

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 19, 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, Jan McDonald, Bill Moore, Jesse Palacios and Joan Souders. Councilmembers Pam Horner and Robert Morales were absent.

Staff present were: City Administrator Scott Staples, City Attorney Jack Maxwell and City Clerk Anita Palacios.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Josue Arteaga, student at McClure Elementary School, led the pledge of allegiance.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Minutes of the February 4, 2008 study session
- B. Minutes of the February 4, 2008 regular meeting
- C. Claim Check Nos. 90099-90202 in the amount of \$173,805.28
- D. Payroll Check approval for February 15, 2008
- E. Ordinance No. 2008-4; Amending Ordinance No. 2007-25 setting the 2008 non-union salary schedule
- F. Resolution No. 2008-6; Declaring certain property as surplus and authorizing its sale or disposition

**5. ACTIVE AGENDA**

**A. Grandview Resident Outreach**

City Administrator Staples provided a brief overview of the outline and handouts for the public outreach meetings scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

Following the last meeting, staff incorporated "Future Options for Consideration" under Revenue Alternatives to include the Parks & Recreation Service Area and Library annexation. In addition, two footnotes were added to inform the public of the user cost of a 1% increase in private utility taxes and a 1% increase in City utility taxes.

**6. COUNCILMEMBER MEETING REPORTS**

Downtown Revitalization Project – Mayor Childress reported that the City held a community forum on February 12<sup>th</sup> to present the latest concept of the plan for the downtown revitalization project to the public. Approximately 50+ individuals attended.

YCDA New Vision's Annual Meeting – Yakima County Development Association New Vision will hold their annual meeting on Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m., at the Yakima Convention Center.

Grandview United – At the last Grandview United meeting, discussion took place regarding the organization of neighborhood watch programs. Out of that meeting, three new neighborhood watch programs were formed. At the next meeting scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m., at the Senior Center, the Police Department would offer special training for those individuals establishing a neighborhood watch program.

Joint YVCC/Grandview Library Facility – The joint YVCC/Grandview library project has been approved and ranked #1 by the Advisory Committee of Community College Presidents. The project would be presented to the legislature next year for a \$2 million matching grant. YVCC and the City would be required to raise another \$2 million by May 2009. YVCC has designated a staff person to research and identify potential funding sources (i.e., foundations, trust funds, etc.) that focus on library related capital construction projects.

DRYVE Steering Committee Meeting – Councilmember Souders attended a Steering Committee meeting for DRYVE on February 15<sup>th</sup>. A DRYVE presentation would be made at the March 19<sup>th</sup> YVCOG meeting that will be held in Grandview.

Code Enforcement – In regards to the Code Enforcement Monthly Report for January 2008, Councilmember Bren questioned the \$37,000 estimate to abate conditions at the West Fifth trailer park and a property on Butternut, and whether the City was limited to filing a lien only on the property abated or could the City file liens on other property owned by that same individual. City Attorney Maxwell indicated that the City could only file a lien on the property abated.

Gang-Related Arrests – In regards to the Police Department Monthly Report for January 2008, Councilmember Bren asked why there were no “gang related arrests” and questioned whether the City had enough law in effect to arrest gang members. City Attorney Maxwell indicated that it was not illegal to be in a gang and in order to arrest gang members, they must do something illegal. Mayor Childress questioned whether the Police Department could track arrests that were related to gang members. The matter was referred to the Police Chief.

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

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilmember Palacios, second by Councilmember Souders Council unanimously adjourned the regular meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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Mayor Norm Childress

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Anita Palacios, City Clerk