

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 6, 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, Parks & Recreation Director Mike Carpenter and City Clerk Anita Palacios.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Arthur Sanders, Student at Smith School Elementary, led the pledge of allegiance.

3. CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Parks & Recreation Director Carpenter explained that earlier this year, Mayor Childress appointed a group of community members to serve on the Grandview Centennial Committee with their focus being to develop a plan for our community's centennial celebration in 2009. Councilmembers Mike Bren and Jesse Palacios were asked to co-chair this committee, which has been meeting regularly over the past several months to coordinate a plan for the official Grandview Centennial Celebration.

For Council's consideration, the following was a preliminary event schedule and a description of centennial projects that the committee was recommending for the upcoming celebration in 2009.

JANUARY: Celebration kick-off during 1st City Council meeting of 2009 and would include Proclamation and displays. First of four Oral History Presentations/Discussions to be held at The Vineyard.

FEBRUARY: Second of four Oral History Presentations/Discussions to be held at the Centennial Blood Drive (100 pint donation campaign).

MARCH: Third of four Oral History Presentations/Discussions to be held at The Vineyard.

APRIL: Fourth and final Oral History Presentations/Discussions to be held at the Junior Miss Program with Centennial Theme.

Community Photo/Portrait.

MAY: Remembering and honoring our Public Officials of the past at City Council and School Board meeting.

JUNE: Year-end school artwork display.

JULY: 4th of July Flag Raising Ceremony with special guest Hometown Veteran Milton Ramsey.

AUGUST: THE MAIN EVENT

- Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo with Centennial Theme
- Centennial Parade
- Centennial Fun Run/Walk
- Celebration Ceremony at the Fair with VIP's including Governor and Jr. Miss Royalty (past and present)
- GHS Alumni Reunion
- Centennial Photo Display at Senior Center
- City Facility Tours

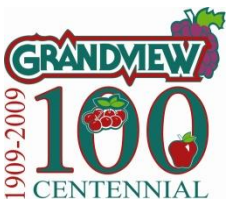
SEPTEMBER: Actual Grandview Birthday Celebration

NOVEMBER: Centennial Theme for Community Banquet with Slide Show of Centennial Events.

The following was a list of centennial projects with a brief description that the committee identified on their preliminary menu:

1. School District Wide Art Project: Each student within the Grandview School District would get the opportunity to develop/create a 4" X 4" component that would tie into one of the many themes depicting the first 100 years of Grandview's existence. The artwork would be on display at the various festivities throughout the year. The project would be under the direction of the high school art teacher Margaret Hue. All project supplies would be provided by the schools.
2. Permanent Depiction of Centennial Logo: Currently, a Grandview High School senior student who was interested in coordinating efforts for the installation of a monument to include the centennial logo near the pathway at the west entrance of town. Margaret Hue has agreed to assist this student to ensure that the monument would be built to last with professional standards incorporated.
3. Framed Photos & Displays: Daniel & Barbara Christensen were working on the development of displays and photos that represent the various decades of the history of our town. These would be presented at City Council meetings and other prominent locations throughout the city during the celebration year.

A special account was established at the September 15th City Council meeting for both revenues and expenditures associated with the centennial celebration. The committee would generate required revenue by selling commemorative t-shirts, hats and pins to citizens.



PRELIMINARY CENTENNIAL BUDGET

ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES		ANTICIPATED REVENUES	
Reimbursement of Seed Money	\$1,500	Seed Money	\$1,500
Fun Run/Walk Supplies	\$ 450	Fun Run/Walk Registration	\$ 750
T-Shirts	\$ 760	T-Shirts Sales	\$1,200
DVD Supplies	\$ 100	DVD Sales	\$ 250
Birthday Celebration	\$ 200	Pin Sales	\$1,500
Invitations/Postage	\$ 100		
Photo Display Supplies	\$1,000		
Embroidery Set Up/Hats	\$ 135		
Commemorative Seals	\$ 110		
TOTAL	\$4,355	TOTAL	\$5,200

The next Centennial Committee meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 5th, 6:30 p.m., at The Vineyard.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Bratton, 1304 West Fifth Street, Grandview, questioned if property was being seized where criminal activity, i.e., recent marijuana/drug busts and gang shootings, had taken place. Her question would be referred to the Police Chief for a response.

Lonnie Hendrickson of the Grandview Music Booster Club announced that the Club would be sponsoring "Rocktober Battle of the Bands 08" on October 18th from 3:30 to 8:00 p.m., at the GHS Stadium.

Ken Brooks, who resides adjacent to the Port District and Fairgrounds, expressed concern with the loud noise produced by steam coming from the Shonan USA processing plant. His complaint would be referred to the Code Enforcement Officer for investigation.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes of the September 15, 2008 study session**
- B. Claim check Nos. 91650-91765 in the amount of \$189,804.31**
- C. Payroll check approval for the September 16, 2008 - September 30, 2008 payroll**
- D. Grandview Junior Miss Street Closure Request – Approved street closure for the 100 block of Division Street on October 24 & 25, 2008 for the 4th Annual Haunted House**

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Proposition No. 1 Emergency Medical Service Levies

Mayor Childress read the ballot title for Proposition No. 1 in its entirety, as follows:

Proposition No. 1 Emergency Medical Service Levies – The Board of Yakima County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 355-2008 concerning a proposition to finance emergency medical care and emergency medical services. This proposition would authorize the Emergency Medical Services District to impose regular property tax levies of twenty-five cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation (.25/\$1,000.00) or less, for collection in the four consecutive years beginning January 1, 2009, the proceeds to be used to provide ambulance services in the Emergency Medical Services District. Should this proposition be approved?

_____ EMS Levy - Yes

_____ EMS Levy – No

Mayor Childress provided members of the legislative body and public who held an opposite position an opportunity to express their views at the meeting. There were none.

B. Resolution No. 2008-24; in support of Proposition No. 1 Emergency Medical Service Levies

On motion by Councilmember Horner, second by Councilmember Moore, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2008-24 in support of Proposition No. 1 Emergency Medical Service Levies.

C. Ordinance No. 2008-15; amending the 2008 Annual Budget

The Cemetery had experienced a higher than expected level of services year to date. The increased number of services had been reflected in higher wages, benefits and related operating costs. Approaching the end of September, the Cemetery Fund expenditures were at 98% of appropriations. While increased revenues were recognized, they would not offset the total additional expenses. There was a likely reduction in the ending fund balance.

The City has been awarded a Community Development Block Grant for water system and street improvements within the area identified as the Grandridge Neighborhood. Preliminary engineering was required in 2008. The ordinance recognized receiving some CDBG funds, water/sewer fund transfers and the appropriation of same for 2008 expenditures.

After the 2008 Annual Budget was adopted in December of 2007, the City purchased a “camel” utility maintenance truck. The Water/Sewer fund paid for 2/3 of the truck and the Equipment Rental fund paid 1/3. The Equipment Rental Fund capital appropriations did not include the \$85,000 for the camel truck. The budget amendment also recognized increased rental use rates and increased fuel costs.

By Fund the highlights of the budget changes were:

- CEMETERY FUND: Increased estimated Charges for Services. Increased appropriations for wages and benefits, supplies, rentals and maintenance. A reduction in the ending fund balance.
- C.D.B.G. FUND: Recognized revenues from the grant and transfers from the Water/Sewer Fund. The ordinance established an appropriation for expenditure of funds for the construction project.
- EQUIPMENT RENTAL FUND: Because of increased fuel costs, both rental rates (revenues) and operating supplies (expenses) were increased. Due to the purchase of the camel truck, the appropriation for equipment purchase was increased. There was an associated decrease in the ending fund balance.

On motion by Councilmember Palacios, second by Councilmember Souders, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2008-15 amending the 2008 Annual Budget.

7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

2009 Preliminary Budget – City Administrator Staples stated that the budget process was moving forward with the second round of budget estimate reviews with Department Heads taking place this week. The primary item staff was waiting for were recommendations from the City Engineer on water and sewer rates. An analysis was being prepared to review the City’s financial condition in the water/sewer fund, particularly this year with the substantial impact from the loss of Wild River Foods, who was the largest industrial user representing approximately 20% of the water/sewer fund revenue. Revenue loss from Wild River Foods was being projected at approximately \$1 million for 2009. The Mayor’s proposed budget would be distributed to Council on October 22nd. Two budget study sessions have been scheduled for November 3rd and 6th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Downtown Revitalization Project – The Governor’s office has requested that the City complete an application for capital budget funding for the downtown revitalization project.

Joint City/YVCC Library – City Administrator Staples reported that Dr. Linda Kaminski, Dean Bryce Humphreys and he would be meeting on October 7th with a representative from USDA to pursue a potential funding source for the joint library, as well as the downtown revitalization project.

8. COUNCILMEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Grandview United – Councilmember Souders attended the Grandview United meeting on September 30th.

DRYVE Transaction – Councilmembers Souders and Palacios volunteered their time at the DRYVE Transaction booth located at the Central Washington State Fair in Yakima.

GHS Site Council – Councilmember Horner, who participates on the GHS Site Council, reported that results from a recent survey at the high school identified that the biggest concern for a majority of high school students was gangs and violence.

Joint Council Meeting with Grandview, Prosser and Sunnyside – The joint meeting with the City Councils of Grandview, Prosser and Sunnyside was held on September 29th to discuss potential regional partnerships. The City Administrators/Manager and Department Heads from each of the three cities will be meeting on October 16th.

Recreation Partnerships – City Administrator Staples reported that he had received an inquiry from Robert Morales, on behalf of the Mabton School District, regarding the possibility of the School District contracting with the City for after-school recreational activities similar to the Frenzy Friday program that the City's Recreation Department administers at the Grandview Middle School.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Norm Childress

Anita Palacios, City Clerk