

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 4, 2006**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Norm Childress called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present were: Mayor Norm Childress and Councilmembers Helen Darr, Bill Flory, Pam Horner, Jan McDonald, Robert Morales, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders.

Staff present were: City Attorney Jack Maxwell, City Clerk Anita Palacios, City Treasurer John Myers, Public Works Director Cus Arteaga and Code Enforcement Officer Cory Taylor.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Icela Gonzalez, patrol of the month at Arthur H. Smith Elementary School, lead the pledge of allegiance.

3. PRESENTATIONS – None

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Angie Johnson, Grandview Pavement Road, Grandview, expressed interest in volunteering her time to re-do the streetlight Christmas decorations. She requested funds to purchase supplies. She also expressed interest in volunteering time to plant flowers at the base of the street trees.

Public Works Director Arteaga advised that the Christmas decorations belonged to the Chamber of Commerce and that the City only stores and hangs the decorations for the Chamber. Mayor Childress suggested that Ms. Johnson put together a list of supplies needed and the cost and approach the Chamber for funding.

Roberta Cain, 2002 Wyant Way, Grandview, indicated that she was an avid walker and expressed concern with the lack of snow and ice removal on public sidewalks. She also expressed concern with the placement of mailboxes in the sidewalks in the Westridge Addition as her neighbor was wheelchair bound and the mailboxes made it difficult for him to maneuver on the sidewalks in their neighborhood.

Public Works Director Arteaga advised that the City was only responsible for snow and ice removal on public sidewalks adjacent to public facilities. He also explained that the placement of mailboxes in sidewalks was per design standards provided to developers by the City in accordance with the U.S. Postal Service.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Councilmember Horner, second by Councilmember Flory, Council unanimously approved the Consent Agenda consisting of the following:

- A. Minutes of the November 20, 2006 study session
- B. Minutes of the November 20, 2006 regular meeting
- C. Claim Warrant Nos. 77409-77488 in the amount of \$170,150.08

- D. Payroll Warrant Nos. 41922-42034 in the amount of \$183,995.38 for November 30, 2006
- E. Resolution No. 2006-26; accepted the bid and authorized the Grandview Herald as the official City newspaper for the year 2007

6. **ACTIVE AGENDA**

A. **Nuisance Violation Appeal – Ron L. Grow**

- Continued from last meeting

At the last meeting, the appeal hearing was continued in order for staff to locate and stake the City's right-of-way along Avenue J and West Second Street adjacent to Mr. Ron Grow's residence to determine whether or not the tree limbs in question were encroaching the City's right-of-way.

Photographs were distributed showing that Mr. Grow's trees encroached the City's right-of-way.

Council expressed concern that the fir tree obstructed the vision of traffic at the intersection and either needed to be trimmed as cited in the notice to abate or removed.

Mr. Grow indicated his willingness to trim the fir tree back, but was not willing to remove eight feet from the fir tree as required in the notice to abate.

On motion by Councilmember Horner, second by Councilmember Flory, Council unanimously denied the appeal of the code violation and instructed the Code Enforcement Officer to abate the infraction as recommended.

B. **Proposed 2007 Budget**

- Complete deliberations on proposed budget and provide necessary policy guidance

The Council recommended that the following items be identified in the Capital Facilities Element of the Comprehensive Plan and earmarked for funding with the Real Estate Excise Tax funds:

- Replace carpet at Library \$3,952
- Police corrections van \$7,000
- Replace second HVAC unit at Museum \$5,000
- Replace animal shelter \$35,000
- Senior Center door replacements \$1,800

The Council recommended that the following items be added back to the budget:

- Community picnics \$2,000
- Police vests \$1,700

7. **COUNCILMEMBER MEETING REPORTS**

YVCOG General Membership Meeting – The Yakima Valley Conference of Governments General Membership Meeting was scheduled for December 13th at the Sunnyside Community Center.

Meeting with State Legislators RE: Criminal Justice System – Mayor Childress, Councilmembers Flory, Horner, McDonald, Morales, Rodriguez and Souders, along with City Administrator Staples and Police Chief Charvet attended a meeting on November 28th with State Legislators from the 13th, 14th and 15th Districts, as well as other county, state and federal officials, and Chiefs of Police to discuss and present recommendations needed in the criminal justice system.

8. **UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS** - None

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Mayor Norm Childress

Anita Palacios, City Clerk