

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 21, 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 arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Staff present were: City Administrator Scott Staples, City Attorney Jack Maxwell, Parks & Recreation Director Mike Carpenter and City Clerk Anita Palacios.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Palacios led the pledge of allegiance.

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. July Homes of the Month and Beautification Awards**

Mayor Childress presented the July Homes of the Month Certificates of Appreciation to the following residents:

|          |                      |                         |
|----------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| East:    | 807 Esperanza Drive  | Luis Orozco             |
| South:   | 1102 Carriage Square | Dale & Marilyn Burgeson |
| North:   | 106 Wilson Hwy       | Enedina Garcia          |
| Central: | 712 W. Fourth Street | Doug & Gloria Hall      |
| West:    | 501 Butternut        | Else Stacey             |

Mayor Childress presented the July Beautification Award to the Café Grande Vue, 1019 W. Wine Country Road.

Mayor Childress presented the July Community Enhancement Award to the Grandview Basket Queens 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade AAU Basketball Team for their assistance at the Grand Hoops Fiesta Tournament.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Minutes of the June 16, 2008 regular meeting
- B. Claim Check Nos. 91072-91316 in the amount of \$336,018.45
- C. Payroll Check approval for June 30, 2008 and July 15, 2008
- D. Resolution No. 2008-20 approving the inclusion of the City of Grandview in the Yakima County Emergency Services District

Councilmember Bren expressed concern that the name of the proposed “Emergency Services District” could likely be confused with the current “Emergency Medical Service District” when placed before district voters in the November 2008 general election.

City Administrator Staples explained that the “Emergency Services District” would be a new district established by Yakima County for the purpose of funding ambulance services.

Staff was instructed to send a letter to the County Commissioners requesting that the ballot title for the proposed tax levy be identified for ambulance services.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Debi Foster and Andrea Hendrickson, representatives of the Band & Cheer Day, extended an invitation to welcome the University of Washington students and staff to the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Band & Cheer Day on Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m., at Westside Park.

Marsha Wagner, 1811 Smith Lane, Grandview, expressed appreciation for the work that Council does to make Grandview a great community to live in.

**6. ACTIVE AGENDA**

**A. 2008 Budget Action Plan – Swim Pool Closure Alternatives**

At the July 15<sup>th</sup> special meeting, Council considered an action plan to balance the 2008 budget, which included closing the swimming pool on August 7<sup>th</sup> for a cost savings of \$8,800. Council requested that staff review the alternative of extending the closure through August 16<sup>th</sup>.

Parks & Recreation Director Carpenter estimated the following expenditures for extending the 2008 swim pool season through Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> for open swim (1-4 p.m., daily – closed on Sundays) and family swim (6:30-8 p.m., Monday through Friday and 5-7 p.m., Saturday, closed on Sunday):

|                                 |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| • Aquatic staff salaries        | \$2,200       |
| • Maintenance staff salaries    | \$ 750        |
| • Office and operating supplies | \$ 250        |
| • Utilities                     | <u>\$ 750</u> |
| TOTAL                           | \$3,950       |

This would be assuming that there were no major problems with the pool pump or mechanical system.

**Councilmember Bren moved and Councilmember Souders seconded a motion to extend the closure of the swimming pool season through Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. The motion failed with Councilmembers Moore, McDonald, Palacios, Horner, Souders and Jennings voting in opposition.**

**7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS - None**

**8. COUNCILMEMBER MEETING REPORTS**

Grants for Gang Enforcement & Graffiti Abatement – The Washington Association of Sheriff and Police Chiefs (WASPC) has released RFPs for two gang-related grant programs funded by the 2008 Legislature. According to WASPC, \$750,000 would be provided for increased enforcement activities and graffiti abatement. The funding would be made available to 3 to 5 jurisdictions for enhanced enforcement activities. The remaining would be available for many smaller grants for graffiti abatement.

Carriage Square Block Watch – The Carriage Square neighborhood will be hosting a block watch ice cream social at Councilmember Souders' residence on July 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Downtown Revitalization Project – On August 4<sup>th</sup>, a delegation of City representatives will be meeting with Senator Lisa Brown of Spokane, democratic majority leader, to discuss funding options for the downtown revitalization project.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilmember Horner, second by Councilmember McDonald, 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