

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 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, Parks & Recreation Director Mike Carpenter, Police Chief David Charvet and City Clerk Anita Palacios.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Nayeli Arroyo, student at McClure Elementary School, led the pledge of allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dale Burgeson, resident of Grandview, endorsed the City's downtown revitalization efforts, but questioned whether the City had developed a plan to attract new businesses to the downtown business core.

Mayor Childress indicated that the City would rely on economic development assistance through the Yakima County Development Association, Port of Grandview and Chamber of Commerce.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes of the February 1, 2010 regular meeting
- B. Minutes of the February 8, 2010 special meeting
- C. Claim check Nos. 95094-95186 in the amount of \$241,615.41
- D. Payroll check approval for the February 1, 2010 through February 15, 2010 payroll
- E. Resolution No. 2010-11 accepting the bid for the Alive Downtown Improvements Phase 2 and authorizing the Mayor to sign all contract documents with P.O.W. Contracting, Inc.

5. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. **Resolution No. 2010-12 authorizing the Mayor to sign a lease with the Yakima Valley Fair and Rodeo Board**

In December 1988, the City entered into a lease agreement with the Yakima Valley Junior Fair. The lease agreement allowed park property to be used for the purpose of conducting the annual fair. Upon review of the lease by both parties, it was determined the lease needed to be updated, including several general housekeeping items. During the past few months, the Yakima Valley Fair and Rodeo Board worked closely with the City to finalize a lease agreement

update between the two entities. At the January 2010 Fair & Rodeo Board meeting, the Board approved the agreement.

Councilmember Bren questioned whether the proposed new community center to be located at the Country Park Event Center should be identified in the lease agreement. Following discussion, City Attorney Maxwell suggested that issue be considered if and when the building was constructed.

Two scrivener errors in the lease agreement were identified and amended as follows:

- Item No. 5 – “Yakima Valley Junior Fair” was amended to read “Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo”
- Item No. 7, second paragraph “beans” was amended to read “means”

On motion by Councilmember Horner, second by Councilmember Moore, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2010-12 authorizing the Mayor to sign a lease with the Yakima Valley Fair and Rodeo Board as amended.

B. Resolution No. 2010-13 adopting the 2010 Yakima County Solid and Moderate Risk Waste Management Plan dated January 2010

The Yakima County Solid Waste Advisory Committee completed the development of the new Yakima County Solid Waste Management Plan. The purpose of the county-wide plan was to develop recommended management strategies for solid waste and moderate risk waste for the period 2010 through 2015 and ensure sufficient processing and disposal capacity would be available for at least the next twenty (20) years or through 2030.

On motion by Councilmember Palacios, second by Councilmember Souders, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2010-13 adopting the 2010 Yakima County Solid and Moderate Risk Waste Management Plan dated January 2010.

C. City Administrator Recruitment

With the resignation of the City Administrator, Mayor Childress requested Council's input on the recruitment process to fill the position. He expressed confidence in staff during the transition period. A copy of the current job posting and job description were included in the agenda packet. He explained that he was contacted by Prothman, a firm that assists local governments in finding qualified employees, to offer their services at a cost of \$20,000 plus expenses. He anticipated the City would try the conventional recruitment process of advertising and establishing a committee consisting of Council and community members to review applicants.

Councilmember Horner claimed she would like to use the same recruitment process which was previously done without the extra expense of hiring a headhunter.

Councilmembers Palacios and Rodriguez expressed confidence in the Department Heads, Council and Mayor and felt the City could manage through the end of the year without a city administrator.

Mayor Childress indicated that it would ultimately be his decision, but respected the Council's opinion. He acknowledged that staff and Council could do the job, but expressed concern with

overburdening staff. He felt the City needed a central figure at City Hall to pull the day-to-day operations together and attend evening meetings.

Councilmember Bren suggested a retreat be scheduled to review the budget and discuss the city administrator recruitment process.

Councilmember Palacios requested a list of the evening meetings the city administrator was attending.

Following discussion, Council agreed to schedule a retreat for Tuesday, March 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Vineyard, 150 Division, Grandview, to discuss the 2010 budget and city administrator recruitment process.

Councilmember Palacios excused himself from the meeting.

6. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS – None

7. COUNCILMEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Grandview Medical Center Expansion Groundbreaking – Councilmembers Bren and Palacios attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the expansion of the Grandview Medical Center on February 12th.

AWC Elected Officials Essentials Workshop – Councilmember Jennings attended the AWC Elected Officials Essentials workshop held on February 12-13 in Tacoma.

Elected Officials E-Mail – Discussion took place regarding the use of personal e-mail or computers by Council for official government business. Mayor Childress requested that staff research the issue and include this item for discussion at the Council retreat.

Community Parade – Councilmember Sounders reported that the Parade Committee and the Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo Board would be meeting to discuss the possibility of parade participants providing entertainment at the fair following the parade. Due to safety issues, the parade route would be changed this year and would end at the Welch lot on South Elm Street.

New Library Director – Mayor Childress reported that the new Library Director had still not reported to work due to a health related issue. She had provided a doctor's note, but had not been in direct contact with the Mayor. He had spoken to her sister who indicated that she would be ready for work in two weeks. He would continue to monitor the situation. An offer of employment had been accepted by her with a starting date of January 25th.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Collective Bargaining

Mayor Childress adjourned the meeting to an executive session at 8:15 p.m., for approximately 30 minutes to discuss collective bargaining with the aforementioned Mayor, Councilmembers, City Attorney and Police Chief present. The executive session continued for an additional 30 minutes at 8:45 p.m. The meeting resumed at 9:15 p.m., with the aforementioned Mayor, Council and staff present.

9. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, Council unanimously adjourned the regular meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Mayor Norm Childress

Anita Palacios, City Clerk