

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2007**

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 Childress and Councilmembers Bill Flory, Pam Horner, Jan McDonald, Robert Morales, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders.

Staff present were: City Administrator Scott Staples, City Attorney Jack Maxwell and City Clerk Anita Palacios.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Joshua Conklin, Student of the Month at Harriet Thompson Elementary led the pledge of allegiance.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Homes of the Month – Mayor Childress presented the September Homes of the Month Certificates of Appreciation to the following: Jerry & Marge Vrieling, 113 Harrison; Ruby & Linda Saenz, 503 Meadowlark Drive; Mary & Crystal Segovia, 708 Conestoga Way; Maria Romero, 106 Nicka; Luis & Teresa Lopez, 315 Avenue J.

Beautification Award – Mayor Childress presented the September Beautification Award to The Jagged Edge, 108 West Second Street.

Community Enhancement Award – Mayor Childress presented the September Community Enhancement Award to the Saenz Family at 503 Meadowlark Drive for their outstanding and ongoing contribution to maintain and beautify the Meadowlark Park property; and to the Lower Valley Livestock 4-H Club, Apollo Inc., and Central Pre-Mix that contributed to the enhancement of the flower planters at Country Park.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Arnoldo Zepeda, 708 North Fifth Street, Grandview, along with a group of 18 youth, requested that Council consider constructing a skate park facility in the City of Grandview. They recommended that the skate park be located at a local park in the community. He explained that there is an increase of the youth in the community wanting to participate and learn how to skate. He stated that skating has helped get youth out of trouble and out of gangs.

Mayor Childress noted that the Council was in the midst of preparing the 2008 budget and would consider the proposal.

City Administrator Staples suggested that Council refer the matter to staff for recommendations (i.e., identify city-owned parks for the potential location, include funding in the capital facilities element). He invited Arnoldo and other members of the skate team to participate in the process.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes of the August 20, 2007 study session
- B. Minutes of the August 20, 2007 regular meeting
- C. 2007 Claim Warrant Nos. 79660-79890 in the amount of \$568,479.09
- D. Payroll Warrant approval for August 31, 2007 and September 15, 2007

6. COUNCILMEMBER MEETING REPORTS

DRYVE Committee Meeting – Councilmember Souders attended the DRYVE Committee meeting on August 30th at Legends Casino. Topics of discussion included Trans-Action fair booth at Central Washington State Fair, adding new projects to identified needs list and new transit service updates.

Council Vacancy – Mayor Childress explained that following the November election, the person elected to fill Council Position No. 4 would be appointed to take office immediately.

Sunnyside Soap Box Derby – By default, Councilmember Flory won the Sunnyside Soap Box Derby on September 15th.

Leadership Grandview – The first of seven sessions for Leadership Grandview started on September 12th. A total of 15 individuals from the community were participating in the program.

YVCC Grandview Workforce Education Center Grand Opening – The grand opening of the YVCC Grandview Workforce Education Center took place on Thursday, September 13th.

Grandview Grape Stomp – The Grandview Grape Stomp took place on September 15th at the new YVCC Grandview Campus crush pad. Elizabeth Alba was commended for her leadership in organizing the event as a member of the Chamber of Commerce. The City's team consisting of employees Mike Carpenter, Andy Benavidez and Kim Endicott finished second in the corporate division.

7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS - None

8. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember McDonald, second by Councilmember Souders, Council unanimously adjourned the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Norm Childress

Anita Palacios, City Clerk