

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 20, 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 Administrator Scott Staples, Police Chief David Charvet, and City Clerk Anita Palacios.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jose Gutierrez, student at McClure Elementary School led the pledge of allegiance.

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. April Homes of the Month, Beautification and Enhancement Awards

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

North:	Leroy & Susan Bussert, 111 Harrison Street
East:	Steve & Margie Kollmar, 506 E. Third Street
West:	Glen & Paula Ward, 2103 Hill Drive
Central:	Dan Brumley & Lorene Gibson, 1305 W. Fifth Street
South:	Mike & Elizabeth Gonzalez, 1008 Stassen Way

B. April Beautification Award

Mayor Childress presented the April Beautification Award to Bleyhl Farm Store/Wine Country Deli, 940 E. Wine Country Road.

C. April Community Enhancement Award

Mayor Childress presented the April Community Enhancement Award to Mainstream Ministries/Grandview Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Gene Iwami for their exceptional display of community service at the Rose Garden.

D. 2009 Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Childress proclaimed April 15, 2009 as Arbor Day in the City of Grandview.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

5. 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 March 16, 2009 regular meeting**
- B. Claim check Nos. 92899-93141 in the amount of \$412,627.56**
- C. Payroll check approval for the March 16, 2009 through March 31, 2009 payroll and the April 1, 2009 through April 15, 2009 payroll**
- D. Resolution No. 2009-12 authorizing application to the Yakima County Supporting Investments in Economic Development (SIED) for \$500,000 to help fund public street and infrastructure improvements for the Alive Downtown project**
- E. Resolution No. 2009-13 approving an Interlocal Agreement with Yakima County for communication site use**
- F. Ordinance No. 2009-3 amending the 2009 annual budget**
- G. Cervantes Packing Industrial User Contract**

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Police Dispatch Overtime

Police Chief David Charvet explained that during the budget meetings for the 2009 police budget, discussion was held regarding the amount of overtime that was spent at the dispatch area covering vacant shifts. In 2008, these vacant shifts occurred due to: sickness (550 hours), training, vacation (440 hours), holiday (528 hours) and other leaves from the job. The Police Department currently has four dispatchers who work rotating 12-hour shifts covering the 24/7 schedule. He indicated that there were not enough dispatchers to cover all shifts, as well as time off. Subsequently, other dispatchers, officers and sergeants cover those vacant shifts on their days off, resulting in overtime pay. Last year, the City paid a total of 1387 hours of overtime to cover vacant dispatch shifts. This did not account for hundreds of hours of dispatch coverage that was performed by a patrol officer who was pulled off of the road to cover the vacant shift, which in turn left only one officer working the road alone. In addition, the Police Department utilized a part-time dispatcher who covered 583 hours in 2008 at the regular rate of pay, not overtime pay status. This part-time dispatcher was no longer available to cover shifts. In 2008, the overtime wages and benefits to cover vacant dispatch shifts was \$42,496.00. This amount did not include vacant shifts covered by officers who were pulled from the road. If the City had not been able to utilize the part-time dispatcher, the City's cost in overtime would have been approximately \$55,936.66. This was calculated by utilizing the wages and benefits for the top four employees who worked the majority of the vacant dispatch shifts. The cost to hire an entry-level dispatcher in 2009 would be \$43,616.20. He believed it would be in the best interest of the City to hire an additional dispatcher to cover shifts and help eliminate overtime coverage on dispatch, as well as not overworking the dispatchers and officers covering these shifts. It would also provide for more officers to be out on the road rather than covering a dispatch shift.

On motion by Councilmember Palacios, second by Councilmember Souders, Council unanimously agreed to proceed with the necessary steps to establish a civil service eligibility list with the intent of hiring a full-time police dispatcher.

7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS - None

8. COUNCILMEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Arbor Day Tree Planting – Councilmembers Palacios and Moore, along with City Administrator Staples and City Clerk Palacios, attended the Arbor Day tree planting on April 15th at the Country Park Event Center. Children from Teddy Bear Corner daycare participated.

Centennial Community Portrait – The Centennial community portrait would take place on Saturday, April 25th, 10:00 a.m. downtown at the intersection of Division and Second Street.

Palacios Parkway Extension SEPA – The City issued a Determination of Nonsignificance under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Rules for the Palacios Parkway Extension. The public comment period expired on April 15th.

Centennial Oral Presentation – The next Centennial oral presentation on downtown/businesses, fair/harvest festival, team pull and parade would take place on Tuesday, April 28th, 7:00 p.m., at The Vineyard.

Chamber of Commerce Auction Dinner – Councilmembers Souders, Horner and Jennings attended the Chamber of Commerce annual auction on April 17th.

YVCC/City Joint Library Project Fundraiser – The YVCC Grandview Student Council would be holding a fundraiser for the Grandview Library Fund on April 23rd, 5:00 p.m., at the Nazarene Church with comedian Kermet Apio.

Bullying, Substance Abuse and Resiliency Presentation – Ron Glodoski, a leading national expert on bullying, substance abuse and resiliency would be speaking at the Grandview High School on April 28th in the gymnasium.

Senior Center Easter Party – Councilmember Souders attended the Easter party at the Senior Center on April 10th.

Easter Egg Hunt & Bunny Breakfast – Councilmember Souders attended the Easter Egg Hunt (sponsored by Parks & Rec) and Bunny Breakfast (sponsored by the Kiwanis Club) at the Country Park Event Center on April 11th.

Spring Clean-Up – Councilmembers Souders and Palacios commended the Public Works crew on their outstanding efforts during the spring clean-up.

New Vision Annual Meeting – Councilmembers Moore, Jennings and Souders attended the Yakima County Development Association (YCDA) New Vision annual meeting on March 24th.

Downtown Revitalization Project – Mayor Childress, City Administrator Staples, Public Works Director Arteaga and Jeff Louman of HLA would be attending the Yakima County Supporting Investments in Economic Development (SIED) Board meeting on April 23rd to present the City's funding application for the Alive Downtown project.

The Downtown Revitalization Project has passed the Senate Capital Committee and Representative Bruce Chandler would be presenting a potential amendment to the House Budget to include the downtown project.

Revisions to the Downtown Design Standards would be presented to the Council at a study session in May.

Employee Recognition Luncheon – The Employee Recognition Luncheon has been scheduled for Thursday, June 11th, 12:00 Noon at The Vineyard.

Council Planning Session – A Council planning session was scheduled for Thursday, July 23rd at the George Young Building.

Grandridge Neighborhood Improvement Project – The City was pursuing funding assistance through the USDA for the Grandridge Neighborhood Improvement Project. The project should be out to bid next month.

9. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember McDonald, second by Councilmember Moore, Council unanimously adjourned the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Norm Childress

Anita Palacios, City Clerk