

**CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON
601 7TH STREET
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 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 Taylor, Hamilton, Everett, Ward, Becken and Elder were present. Council Member Aubrey requested an excused absence.

Others in attendance were Finance Director Yost, and City Attorney Saxton.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Peggy Brown, 1323 Grant Avenue, expressed her frustration regarding a dog on Grant Avenue. She advised that she sent an email to Council detailing what measures she had taken to address the issue. She requested the Council's assistance in resolving the issue.

Mayor Warden stated Council would review the Prosser Municipal Code and provided Ms. Brown with the non-emergency number for the Police Department, as officers might be able to observe the situation.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Everett expressed his gratitude to the volunteers and participants for the 90th States Day parade and activities.

Mayor Warden stated Basin Disposal, Inc. (BDI) would not be passing on the CPI increase to cities this year in consideration of budget constraints. Also, the City was awarded Drug Free Communities (DFC) Grant in the amount of \$125,000 a year for 5 years. Mayor Warden stated Council would be presented a balanced budget for 2016 however as previously requested the Council will have the opportunity to review all requests and discuss each departmental need with the department heads. Finally, Mayor Warden informed Council staff from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) came to the City to review ADA and Civil Rights compliance.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Becken, seconded by Council Member Ward, to approve Consent Agenda Items "A – G." Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Aubrey).

- a) Approve Payment of Payroll Check Nos. 600487 through 600531 in the amount of \$41,996.83 and Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$103,743.56 for the Period Ending August 31, 2015

- b) Approve Payment of Claim Checks Nos. 12989 through 12997 and 12999 through 13065, in the Amount of \$269,378.26 and Electronic Payments in the Amount of \$85,783.17 for the Period Ending September 8, 2015
- c) Approve Resolution 15-1494 Surplusing City of Prosser Property
- d) Approve a Contract with the Wesley Group to Provide Professional Labor Negotiation Services
- e) Approve Amended Fee Schedule to Service Agreement with Benton County Emergency Services (BCES) for 800 MHz Radio Access
- f) Approve August 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes
- g) Approve August 25, 2015 Meeting Minutes

COUNCIL ACTION

CLAIM CHECKS

Council Member Hamilton recused himself due to a conflict of interest. A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Becken, to approve payment of claim check no. 12998 and 13066 in the amount of \$68,700.23, for the period ending September 8, 2015. Motion passed 5 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Aubrey), 1 ABSENTION (Hamilton).

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE ZONE 2.5 WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AS COMPLETE, AND APPROVE RETAINAGE RELEASE OF \$26,234.86 UPON SATISFACTORILY FULFILLING SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Becken to adopt Resolution No. 15-1595 accepting the Zone 2.5 Water Supply Improvements Project as complete and approve retainage release of \$26,234.86 upon satisfactorily fulfilling specific conditions. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Aubrey).

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

City Administrator Recruitment

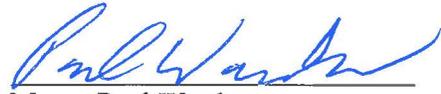
Council discussed the different executive recruitment firm proposals and package options. After much discussion, Council developed a list of six additional questions they wanted each of firms to answer and directed staff to forward the questions to the firms and to bring the item back for further discussion and possible action at the next Regular City Council meeting scheduled on September 22, 2015.

Barking Dog

City Attorney Saxton advised he will review and work with staff to prepare an amendment to the Nuisance Dog Ordinance per Council's direction, which will presented at a future City Council meeting for further discussion.

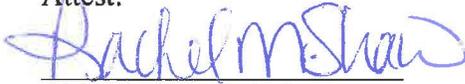
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.



Mayor Paul Warden

Attest:



City Clerk Rachel Shaw

