

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 3, 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, Jan McDonald, Bill Moore, Jesse Palacios and Joan Souders. Councilmember Diana Jennings was absent.

Staff present were: City Administrator Scott Staples, City Attorney Jack Maxwell, Public Works Director Cus Arteaga, Fire Chief Pat Mason and City Clerk Anita Palacios.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember McDonald led the pledge of allegiance.

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

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

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

Central:	Jose Flores & Edlmera Zepeda, 1201 W. Third Street
North:	Russell & Velma Mears, 105 W. Bonnieview
East:	Felipe Barriga, 609 Grandridge
South:	Jerry & Carolyn Paeschke, 806 Coach Court
West:	J.P. & Karina Bazaldua, 603 Arteaga Circle

**B. July Beautification Award**

Mayor Childress presented the July Beautification Award to Ken Herber, owner of Dairy Queen Brazier located at 403 W. Main Street.

**C. July Community Enhancement Awards**

Mayor Childress presented the July Community Enhancement Awards to the Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo and Pacific Power for their donations towards the paved pathway at the Country Park Events Center. They were presented with their certificates at the Celebration Ceremony held on July 24<sup>th</sup> at Country Park.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Pat Bratton, West Fifth Street, Grandview, asked why the City did not receive stimulus money for police services. She also asked what City employees would be receiving for cost of living and salary increases and what the City would be paying for health insurance premiums for employees and their families. She felt the employees need to pay more than \$50 per month towards health insurance premiums. She expressed concern with the Council's consideration of the \$20 vehicle license fee for street improvements and citizens on fixed incomes inability to pay

the fee. She expressed concern with the lack of events to attract tourists. She expressed concern with the lack of special events scheduled for the Centennial celebration. She expressed concern with the City spending \$3 million to fix the downtown. She wanted to know why the fairgrounds were underutilized and who was responsible for the use and maintenance of the facility. Following Mrs. Bratton's comments, the Mayor and Council addressed several of her concerns and questions.

Walt Bratton, West Fifth Street, Grandview, expressed disappointment that the City's Parks & Recreation Department did not organize special sporting tournaments in conjunction with the Centennial Celebration.

Alberta Redwing, 608 Bellevue Place, Yakima, provided information regarding her experience, training and certifications as a candidate for Yakima County Coroner.

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Minutes of the June 15, 2009 regular meeting**
- B. Minutes of the June 29, 2009 special meeting**
- C. Claim check Nos. 93544-93858 in the amount of \$428,256.11**
- D. Payroll check approval for the June 16, 2009 through June 30, 2009 payroll and the July 1, 2009 through July 31, 2009 payroll**
- E. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Bid Award**

## **6. ACTIVE AGENDA**

### **A. Presentation RE: Law and Justice Sales Tax**

The Honorable Donald Engel of the Yakima County District Court provided information regarding the 3/10ths of 1% Sales Tax Initiative to renew the county-wide law and justice funding that has been collected for the past five years. The ballot issue to renew the tax would be presented to the voters at the general election in November. He explained that to increase accountability to the citizens, the law and justice sales tax renewal would also include a six-year sunset through 2016. Since enacted in 2005, the revenue raised by the tax supports city and county law enforcement agencies and the supporting law and justice system. County-wide, the tax supported 35 law enforcement officers, 58 support staff and 24 vehicles, provided stable funding for local law enforcement, provided a safer level of law enforcement county-wide, provided fair, accurate and more prompt justice, prosecuted the backlog of criminal cases, continued the operation of the Lower Valley District Court, expanded neighborhood policing and block watch, and provided improved training and equipment. It was estimated that the law and justice sales tax would raise approximately \$6,930,000, of which Grandview would receive \$170,000 annually.

From the District Court standpoint, he explained that the re-establishment of the Lower Valley District Court was a major component of the law and justice sales tax initiative. District Court's allocation has been used for the opening and operation of the Lower Valley District Court in Grandview. The Lower Valley District Court has been operating five days per week and included all District Court and Grandview Municipal Court matters. Over 5,000 Grandview

Municipal and Yakima County District Court hearings per year have been held in Grandview. In addition, a major allocation of the tax funding in Juvenile Court has been to open more beds at the Juvenile Detention Facility. Opening more beds at the juvenile detention has increased accountability and protection for the communities.

**B. Resolution No. 2009-24 approving Task Order No. 2009-2 with Huibregtse, Louman Associates, Inc., for the “Alive” Downtown Revitalization Improvements - Phase 2**

**On motion by Councilmember Horner, second by Councilmember McDonald, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2009-24 approving Task Order No. 2009-2 with Huibregtse, Louman Associates, Inc., for the “Alive” Downtown Revitalization Improvements - Phase 2.**

**7. COUNCILMEMBER MEETING REPORTS**

Centennial Celebration Activities – Centennial T-shirts, hats and pins, were still available for sale. Centennial activities during the week of the fair would include:

- August 5-8, public tours at the R.E. Powell Museum from 2-4 pm.
- August 5 and 6, public tours at the Fire Department, Police Department and Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- August 6, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo Centennial Parade at 6:30 pm.
- August 8, Centennial fun run/walk at the east entrance of town starting at 9:00 am.
- August 8, Centennial photo display at the Senior Center during the Alumni picnic at Westside Park

Mid-Valley Swim League Championships – The Mid-Valley Swim League Championships were held in Grandview this past weekend. Council commended the Parks & Recreation staff for their hard work on the Championships.

Country Park Celebration Ceremony – On July 24<sup>th</sup>, a ceremony was held at Country Park to celebrate the completion of the newly paved pathway and George Young building renovations.

Design Standards Review Committee – Mayor Childress reported that at the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, Council requested letters of interest from community members to fill two positions on the Design Standards Review Committee. Only one letter of interest was received from community member Javier Rodriguez. Councilmember Bren recommended a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Councilmember Souders, as interim Chamber President, would address the request to the Chamber membership.

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

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilmember Souders, second by Councilmember Moore, Council unanimously adjourned the regular meeting at 7:52 p.m.

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Mayor Norm Childress

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Anita Palacios, City Clerk