

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 3, 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 Mike Bren, Pam Horner, Diana Jennings, Jan McDonald, Bill Moore, Jesse Palacios and Joan Souders.

Staff present was: City Administrator Scott Staples, City Treasurer John Myers and City Clerk Anita Palacios.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Alex Ledesma, Student at McClure Elementary School, led the pledge of allegiance.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Brad Smith, 502 Avenue H, Grandview, updated the Council regarding the march for peace and community unity that took place on October 25<sup>th</sup> at Sunnyview Park. The event was a huge success with approximately 300 individuals attending. The next meeting of Grandview United was scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m., at Compass High School.

Richard Cassidy, North County Line Road, Grandview, expressed concern with traffic congestion at the intersection of Wine Country Road and McCreadie and the additional traffic volume that would be generated with the opening of the new Bleyhl Country Store. He suggested the speed limit be reduced from 45 mph to 25 mph. Councilmember Bren concurred.

The issue of reducing the speed limit on Wine Country Road from Country Line Road to Fir Street would be forwarded to the Police Chief and City Engineer for review and recommendation.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Minutes of the October 20, 2008 regular meeting**
- B. Claim check Nos. 91866-91954 in the amount of \$44,275.19**
- C. Payroll check approval for the October 16, 2008 – October 31, 2008 payroll**

**5. ACTIVE AGENDA**

- A. Public Hearing – 2009 Current Expense Fund Revenue Sources**

Mayor Childress opened the public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the 2009 Current Expense Fund Revenue Sources.

City Treasurer Myers advised that the revenue sources for the 2009 Current Expense Fund budget would include consideration of possible increases in property tax revenues together with the proposed ordinance levying taxes in the amount of \$1,350,000 for the regular levy and \$85,000 for the excess levy--the proposed Operating Revenue for the Current Expense Fund was \$4,455,160.

No public comments were received during the hearing or by mail.

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

**6. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS – None**

**7. COUNCILMEMBER MEETING REPORTS**

2009 Preliminary Budget – The second budget study session would be held on Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Joint City/YVCC Library Project – City Administrator Staples met with Dr. Linda Kaminski and Bryce Humphreys of YVCC last week to brainstorm ideas regarding efforts to raise the remaining \$900,000 for the joint City/YVCC library project. YVCC has raised approximately \$1.1 million of the \$2 million needed. The City was pursuing the possibility of funding from the United State Department of Agriculture (USDA). USDA has both grants and long-term loans for construction projects.

Downtown Revitalization Project – City Administrator Staples reported that he met with representatives from USDA to discuss funding options for the downtown revitalization project. USDA has several categories of grants and loans available for water and/or sewer projects to construct utilities. He was also working on scheduling a meeting in early December with the Deputy Chair of the House Budget Committee to discuss the downtown project.

Yakima Valley Junior Fair Fundraising Gala – Councilmembers Palacios, Horner and Public Works Director Arteaga attended the Yakima Valley Junior Fair fundraising gala on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mid Valley Chrysler Jeep Dodge RV/Marine – Councilmember Bren attended the Open House and Trade Show for the new truck service center at Mid Valley Chrysler Jeep Dodge RV/Marine on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Centennial Committee Meeting – The Centennial Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m., at The Vineyard.

Grandview United Peace March – Councilmember Jennings commended Brad and Melodie Smith of Grandview United and Alex Santillanes of Barrios Unidos for organizing the peace march at Sunnyview Park.

Carriage Square Halloween Patrol – Councilmember Souders reported that her neighborhood block watch patrolled their neighborhood during the evening of Halloween.

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Haunted House – Councilmember Souders commended the Junior Miss Committee for their hard work in organizing the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Haunted House in downtown Grandview.

Lower Valley Mayors Meeting – Mayor Childress attended the Lower Valley Mayors meeting and the topic of discussion was the budget process and the closure of the graffiti pod at the Yakima County Juvenile Detention Center.

Following discussion, Council instructed staff to schedule a meeting with Yakima County District Court officials to discuss issues concerning prosecution and detention of criminals in our community.

Senior Advisory Board Meeting – Mayor Childress and City Administrator Staples met with the Senior Advisory Board on October 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss issues relating to the YVCC Grandview Campus expansion plans and joint use concept.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilmember Souders, second by Councilmember Moore, Council unanimously adjourned the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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Mayor Norm Childress

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Anita Palacios, City Clerk