

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 17, 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 Attorney Jack Maxwell, City Treasurer John Myers and City Clerk Anita Palacios.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Kamryn Serl, Student at McClure Elementary School, led the pledge of allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Walt Bratton, 1304 West Fifth Street, Grandview, indicated that there were several positive things that have occurred in his neighborhood as a result of working with the Police and Public Works Departments, including decreased gang activity and graveling of the alley behind his residence.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes of the November 3, 2008 study session**
- B. Minutes of the November 3, 2008 regular meeting**
- C. Minutes of the November 6, 2008 budget workshop**
- D. Claim check Nos. 91955-92043 in the amount of \$150,834.97**
- E. Payroll check approval for the November 1, 2008 - November 15, 2008 payroll**
- F. Ordinance No. 2008-16 levying the 2009 ad valorem property taxes and excess levy taxes**
- G. Ordinance No. 2008-17 amending the 2008 annual budget**

5. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Public Hearing – 2009 Preliminary Budget

Mayor Childress opened the public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the 2009 Preliminary Budget.

Public comments received were as follows:

Walt Bratton, 1304 West Fifth Street, Grandview, questioned what was included under professional services. He expressed concern with the amount paid to employees for salaries

and health insurance benefits and questioned whether employees would be receiving a step increase plus a cost of living increase. He compared non-union salaries with those of teacher's salaries. He questioned the amount of administration and supervision salaries in the utility funds. He questioned how the City calculated the proposed utility rate increase identified in the budget message.

It was explained that professional services was a line item from the State bars accounting system which included funding to hire professionals such as lawyers or for payment of contracts with other governmental entities. With respect to salaries, it was explained that the employees would be receiving a 3% cost of living increase. With respect to administration and supervision salaries, it was explained that administration included the salary paid to the Public Works Director and supervision included salaries paid to the Public Works Foremen and WWTP Superintendent. With respect to the utility rate increase, it was explained that the amount was calculated on base rates for a typical single-family residence and did not include utility taxes or the irrigation rate.

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. 2008-18 amending Grandview Municipal Code Sections 13.28.010(A), (B) and (C) setting domestic water rates

On motion by Councilmember Palacios, second by Councilmember Moore, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2008-18 amending Grandview Municipal Code Sections 13.28.010 (A), (B) and (C) setting domestic water rates.

C. Ordinance No. 2008-19 amending Grandview Municipal Code Section 13.28.050 setting domestic sewer rates

On motion by Councilmember Horner, second by Councilmember Souders, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2008-19 amending Grandview Municipal Code Section 13.28.050 setting domestic sewer rates.

D. Ordinance No. 2008-20 amending Grandview Municipal Code Section 13.28.060(B) setting irrigation water rates

Ordinance No. 2008-21 amending Grandview Municipal Code Section 13.28.085 setting garbage rates

On motion by Councilmember McDonald, second by Councilmember Moore, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2008-20 amending Grandview Municipal Code Section 13.28.060(B) setting irrigation water rates, and Ordinance No. 2008-21 amending Grandview Municipal Code Section 13.28.085 setting garbage rates.

E. Ordinance No. 2008-22 amending Grandview Municipal Code Section 3.60.050(G) setting city utility tax rates

Following discussion, Ordinance No. 2008-22 amending Grandview Municipal Code Section 3.60.050(G) setting city utility tax rates was removed from the agenda, which would have lowered the garbage utility tax rate from 40% to 37%. The garbage utility tax rate would remain at 40%.

6. COUNCILMEMBER MEETING REPORTS

15th District Legislative Delegation Meeting – A meeting with the 15th District Legislative delegation would take place on December 8th, 5:30 p.m., at City Hall.

Community Awards Banquet – The Community Awards Banquet was scheduled for November 20th, 6:00 p.m., at the Methodist Church.

7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

2009 Preliminary Budget

City Administrator Staples presented the following budgets:

- Legislative Services – No notable changes. Included dues for AWC and YVCOG.
- General Management Services – No notable changes.
- Economic Development – No notable changes. Included dues for YCDA.
- Legal Services – No notable changes.

Follow-up budget items:

- Gang and Graffiti Abatement Grant Program – City Administrator Staples explained that according to Commissioner Elloitt and Sheriff Irwin there were no additional funds available for cities and they had already committed the money the County received.
- Citizens for Safe Communities Donation – Council agreed to donate \$2,500 to Citizens for Safe Communities from the Community Support Services budget.
- Street Maintenance Appropriation - Council consensus was to appropriate \$25,000 to the street maintenance fund.

Councilmember Palacios expressed concern with the 2010 budget and in keeping with the prioritized list of services suggested Council consider cutting the library budget by \$10,000 and close the library during the month of December.

City Administrator Staples explained that should the efforts to raise funds to construct a joint library proceed as planned, the new library should be occupied by late 2010. Preliminary estimate of the cost savings for the City with the joint library project would be \$100,000 per year.

Following discussion, Council decided not to consider library cuts until it was known whether the joint library project would be completed.

City Administrator Staples suggested that after the first of the year, Council review revised 5-year projection estimates for revenues and expenditures and the list of prioritized services, and begin developing a game plan for 2010 and beyond.

9. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember McDonald, Council unanimously adjourned the regular meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Mayor Norm Childress

Anita Palacios, City Clerk