

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 4, 2010**

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, Bill Moore, Jesse Palacios, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders.

Staff present were: City Attorney Jack Maxwell, Public Works Director Cus Arteaga and City Clerk Anita Palacios. City Administrator Scott Staples was absent.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Former Councilmember Jan McDonald led the pledge of allegiance.

3. OATHS OF OFFICE

City Attorney Maxwell administered oaths of office to newly elected Councilmembers Joan Souders, Javier Rodriguez, Pam Horner and Diana Jennings.

Mayor Childress recommended Councilmember Pam Horner be appointed as Mayor Pro Tem.

On motion by Councilmember Souders, second by Councilmember Bren, Council unanimously confirmed the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Councilmember Pam Horner as Mayor Pro Tem.

4. PRESENTATION

Mayor Childress presented the Distinguished Service Award to Councilmember Jan McDonald in recognition and appreciation of her loyal service and dedication to the citizens of Grandview from August 21, 2006 through December 31, 2009

5. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes of the December 7, 2009 study session**
- B. Minutes of the December 7, 2009 regular meeting**
- C. Claim check Nos. 94666-94891 in the amount of \$303,746.75**
- D. Payroll check approval for the December 1, 2009 - December 15, 2009 payroll and December 16, 2009 - December 31, 2009 payroll**
- E. 2010 Board & Commission Appointments**

POSITION

**Beautification Commission – Gloria Schwisow
Library Board – Virginia Thompson**

TERM

**12/31/2015
12/31/2014**

Senior Advisory Board –

Joan Souders (Council Representative)	12/31/2010
Bill Browitt (American Legion Rep.)	12/31/2010
Don Thomas (Sr. Club President)	12/31/2010
Martha Martinez (Sr. Club Vice-President)	12/31/2010
Don Mahre	12/31/2010
Minerva Morales	12/31/2010
Gloria Rabe	12/31/2010

Planning Commission – Jan McDonald 12/31/2014

Museum Board – Bill Browitt 12/31/2012

Ethics Board – Rachel Ott 12/31/2011

- F. Ordinance No. 2010-1 amending sections of Grandview Municipal Code Title 18 Environmental Protection**
- G. Resolution No. 2010-1 authorizing the Mayor to sign the Technical Assistance Contract No. 010110GV with the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments**
- H. Resolution No. 2010-2 authorizing the Mayor to sign a Landlord Estoppel Agreement and Maintenance of Lease with Pizza Hut**
- I. Resolution No. 2010-3 authorizing the Mayor to sign an Industrial Wastewater User Contract Amendment with Smucker Fruit Processing Company**
- J. Euclid Road Resurfacing Improvements Project Acceptance**

7. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. 2010 Census Presentation

Noemi Ortega, Partnership Specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau provided a presentation on the 2010 Census. She explained that every decade since 1970, the U.S. Census Bureau has conducted a constitutionally mandated census to determine the number of people living within the United States. Beginning in March 2010, every household would receive a short census questionnaire to complete and return. Every year more than \$300 billion in federal funds were awarded to states and communities based on census data. Completion of the 2010 Census form helps provide:

- Each state's number of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives
- Community planning for roads, hospitals, schools and more,
- Jobs
- Language services
- Health services

One of the primary goals of the 2010 Census was to increase the national mail back response rate. This not only reduces the overall cost of the census, but also increases the accuracy of the data. Tribal, state and local governments, as well as community and business organizations can help us achieve this goal by bringing local knowledge and expertise to the process. The official census would take place on April 1, 2010.

B. CDBG Closeout Public Hearing – Grandridge Neighborhood Improvement Project

Mayor Childress opened the public hearing by reading the public hearing procedure. He explained that the purpose of the public hearing was to review final project performance on the Grandridge Area Street and Water main Improvement Project funded by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Before hearing from the public, Public Works Director Cus Arteaga presented the City's staff report. He explained that the CDBG funded project included street and water main improvements to eight blocks from Grandridge west to Avenue E, West Third Street and West Fourth Street. The project improved this area by constructing new streets with curb, gutter and sidewalks, new water mains and side services. Some irrigation main improvements and the retaining wall on West Second Street were included in the project. The project was now complete.

There were no public comments received during the hearing or by mail.

The public testimony portion of the hearing was declared closed and no further comments were received.

C. 2010 YVCOG General Membership Member and Alternate Designations

As outlined in Article IV of the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) Articles of Association, and according to the YVCOG Bylaws, the City must appoint a member and alternate to represent the City as voting members of the YVCOG General Membership.

On motion by Councilmember Jennings, second by Councilmember Horner, Council unanimously appointed Mayor Childress as the member and Councilmember Bren as the alternate to represent the City as voting members of the YVCOG General Membership.

8. COUNCILMEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Public Works Director Commendation – Councilmember Souders advised that she had received a compliment from a local developer regarding the pleasure of working with City staff on land use issues, in particular Public Works Director Arteaga.

2010 Water/Sewer/Garbage Rate Comparison Chart – Councilmember Palacios requested that staff update the water/sewer/garbage rate comparison chart that was included in the 2010 proposed budget with the 2010 adopted rates for similar size local communities for Council in order to answer utility rate questions asked by the public.

Single Family Home Overcrowding – Councilmember Palacios expressed concern with overcrowding of homes in the single-family residential neighborhoods. City Attorney Maxwell advised that there were restrictions under the Uniform Housing Code adopted by the City. Public Works Director Arteaga advised that he would review the matter with the Code Enforcement Officer.

New Library Director – Mayor Childress announced that Geraldine DeRooy was selected as the new Library Director. She begins her employment with the City on January 25th.

Leadership Yakima Valley – Mayor Childress reported that he would be organizing the local government day on January 13th for the Leadership Yakima Valley class.

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

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Mayor Norm Childress

Anita Palacios, City Clerk