

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 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, City Treasurer John Myers, Public Works Director Cus Arteaga and City Clerk Anita Palacios.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Antonio Diaz, November Youth of the Month, led the pledge of allegiance.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Childress presented Antonio Diaz with the November Youth of the Month Certificate of Appreciation.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Walt Bratton, 1304 West Fifth Street, Grandview, expressed concern with comments that the Mayor had made with regard to the proposed utility rate increase. He went on to address other portions of the budget.

Mayor Childress called the speaker to order and explained to Mr. Bratton that the public hearing on the proposed budget would come later in the meeting and he would be given an opportunity to comment at that time.

Mr. Bratton became irate and left the meeting.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes of the October 29, 2007 and October 30, 2007 budget workshops
- B. Minutes of the November 5, 2007 study session
- C. Minutes of the November 5, 2007 regular meeting
- D. 2007 Claim Warrant Nos. 80295-80394 in the amount of \$150,761.15
- E. Payroll Warrant approval for November 15, 2007
- F. Resolution No. 2007-31; Supported the City of Grandview Employee Wellness Program

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Public Hearing – 2008 Preliminary Budget

- Received public comments

Mayor Childress opened the public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the 2008 Preliminary Budget.

The following public comments were received during the hearing:

Larry Bolan, P.O. Box 664, Grandview, opposed the purchase of the Camel truck and did not see a cost savings justification for the purchase of the truck.

Public Works Director Arteaga justified the purchase of the vehicle in man-hour savings and employee safety.

No public comments were received by mail.

The public testimony portion of the hearing was declared closed and no further comments were received.

B. Ordinance No. 2007-22

- Levied the 2008 Ad Valor Property Taxes and Excess Levy Taxes

City Treasurer Myers distributed a worksheet explaining Ordinance No. 2007-22 as follows:

A	2007 Property Tax Levy =	\$1,231,469.70		
B	1% of 2007 Levy =	\$ 12,314.70		
C	2007 New Construction =	<u>\$ 33,553.82</u>	(\$9,941,873 A.V. * \$3,375/\$1,000)	
D	Total Authorized by Law (Legal Limit)	\$1,277,338.22		
E	Amount Requested in Tax Levy Ord =	\$1,300,000.00		
	Amount allowing for Tax Roll Adjustments since 9/16/07	\$ 22,661.78	E - D	1.77%
F	Request greater than 2007 Levy =	\$ 68,530.30	E - A	
G	% Request greater than 2007 Levy	5.565%	F / A	

On motion by Councilmember Horner, second by Councilmember Flory, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2007-22 levying the 2008 ad valorem property taxes and excess levy taxes.

C. Resolution No. 2007-32

- Authorized the purchase of a 2007 Sterling LT7500 demonstrator sewer combination cleaner truck

In the 2008 Budget, Public Works Director Arteaga requested funds to purchase a combination sewer cleaning jet truck in the amount of \$287,000. Titan Sales Group of Portland had a new factory demonstrator (2007 Camel 200) with a full warranty that they were offering for sale at a reduced price of \$270,189. Due to the fact that the City would be purchasing the unit at a discounted price and the unit was equipped with an exclusive Super-Pak Compaction and Dewatering System, the City would be allowed by RCW 39.04.280 to by-pass the sealed-bid requirements.

He recommended Council approve the lease/purchase of the demonstrator truck based upon the following:

- The lead time on a new truck was approximately 180 to 240 days.
- The demonstrator truck's price was reduced/discouted by \$16,259.
- A 2008 truck would need to meet the new Tier III engine emissions, which could increase the cost by an additional \$15,000.

This sewer cleaning jet truck would improve the maintenance of the sewer system and would greatly improve the safety of City employees. Currently, employees performing maintenance to sewer lines must climb down into manholes to retrieve any debris so the debris does not block a manhole further down the main line. This unit could also be used around crowded excavations when making emergency repairs, which would minimize additional problems when digging around other utilities.

On motion by Councilmember Flory, second by Councilmember McDonald, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2007-32 authorizing the purchase of a 2007 Sterling LT7500 demonstrator sewer combination cleaner truck.

7. COUNCILMEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Transportation Meeting – Councilmember Souders attended a special meeting regarding transportation needs in the lower Yakima Valley.

Stokely Square Gazebo Repairs – Councilmember Flory repaired a section of the Stokely Square Gazebo during the annual cleaning and sealing.

Grandview United – Councilmember Morales reported that he and Councilmember Souders attended the Grandview United meeting on November 14th. He commented that the attendance at the meeting was low. The topic of discussion was the City's update to its ordinances regarding public safety, health, and welfare. The group also discussed what the next steps for Grandview United should be and how to get more people involved in dealing with community issues and challenges. He commended Assistant Chief Ware for his presentation of Title 9 to the forum. The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, December 11th, 6:30 p.m., at City Hall.

YVCOG General Membership Meeting – The YVCOG General Membership meeting would be held on Wednesday, December 12th, 7:00 p.m. at the Yakima Convention Center.

Legislative Meeting – Council will meet with our 15th District Legislators on Tuesday, November 27th, 5:30 p.m. at City Hall to discuss upcoming legislative issues.

Westside Park Playground Grant – The City was awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Yakima Valley Community Foundation to help fund a new playground at Westside Park. The Grandview Playground Committee will hold a meeting on Tuesday, December 11th to further discuss this project.

Ambulance Service District – Earlier today, Mayor Childress, City Administrator Staples and Fire Chief Mason, along with representatives from the Benton County Commissioners, City of Mabton and Yakima County Fire District #5 met with Prosser Memorial Hospital CEO Jim Tavery to discuss the ambulance service issue. A representative from the Yakima County Commissioners was not present. Discussion included the formulation of an ambulance service district for that portion of Yakima County and Benton County served by the Prosser Ambulance Service. Next step consensus was for the commissioners from Yakima and Benton County to meet.

Alley Clean-up – The Public Works Department has received a proposal from the principal at the Grandview Adventist Jr. Academy to have their students pick up litter in the City's alleys.

Council Planning Retreat – The Council planning retreat will take place on December 3rd and 4th at Countryside Catering.

Councilmember Open House/Reception – An open house/reception honoring Councilmembers Helen Darr, Bill Flory and Harv Rodriguez was scheduled for Thursday, December 13th from 4-6 p.m., at City Hall.

Carole Lange Retirement Celebration – A retirement celebration honoring Library Technician Carole Lange will take place on Wednesday, November 28th from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m., at the Library.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS – None

9. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Flory, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, Council unanimously adjourned the regular meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Mayor Norm Childress

Anita Palacios, City Clerk