

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 1, 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, Diana Jennings, Jan McDonald, Bill Moore, Jesse Palacios and Joan Souders. Councilmember Pam Horner was absent.

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Bryan Gonzalez, Student at Harriet Thompson Elementary School, led the pledge of allegiance.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Minutes of the November 17, 2008 study session**
- B. Minutes of the November 17, 2008 regular meeting**
- C. Claim check Nos. 92044-92134 in the amount of \$81,578.58**
- D. Payroll check approval for the November 16, 2008 - November 30, 2008 payroll**
- E. Resolution No. 2008-25 authorizing the Mayor to sign a Public Sector Service Contract with Yakima County Development Association for economic development services**
- F. Resolution No. 2008-26 accepting the bid and authorizing the Grandview Herald as the official newspaper for the year 2009**
- G. Ordinance No. 2008-22 amending GMC Chapter 2.75.010 recreation program fees to include a ballroom dance class fee**
- H. 2009 YVCOG General Membership Member and Alternate Designation**

**5. ACTIVE AGENDA**

**A. Proposal to Install Frisbee Golf Course at Dykstra Park (Jacob Wagner)**

Grandview High School student Jacob Wagner presented a proposal requesting approval to install a Frisbee Golf Course at Dykstra Park. This project would help Jacob meet his respective senior project requirements, but more importantly engage our community in enhancing our recreational facilities and opportunities. As proposed, there would be no costs to the City in terms of the purchase of the required equipment.

**On motion by Councilmember Palacios, second by Councilmember McDonald, Council unanimously approved the installation of a Frisbee Golf Course at Dykstra Park as requested by Jacob Wagner, and committed to purchasing one hole through Council payroll deduction.**

City Administrator Staples and City Attorney Maxwell also agreed to purchase a hole.

**B. Ordinance No. 2008-23 adopting the 2009 non-union salary schedule and amending the Personnel Manual Exhibit "B" 2009 non-union monthly salary matrix**

**On motion by Councilmember Bren, second by Councilmember Moore, Council approved Ordinance No. 2008-23 adopting the 2009 non-union salary schedule and amending the Personnel Manual Exhibit "B" 2009 non-union monthly salary matrix. Councilmember Palacios abstained from the vote.**

**C. Ordinance No. 2008-24 adopting the budget and confirming tax levies for revenue to carry on the government for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009**

Throughout the months of August through December, there have been numerous Council study sessions, budget discussions and staff reviews of the 2009 Proposed Budget. The 2009 budget provided for the continuation of most City Services. Some programs would be continued, but at reduced levels. In order to maintain a similar level of service in all programs it was necessary to increase some fees and charges for services.

By Fund, notable changes and the highlights of balancing the budget were:

- **CURRENT EXPENSE:** There would be a transfer of \$25,000 from the Current Expense fund to the Street fund for road and street maintenance. The Animal Control program would be managed without an Animal Control Officer.
- **WATER/SEWER:** Increase of 6% in Water service rates. Increase of 20% in residential Sewer service rates. Industrial Sewer rate increase of approximately 33% (pre Wild River rate adjustment).
- **IRRIGATION:** Increased Irrigation assessment rates by 20%.
- **SOLID WASTE:** Increased Collection rates by 35%.

**On motion by Councilmember Palacios, second by Councilmember Bren, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2008-24 adopting the budget and confirming tax levies for revenue to carry on the government for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009.**

**D. Ordinance No. 2008-25 amending GMC Section 15.70.020(C) plan review fees**

During the update of Title 15, wording was included from the Building Safety Journal latest addition, which was dated February 2005. At that time, the plan review fee for new construction was calculated at 0.0012 of the estimated value with a \$250 minimum and all other structural plan reviews shall be 65% of the permit fee. The wording has been modified and the 0.0012 of the estimated value or the \$250 minimum has been removed. The recommendation was to

charge 65% of the permit fee for all new construction. The new wording provided additional revenue, which would off-set City expenses when using an outside service for new construction plan review. In addition, the extra revenue would help keep the Inspection & Permitting Department self-supporting.

**On motion by Councilmember Palacios, second by Councilmember McDonald, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2008-25 amending GMC Section 15.70.020(C) plan review fees.**

**E. Ordinance No. 2008-26 amending sections of Title 9 of the GMC Public Peace, Morals and Welfare**

Due to an unfavorable interpretation of one of the local ordinances by a District Court Judge, and, after a meeting with the City Administrator, police, defense counsel and the city prosecutor, it was determined by a majority of those present that the City would be better served by adopting state statutes for most misdemeanors and gross misdemeanors rather than local provisions. The ordinance presented would adopt state codes with only a few local ordinances left in place, which were felt to be beneficial to the City's enforcement activities.

**On motion by Councilmember Palacios, second by Councilmember Souders, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2008-26 amending sections of Title 9 of the GMC Public Peace, Morals and Welfare.**

**F. Ordinance No. 2008-27 repealing Title 5 of the GMC "Business Taxes, Licenses and Regulations" and adopting a new Title 5 to the GMC "Business Licenses, Fees and Regulations"**

The following sections were amended as part of the comprehensive update of Title 5:

Definitions - Definitions specific to a chapter were included in that chapter and updated.

Business Licenses - Deleted "Master license" and changed fee from \$25 to \$50 per year.

Billards, Pool and Bowling - Deleted "License assignment or transfer" and "Obstructing view of games or operations" and changed pool table fee from \$25 to \$50 per year.

Dancing - Changed fee from \$25 to \$50 per dance, eliminated reduced security rate for School District and non-profits and deleted "Misrepresentation of age to gain admission."

Adult Use Business & Adult Use Business – Internal Regulations - No recommended changes.

Hawker's License - Repealed this Chapter. A hawker would obtain a business license.

Itinerant Mobile and Stationary Vendors - Included a "purpose" and limitation on permitted activities, revised definitions and standards, and changed fee schedule as follows: taco trucks \$150 to \$300 per year, ice cream vendors remained at \$150 per year and Christmas tree sale lots remained at \$75 per year.

Transient Merchants and Amusements - Revised definition, changed amusement fee from \$25 to \$50.

Vehicles for Hire - Repealed this chapter.

Vending and Game Machines - Deleted "Alternate license fee."

Yard Sales - No recommended changes.

Ambulance Services - Repealed this chapter.

Regulation of Alcoholic Beverages - No recommended changes.

Within all chapters, the suspension/revocation process was updated and the appeal process was changed to the hearing examiner.

**On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2008-27 repealing Title 5 of the GMC "Business Taxes, Licenses and Regulations" and adopting a new Title 5 to the GMC "Business Licenses, Fees and Regulations."**

#### **G. Draft 2009 State Legislative Agenda**

City Administrator Staples presented the draft 2009 State Legislative Agenda prepared on behalf of the Cities of Grandview, Prosser and Sunnyside that the Council would discuss with the 15<sup>th</sup> Legislative District representatives at a special meeting scheduled for Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m., at City Hall. The agenda included the following items:

##### Economic Development

- ▶ Walter Clore Center Grant Request
- ▶ Lift Funding
- ▶ Grandview Downtown Revitalization

##### Recreation

- ▶ Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Grant Request

##### City Revenue Authority

##### Tort Reform

##### Community Safety

- ▶ Graffiti

##### Transportation

- ▶ Maintain and Expand Public Works Trust Fund Funding

##### Water Quality and Quantity

##### General Government

- ▶ Public Disclosure
- ▶ Taping of Executive Sessions
- ▶ Unfunded Mandates
- ▶ Retirement Contributions
- ▶ Driving While License Suspended (3<sup>rd</sup> degree), Operating Without a License and Identification

- ▶ Fiscal Aid for Distressed Cities and Counties
- ▶ Mitigate Medical Costs for Offenders
- ▶ Attorney-Client Privilege

Councilmember Bren suggested legislation that would reform regulations related to the obligation by a City to pay medical costs for retired LEOFF 1 employees.

## **6. COUNCILMEMBER MEETING REPORTS**

Council Meeting Cancellation – **On motion by Councilmember McDonald, second by Councilmember Palacios, Council agreed to cancel the December 15<sup>th</sup> regular meeting due to a lack of agenda items.**

Proposed Sale of Euclid Park – City Administrator Staples provided an update on the Euclid Park proposed sale. The School District has expressed an interest in potentially purchasing Euclid Park. An appraisal has been completed and the cost of the appraisal was split between the City and School District. The appraised value of the park was \$190,000. The School District has a continued interest in purchasing the park, but would like to wait until the first of the year following the Legislative session to discuss it further with the Council.

Councilmember Bren asked whether or not a public hearing would be required. City Attorney Maxwell would research the issue.

Citizens for a Safe Community Donation – Councilmember Palacios suggested that a letter be included with the donation to the Citizens for Safe Community to reflect that the donation was for 2009 and there would be no guarantee for donations in 2010 or beyond.

DRYVE Support Letter – Councilmember Palacios requested that the City send a letter of support to DRYVE supporting their funding efforts for identified transportation projects including the City's Euclid Road improvements.

Council Retreat – Council agreed to hold a retreat in February. Retreat dates would be discussed at the first meeting in January. Discussion items would include a two-year budget cycle and a four-day work week.

## **7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS – None**

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilmember Palacios, second by Councilmember Souders, Council unanimously adjourned the regular meeting at 8:08 p.m.

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Mayor Norm Childress

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Anita Palacios, City Clerk