

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2008**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Norm Childress called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present were: Mayor Childress and Councilmembers Pam Horner, Diana Jennings, Jan McDonald, Bill Moore, Jesse Palacios and Joan Souders. Councilmember Mike Bren was absent.

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Horner led the pledge of allegiance.

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. September Homes of the Month and Beautification Awards

Mayor Childress presented the September Homes of the Month Certificates of Appreciation to the following:

West:	Pedro & Maria Reyes	1905 Wyant Way
East:	Jim & Roberta Goldade	308 Douglas
South:	Rhonda Marquez	1304 Rainier
Central:	Nancy Benavidez	307 Avenue G
North:	Bob & Cindy Fuller	512 Bonnieview

Mayor Childress presented the September Beautification Award to Washington Mutual, 200 East Second Street.

Mayor Childress presented the September Community Enhancement Award to Terry Daniel, who has continued to be a valuable asset for the community with his countless hours that he displays at the community Rose Garden.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Barrett, 301 Douglas, and member of the R.E. Powell Museum Board, presented a proposal for keeping the museum open for the 2009 season, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes of the September 2, 2008 study session**
- B. Minutes of the September 2, 2008 regular meeting**
- C. Claim check Nos. 91573-91649 in the amount of \$390,505.13**

- D. **Payroll check approval for the September 1, 2008 - September 15, 2008 payroll**
- E. **Resolution No. 2008-22; authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Prosser and the City of Grandview for building official services**
- F. **Resolution No. 2008-23; declaring two programmable lock boxes as surplus and authorizing the sale of said lock boxes to the Cities of Mabton and Granger**

6. **ACTIVE AGENDA**

A. **Proposed Ambulance Service District – Jim Tavery, CEO, Prosser Memorial Hospital**

Jim Tavery, CEO of the Prosser Memorial Hospital District, thanked the Council for support of ambulance services in the community. The Yakima County Commissioners voted to form an EMS District in Yakima County which encompassed the Hospital District ambulance service area in Grandview, Mabton and the surrounding Yakima County area. The Yakima County Commissioners also voted to place a ballot measure on the November 4th election to levy funding of the EMS District at the rate of \$0.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value. He requested Council consider passing a resolution at the October 6th Council meeting in support of Proposition No. 1.

Mayor Childress clarified that the levy proposal would maintain ambulance service in the City of Grandview and surrounding area.

Mr. Tavery advised that should the proposition fail, the Hospital District would consider consolidating ambulance services and changing the delivery system.

Councilmember Palacios voiced support for Proposition No. 1.

Mr. Tavery stated that the Hospital District would embark on a comprehensive public education program in Grandview, Mabton and the surrounding area with information in newspapers and direct mailings to residents in the service area describing the services provided, the current economic condition of the ambulance operation and the imperative of Proposition No. 1. A town hall meeting in Grandview would be scheduled during the first week of October. He would also be making presentations in Grandview and Mabton at civic groups and the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember Jennings encouraged that public literature be prepared and public meetings be held in English and Spanish.

Councilmember Souders inquired as to the wording of the proposition on the ballot and whether or not it identified that the proposed tax levy would fund ambulance services.

City Administrator Staples stated that a letter was sent to the County Commissioners in July requesting that the ballot wording for the proposed tax levy be identified for ambulance services.

Councilmember McDonald questioned whether or not the Council could pass a resolution in support of a specific initiative.

City Administrator Staples advised that under the law, the Council as a collective group could pass a resolution endorsing a proposition, however, at that meeting, the Council must allow members of the public who hold an opposite view an opportunity to express their views.

On motion by Councilmember Palacios, second by Councilmember Moore, Council unanimously instructed staff to prepare a resolution endorsing Proposition No. 1.

7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS - None

8. COUNCILMEMBER MEETING REPORTS

The Great Grandview Grape Stomp – The Great Grandview Grape Stomp was held September 13th at the YVCC Workforce Education Center. The City team consisted of Councilmember Souders, Public Works Assistant Lillian Veliz and her daughter Victoria. A special thank you was extended to Elizabeth Alba who organized the event on behalf of the Chamber.

Washington State Menudo Cook-Off – Councilmember Palacios participated as a judge at the Washington State Menudo Cook-Off this past Saturday in Granger.

Centennial Celebration – Councilmember Palacios reported that the Centennial Committee would be presenting a status report at the next Council meeting.

Opportunities for Intergovernmental Cooperation – The Mayors and City Administrators/Manager from the Cities of Grandview, Prosser and Sunnyside met last week to discuss opportunities for intergovernmental cooperation. Items discussed were ambulance service, animal control, building department services, civil service testing, development standards, economic development, emergency management, engineering services (basic), equipment sharing, fuel purchases, information services, jail, legislative advocacy, online services, parks maintenance, police dispatch, purchasing, recreation services, street services, and tourism. A joint meeting between the Councils has been scheduled for September 29th, 5:30 pm, at The Vineyard.

Leadership Yakima Valley – The first session of Leadership Yakima Valley was held on September 10th, with approximately nine participants in attendance.

Meeting with Legislators RE: Downtown Revitalization Project – Meetings with five State Senators will take place on September 16th and 17th to discuss the Downtown Revitalization Project. The City received a copy of a letter that went to Governor Gregoire from Senator Honeyford, Representative Chandler and Representative Newhouse requesting that funding of the City's Downtown Revitalization project be included in the State Capital Budget.

9. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Jennings, Council unanimously adjourned the regular meeting at 7:40 p.m.