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CITY OF PROSSER INSURANCE CLAIM FOR MAY, 2021 FIRE

On May 8, 2021, the Prosser City Hall and Police Station was damaged due to a large commercial fire. In the days following the fire, the City's insurance carrier contracted with a company to prepare an estimate of the cost to return the City Hall and Police Station to its pre-fire condition. Those repairs were originally estimated at \$4.5M, however that estimate was recently updated to \$4.76M based on the increased cost of construction materials.

Of the \$4.76M estimate, the City has been provided \$2M which was utilized to purchase 5.97 acres of property on Wine Country Road (\$1,609,406.49) for a future Police Station/City Hall building site. The remaining funds were used to pay for asbestos abatement and partial demolition of the Police Station (\$379,313.28) completed in early 2023.

\$2.76M remains of the \$4.76M updated reconstruction estimate. It is the City's intent to work with the insurance company to claim the full amount. It may be helpful to note that remaining insurance funds are estimated reimbursement dollars. In order for the City to receive the reimbursement, it must first expend the funds related to the project.

The City Council continues their discussions regarding the future of the Police Station and City Hall, and encourages all interested residents to participate in that discussion by attending the Regular City Council Meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1002 Dudley Ave., Prosser, WA. Residents may also contact their Council Members at by emailing them at city_council@ci.prosser.wa.us or by contacting City Clerk, Rachel Shaw at (509) 786-8218 or by email at rshaw@ci.prosser.wa.us.

Questions related to the City's insurance claim can be directed to Finance Director, Toni Yost who can be reached by phone at (509) 786-8215 or by email at tyost@ci.prosser.wa.us.

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