Subcommittee report and stated the committee is currently looking for home owners willing to sell property to housing developers.

Council Member Everett provided a reminder of the Great Prosser Balloon Rally event scheduled for the weekend of September 25, 2015.

Mayor Warden provided a project update on the Loves Truck Stop and annexation plan.

City Clerk Shaw advised Council of the launch date for the iCompass Agenda Management project and provided Council with a handout.

Mayor Warden reported he recently attended the Court House grand reopening and ribbon cutting ceremony along with Council Members Ward and Aubrey who were also in attendance stating it was a good turn out and a great project.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Taylor removed Item "B" from the Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Taylor, to approve Consent Agenda Items "A, C, D." Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT.

- a) Approve Payment of Payroll Check Nos. 600532 through 600536 in the amount of \$3,604.53 and Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$13,963.33 for the Period Ending September 15, 2015

- c) Approve the August 2015 Financial Statement

- d) Approve Resolution 15-1496 Setting the Date for a Public Hearing concerning the Prosser City Council's Intent to Assume the Rights, Powers, Functions, and Obligations of the Prosser Transportation Benefit District, as of December 8, 2015, as Allowed by Second Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5987, Section 302

Council Member Taylor removed check no. 13174 from the list for approval due to error in vendor information. A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Becken to approve Consent Agenda Item "B", excluding check no. 13174. Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT.

- b) Approve Payment of Claim Checks Nos. 13067 through 13189, in the Amount of \$637,746.96 and Electronic Payments in the Amount of \$27,324.33 for the Period Ending September 22, 2015

COUNCIL ACTION

CRIMINAL JUSTICE FUND APPROPRIATION REQUEST

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Ward to authorize the appropriation of an additional \$10,000 to complete the demolition and site cleanup for 1311 Bennett Avenue. Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT.

CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDING FROM THE US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR A DRUG FREE COMMUNITY GRANT AND ESTABLISHING A FUND AND BUDGET FOR THE PROJECT

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Ward, to adopt Ordinance No. 15-2944 accepting Grant Funding from the US Department of Health and Human Services for a Drug Free Community Grant and establishing a Fund and budget for the Project. Motion passed 6 YES, 1 NO (Hamilton), 0 ABSENT.

Council directed staff to schedule Community Coordinator Jen Dorsett to come to the October 6, 2015 City Council meeting for further discussion on the matter.

ACCEPT THE BID FROM APOLLO INC., AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO APOLLO, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,764,694.00 FOR THE 2015 WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Mayor Warden stated Agenda Item "E" would be considered due to the presence of City Engineer Ted Pooler. A motion was made by Council Member Aubrey, seconded by Council Member Taylor, to accept the Bid from Apollo Inc., and award a Construction Contract to Apollo, Inc., in the amount of \$6,764,694.00 for the 2015 Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project. Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT.

A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Taylor, to approve a Construction Contract to Apollo, Inc., in the amount of \$6,764,694.00 for the 2015 Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract documents. Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT.

CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING BENTON COUNTY'S INDIGENT DEFENSE STANDARDS

City Attorney Saxton provided an explanation of defense standards, pay based on case load percentage. A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Hamilton, to adopt Ordinance No. 15-2945 adopting Benton County's Indigent Defense Standards. Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT.

SELECTION OF A FIRM TO RECRUIT THE NEXT CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE FIRM COUNCIL SELECTS

A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Becken, that the Firm of CBA be selected to recruit the position of City Administrator and authorize the Mayor to negotiate and sign a contract for such services in an amount not to exceed \$23,250. Motion passed 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

2016 Budget

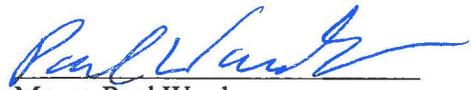
Finance Director Yost briefed Council on the 2016 Budget calendar and advised the Preliminary Budget has been placed on the City's website and in Dropbox for Council's review.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS (Cont.)

Council Member Aubrey reported the crosswalks on the corners of Market and Dudley Streets as well as Meade Avenue are difficult to see and they need to be marked clearly.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.



Mayor Paul Warden

Attest:



City Clerk Rachel Shaw

