

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 5, 2009**

**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 Attorney Jack Maxwell and City Clerk Anita Palacios. City Administrator Scott Staples was absent.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Dale Burgeson led the pledge of allegiance.

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

A. 2009 Centennial Presentation – Mayor Childress proclaimed that the Grandview's Centennial Celebration had officially begun and the City of Grandview would lend its full support throughout each phase of its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

B. Oral Presentation – Founding Fathers & Early History – Centennial Committee members Daniel and Barbara Christensen provided an oral presentation on the founding fathers and early history of Grandview.

**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 December 1, 2008 regular meeting**
- B. **Minutes of the December 8, 2008 special meeting**
- C. **Claim check Nos. 92135-92358 in the amount of \$699,518.60**
- D. **Payroll check approval for the December 1, 2008 – December 15, 2008 payroll and December 16, 2008 – December 31, 2008 payroll**
- E. **2009 Board & Commission Appointments**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Term</u>
Beautification Commission – Joy Voss	12/31/2014
Library Board – Jack Mariotti	12/31/2013
Senior Advisory Board –	
Joan Souders (Council Representative)	12/31/2009
Bill Browitt (American Legion Rep.)	12/31/2009
Don Thomas (Sr. Club President)	12/31/2009
Freda Keelin (Sr. Club Vice-President)	12/31/2009
Don Mahre	12/31/2009
Minerva Morales	12/31/2009

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|           | <b>Gloria Rabe</b>  | <b>12/31/2009</b> |
|           | <b>Planning Commission – Brad Shreeve</b>   | <b>12/31/2013</b> |
|           | <b>Civil Service Commission – Gloria Mendoza</b>  | <b>12/31/2014</b> |
|           | <b>Ethics Board – Gary Rohde</b>  | <b>12/31/2010</b> |
|           | <b>Benton County Mosquito Control Board – Rudy Cortez</b>   | <b>12/31/2010</b> |
| <b>F.</b> | <b>Resolution No. 2009-1; authorizing the Mayor to sign the Technical Assistance Contract No. 010109GV with the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments</b> |                   |
| <b>G.</b> | <b>Well No. 13 Wellhouse Improvements project acceptance</b>  |                   |
| <b>H.</b> | <b>2009 National DECA Week Proclamation</b>   |                   |

**6. ACTIVE AGENDA**

**A. Public Corporation Board – Councilmember Appointee**

Grandview Municipal Code Section 2.72 provided for the creation of the City of Grandview Public Corporation for the purpose of facilitating economic development and employment opportunities within the city. The Public Corporation has the ability to issue industrial revenue bonds to businesses. The current Board of Directors and terms were as follows:

Doug Foth – January 1, 2010  
Don McFerran – January 1, 2012  
David Ballinger – January 1, 2016  
Mayor Norm Childress, ex-officio – December 31, 2011  
Councilmember Robert Morales, ex-officio – December 31, 2011  
John E. Maxwell, Attorney  
John Myers, Treasurer  
Scott Staples, Secretary

With the resignation of Councilmember Robert Morales this past year, the Council needed to select a councilmember to serve in the ex-officio position for the remainder of his/her term of office. Once the position was confirmed by Council, a resolution would be prepared for consideration at the next Council meeting.

**On motion by Councilmember Palacios, second by Councilmember Souders, Council unanimously confirmed the appointment of Councilmember Moore as the ex-officio member of the Public Corporation Board of Directors for the remainder of his term.**

**B. Intergovernmental Cooperation (Sunnyside, Prosser and Grandview)**

Council reviewed preliminary reports compiled by staff from the Cities of Sunnyside, Prosser and Grandview pertaining to intergovernmental cooperation for animal control, purchasing, information systems, recreation services, and a master interlocal agreement.

Mayor Childress mentioned that the Mayors and City Administrators/Manager from the three cities met last week to review and discuss the reports. He also advised that the City of Sunnyside was in the process of preparing a joint agreement for animal control services, as well as a master interlocal agreement for action by the three cities by the end of February. He emphasized that staff would continue to work on the other subject matters.

Council conceptually discussed the joint agreement for animal control services between the Cities of Sunnyside, Grandview and Prosser and the Humane Society of Central Washington and consentaneously agreed that the City needed to provide some type of animal control, but expressed the following comments:

Councilmember Jennings questioned whether the Humane Society would utilize the City's animal control vehicle and would the City pay for the fuel charges.

Mayor Childress explained that the logistics would be formulated by the police chiefs and presented to their respective councils once each council agreed to the concept.

Councilmember Horner thought conceptually it was the direction that the City wanted to be going. She expressed concern that the \$20,000 annual cost was not included in the adopted budget. She noted that animal control was an area of great concern and since the resignation of the previous animal control officer, her neighborhood has experienced a number of dogs at large. She added that it was not a good use of a police officer's time in most cases to deal with animal issues unless it was a real life or death situation. She felt it would be money well spent.

Councilmember Bren expressed concern with the cost of the City's share and questioned whether the City could hire a part-time employee for the same amount of money. He also questioned the amount of liability insurance provided.

Councilmember Palacios advocated that this issue be further discussed at the Council planning session. He asked if the Humane Society would respond from Yakima or Tri-Cities.

Councilmember Souders also expressed concerned with the \$20,000 cost and whether the City could negotiate a lower amount if the City's animal control vehicle was utilized.

Mayor Childress requested that Council review the reports and the agreement and provide comments to the City Administrator or himself.

### **C. 2009 Council Planning Session**

In regards to scheduling a date for the 2009 Council planning session, Mayor Childress suggested a weekday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, other than Monday, during the week of January 26th or February 2nd.

Following discussion, the 2009 Council planning session was scheduled for Thursday, February 5, 2009 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm with the Mayor, Council and Management Team.

Councilmember Bren requested that a rough draft agenda for the planning session be prepared for Council review at the January 20<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

## **7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

Federal Stimulus Package – Mayor Childress mentioned the idea of a sending a couple of City representatives to Washington, D.C. from February 9th through 12th to meet with congressional staffs regarding the downtown revitalization project, joint library project, and the Euclid

improvement project for possible inclusion in the federal stimulus package. Councilmember Palacios indicated that he would be attending on behalf of the DRYVE Committee, but would join the City delegation in these meetings.

**On motion by Councilmember Souders, second by Councilmember McDonald, Council agreed to send City Administrator Staples and Mayor Pro Tem Horner to Washington, D.C., on February 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> to present City projects to congressional staff for possible inclusion in the federal stimulus package.**

## **8. COUNCILMEMBER MEETING REPORTS**

Frisbee Golf Course - Councilmember McDonald reported that Jacob Wagner presented his Frisbee golf course project to the Rotary Club and Rotary agreed to handle the money for the project.

Rotary Senior Christmas Dinner – Councilmembers Jennings and Souders commended the Rotary Club for hosting the senior Christmas dinner.

DRYVE Meeting – The next DRYVE meeting would be held on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Grandview Senior Center.

Leadership Yakima Valley – Councilmember Palacios reported that he would be the day leader for the government/politics session of Leadership Yakima Valley on January 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Mayor Norm Childress

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Anita Palacios, City Clerk