

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 1, 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, Jan McDonald, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders. Councilmembers Pam Horner and Robert Morales were absent.

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Kobe Schrank, Patrol of the Month at A.H. Smith Elementary School, led the pledge of allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes of the September 17, 2007 study session
- B. Minutes of the September 17, 2007 regular meeting
- C. 2007 Claim Warrant Nos. 79891-80006 in the amount of \$413,160.19
- D. Payroll Warrant approval for September 30, 2007
- E. Chamber of Commerce Street Closure Request □ Approve street closure for the 100 block of Division Street on October 26 & 27, 2007 for the Chamber of Commerce's 3rd Annual Haunted House

5. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Ordinance No. 2007-18; Repeal Title 9 of the GMC and adopt a new Title 9 of the GMC Public Peace, Morals and Welfare

City Administrator Staples explained that two of the Council targets for 2006-2007 were to conduct a comprehensive review of the City Code and update chapters to ensure that they were constitutional, practical and enforceable. The other target identified was to develop a strategy to deal with the gang issue in terms of prevention, intervention and suppression. Several meetings were held with City and Police Department staff, School District representatives and Yakima County Prosecuting Attorney Ron Zirkle, who provided guidance to deal with successful prosecution. The approach taken and endorsed by Council was to focus on behavior such as harassment, intimidation, failure to supervise a child, failure to disperse, etc., not gang membership. At the advice of Mr. Zirkle, enhanced penalties were included for conviction of gang-related crimes.

On motion by Councilmember Flory, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2007-18 repealing Title 9 of the GMC and adopting a new Title 9 of the GMC Public Peace, Morals and Welfare.

- B. Ordinance No. 2007-19; Amend GMC Section 8.24.040 and 8.24.070 relating to nuisance notices and appeals

City Administrator Staples explained that Ordinance No. 2007-19 would assist the Code Enforcement Officer when dealing with nuisance notices and appeals. The amendment, located in Section 8.24.040(A), would allow the property owner five (5) days to either abate the violations, appeal the notice or to complete the voluntary correction agreement.

On motion by Councilmember McDonald, second by Councilmember Flory, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2007-19 amending GMC Section 8.24.040 and 8.24.070 relating to nuisance notices and appeals.

- C. Carriage Square Drive and Conestoga Court Intersection Stop Sign Recommendation

In a letter dated September 4, 2007, City Engineer Jeff Louman explained that on August 6, 2007, at the City's request, he accompanied Public Works Director Arteaga to the intersection of Carriage Square Drive and Conestoga Court to review concerns that the City had regarding sight distance to the south. Vehicles stopped on Conestoga Court had a difficult view to the south of oncoming traffic traveling northbound on Carriage Square Drive. This created a hazardous condition, particularly as Conestoga Court traffic attempts to turn left (southbound onto Carriage Square Drive. He recommended the City install a stop sign on the northbound lane of Carriage Square Drive at the intersection with Conestoga Court. As this would be a new and unexpected stop sign to the residents in the area, it would be necessary to provide an advanced warning sign with temporary flags. There was no apparent need for a stop sign on the Carriage Square Drive southbound lane as there was ample sight distance for vehicles stopped on Conestoga Court looking to the south.

On motion by Councilmember Souders, second by Councilmember McDonald, Council unanimously accepted the City Engineer's recommendation to install a stop sign on the northbound lane of Carriage Square Drive at the intersection of Conestoga Court.

6. COUNCILMEMBER MEETING REPORTS

AWC Regional Meeting – The Association of Washington Cities will hold their annual regional meeting in Yakima on Thursday, October 11th.

7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Budget Workshops – Council agreed to schedule budget workshops for Monday, October 22 & Tuesday, October 23 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Animal Shelter Facility – Bids for the new animal shelter facility were opened on September 26th. Three bids were received which were higher than anticipated. At the next Council meeting, staff would be recommending that Council reject all bids and re-bid the first of the year.

8. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Flory, second by Councilmember Souders, Council unanimously adjourned the regular meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Mayor Norm Childress

Anita Palacios, City Clerk