

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 4, 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 were: City Administrator Scott Staples, City Attorney John Maxwell, and Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Elizabeth Alba.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember McDonald led the pledge of allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes of the July 15, 2008 special meeting
- B. Minutes of the July 21, 2008 regular meeting
- C. Claim Check Nos. 91317-91407 in the amount of \$55,724.03
- D. Payroll Check approval for July 31, 2008

5. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Downtown Design Standards

- Presentation by Sheri Brockway, Architect

City Administrator Staples introduced Sheri Brockway of Brockway, Opfer, Raab Architecture to discuss the latest draft of the Downtown Design Standards as part of the Rural Opportunity Fund Grant from the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development.

Ms. Brockway explained that the Downtown Design Standards were intended to give the City a basis to review projects that go beyond codes and life safety, but was not intended to be limiting or expensive. The guidelines would serve as a living document and could be revised as necessary if sections become out of date or were found to be cumbersome for business development in the downtown core.

Following Council discussion, City Administrator Staples recommended an ordinance be prepared for the next regular Council meeting. Councilmember Bren suggested the proposed adoptions be a standalone agenda item and a notice be mailed to the downtown business and/or property owners.

6. COUNCILMEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Downtown Revitalization Project – Councilmember Horner reported that Mayor Childress, Councilmember Palacios, City Administrator Staples, City Engineer Jeff Louman, Public Works Director Arteaga and herself went to Spokane [today] to meet with Senator Lisa Brown to discuss the downtown revitalization efforts.

Country Park Pathway Project Ribbon Cutting – Mayor Childress reported that there would be a ribbon cutting for the first section of the Country Park Pathway on Wednesday, August 6th at 12:00 Noon.

Joint YVCC/City Library Project – Councilmember Bren questioned whether or not the annexation of the Library to the Regional System would affect the fund raising efforts of YVCC for the joint library project. City Administrator Staples would contact YVCC to clarify the issue.

Yakima Valley Band & Cheer Meet and Greet – City Administrator Staples reminded Council that the University of Washington would be at Westside Park on August 6th at 7:30 p.m. to give a pre-parade performance.

Carriage Square Block Watch Party – Councilmember Souders expressed her appreciation for the gang awareness presentation from Officer Rick Abarca during the Carriage Square Development Block Watch Party. Approximately 30 neighbors turned out for the event.

7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS – None

8. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Horner, second by Councilmember Moore, Council unanimously adjourned the regular meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Mayor Norm Childress

Elizabeth Alba, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer