

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 5, 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, Jan McDonald, Bill Moore, and Joan Souders. Councilmember Jesse Palacios was absent.

Staff present were: City Administrator Scott Staples, City Attorney John Maxwell, and Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Elizabeth Alba.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Case Graf, student at McClure Elementary School, led the pledge of allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

4. 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 April 21, 2008 study session
- B. Minutes of the April 21, 2008 regular meeting
- C. Claim Check Nos. 90657-90746 in the amount of \$116,286.90
- D. Payroll Check approval for April 30, 2008
- E. Resolution No. 2008-14; adopting a new Personnel Policy Manual
- F. Resolution No. 2008-15; authoring the Mayor to sign the CDBG General Purpose Grant Contract No. 08-64008-019 with the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development for the Grandridge Area Improvements Project
- G. Resolution No. 2008-16; authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Agreement for Professional Services with Huijbregtse, Louman Associates, Inc., for the Grandridge Area CDBG Improvement Project

5. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. **Ordinance No. 2008-9; amending Grandview Municipal Code Section 9.08.094 – disorderly conduct**

On motion by Councilmember Horner, second by Councilmember Souders, Council unanimously withdrew Ordinance No. 2008-9; amending Grandview Municipal Code Section 9.08.094 – disorderly conduct from the Consent Agenda. Council directed staff to mark the changed portions of the ordinance when presented to Council at the May 19th meeting.

- B. **Charter Communications Franchise Agreement**

Randy Lee, Director of Operations, of Charter Communications presented information concerning a change to the existing Franchise Agreement between the City of Grandview, Washington and Falcon Video Communications LP d/b/a/ Charter Communications. Mr. Lee explained that having a single-staffed office and store front was no longer cost effective and that they can care for Charter Communications customers just as effectively in the absence of the local office. Mr. Lee referenced the following services that will be continued after the Grandview office closes:

- A local third party bill payment station in the community, which will facilitate payments and provide customer service contact information to customers.
- A 24 hour, 7 days a week toll free customer service number where customers can request a service call, equipment pick up, make a payment by phone, question their bill or request additional services.
- The local Yakima City office will be the central office for Grandview/Sunnyside. This central office location shall be used to dispatch our staff to all service areas for equipment pick-up and other customer service needs
- Charter Communications customer also have several alternatives to making their bill payments, such as making payments by US Mail (by check or money order), by Electronic Fund Transfers (Auto Pay Service which automatically debits from the customer's bank account at no extra charge) and by credit card.

Councilmember Bren expressed his concern about closing our local office since it seemed to be busy with customers on a regular basis. He expressed his concern with Grandview residents ability to conduct business with Charter Communications in person.

On motion by Councilmember McDonald, second by Councilmember Moore, Council instructed staff to draft an ordinance changing the language of the current Franchise Agreement with Falcon Video Communications LP d/b/a/ Charter Communications. Councilmember Bren voted in opposition.

6. COUNCILMEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Transportation for Special Needs Adults – Councilmember Souders reported that she was invited to attend one of four forums regarding transportation issues facing the special needs population. She suggested Council invite Page Scott of YVCGOC to talk about PTIC.

Centennial Committee – Councilmember Bren reported the results of the Centennial Committee meeting held on April 30th. Many ideas were shared and the committee is working on getting help with the accounting for the Centennial. A logo design contest went out today with a \$100 prize incentive. The main focus of the Centennial will be during fair week, but events will be planned for the entire year. The next meeting of the Centennial Committee will be May 21 at 6:30 p.m. at The Vineyard.

Downtown Revitalization – Councilmember Bren reminded Council of a meeting scheduled on May 14th at 6:30 p.m. at The Vineyard with downtown business and property owners.

Grandview Municipal Code Title 6: Animals - City Administrator Staples provided updated information concerning dogs running at large on school district property. After a discussion with Superintendent Kevin Chase, it was suggested the Grandview School District establish their

own policy concerning dogs on District property that would not be a part of the Grandview Municipal Code.

Grandview Municipal Code Title 17: Zoning – City Administrator Staples reviewed initial staff comments concerning the change to Title 17. Since the nature of this title is complex and will require work from the Planning Commission, Staples suggested a joint Council – Planning Commission meeting in a few weeks to discuss Councils direction for changes to this title.

7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Museum Board Vacancy

Mayor Childress presented information concerning an opening on the Museum Board with the resignation of Wayne Fields. Christine Vining and Eugene Lange were the two applicants that applied for the open position. Mayor Childress suggested both applicants be accepted to the Museum Board since the board had unfilled vacancies.

On motion by Councilmember Horner, second by Councilmember McDonald, Council unanimously approved Christine Vining and Eugene Lange to be appointed to the Museum Board of Directors.

8. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember McDonald, Council unanimously adjourned the regular meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor Norm Childress

Elizabeth Alba, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer