

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 2, 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, Bill Moore, Jesse Palacios and Joan Souders. Councilmember Jan McDonald was absent.

Staff present was: City Clerk Anita Palacios.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bill Flory led the pledge of allegiance.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Childress presented Bill Flory and Mike Thornock with the Community Enhancement Award for the month of June. Mr. Flory and Mr. Thornock have been instrumental in applying a stain/protective coating on the Stokely Square Gazebo on an annual basis.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes of the May 19, 2008 study session
- B. Minutes of the May 19, 2008 regular meeting
- C. Minutes of the May 22, 2008 special meeting
- D. Claim Check Nos. 90867-90957 in the amount of \$217,893.64
- E. Payroll Check approval for May 31, 2008

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Public Transportation Benefit Area

- Presentation by Page Scott, Executive Director YVCOG and Tom Hanson, WSDOT

Ms. Scott provided a brief overview of the history of public transportation in the Yakima Valley, options for expanding the public transit service, and results and comments received from the recent public transportation survey conducted by YVCOG.

Mr. Hanson explained that the authority given to cities when it comes to public transportation were RCW 35.95 which provides for cities to operate public transportation systems and to levy specials taxes in support of those systems, and RCW 36.57A.020 which provides that two cities may, by resolution, call for the convening of a Public Transportation Improvement Conference (PTIC). The funding options for a city to use to support public transportation were RCW

35.95.030 which allows cities to appropriate general funds subject to referendum, RCW 35.95.040 which authorizes B&O taxes and household unit taxes (not to exceed \$1/month) to be levied, and RCW 82.08 which authorizes a sales tax levy upon voter approval. He stated that when there was interest in providing public transportation service beyond the limits of a single city, a PTIC can be convened to research the extent to which interest in public transportation exists and what form of governance might be best to provide such service. Options for governance included: (1) cities could come together through a joint powers agreement to pool resources and have a system that was shared by the members; (2) the County could create a County Public Transportation Authority which would encompass the entire county and all the cities within. A Board of Directors would be established for the system and tax measures would be taken to the voters; or (3) a Public Transportation Benefit Area (PTBA) could be created. Elected officials from the County and each of the member cities would form a Board of Directors that would determine the area to be covered by the PTBA. A PTIC can be convened by the County Commissioners or by resolution of two cities within a county. A petition signed by 10% of the registered voters in the most recent general election may be used as well.

Following discussion, Council recommended that Mayor Childress discuss the topic of public transportation at the next Valley Mayors meeting to obtain interest from other neighboring communities within the County as to the convening of a Public Transportation Improvement Conference. They also recommended that a survey be developed and placed on the city website and distributed to groups within the community, school, college, etc., in English and Spanish to determine the level of interest that the community would support.

7. COUNCILMEMBER MEETING REPORTS

AWC Small City Roundup – The Association of Washington Cities will be hosting their annual Small City Roundup on June 5th, 6:30 p.m., at Zillah City Hall.

AWC Annual Conference – The Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Annual Conference will be held on June 17th – 20th in Yakima.

Downtown Revitalization – A meeting with downtown property owners and/or business owners to review the building design standards has been scheduled for June 4th, 6:30 p.m. at The Vineyard.

Employee Appreciation Luncheon – The Employee Appreciation Luncheon will take place on June 5th, 12:00 Noon at The Vineyard.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Current Expense Fund Program Summary – Prioritization of Services

A copy of the 2008 Program Summary for the Current Expense Fund was distributed. Mayor Childress requested that Councilmembers prioritize the services 1 through 20 on the Program Summary sheet and return to City Administrator Staples in preparation of the special meeting on July 14th at 5:00 p.m., to consider further budget reductions for 2008 and begin 2009 budget reduction discussions.

9. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Horner, second by Councilmember Moore, Council unanimously adjourned the regular meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Mayor Norm Childress

Anita Palacios, City Clerk