

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 5, 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, Interim City Administrator Cus Arteaga, City Treasurer John Myers, Fire Chief Pat Mason and City Clerk Anita Palacios.

Also present was: Anthony F. Menke from the law firm of Menke, Jackson, Beyer, Ehlis and Harper LLC.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Aggy Gonzales, student at Smith Elementary School, led the pledge of allegiance.

**3. PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Childress read the 2010 Arbor Day Proclamation proclaiming April 14, 2010 as Arbor Day in the City of Grandview.

Interim City Administrator Arteaga announced that the City would be celebrating Arbor Day on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. by planting trees at the east entrance of town.

**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 March 15, 2010 regular meeting
- B. Claim check Nos. 95366-95483 in the amount of \$166,701.87  
(Included in the claims checks was the tax assessment resulting from the recent Department of Revenue audit. The audit and resulting taxes due was discussed at the Council Retreat on March 9th.)
- C. Payroll check approval for the March 16, 2010 through March 31, 2010
- D. Resolution No. 2010-17 authorizing the Mayor to sign a Standard Agreement with Yakima Valley Community College for the use of the Grandview Campus Activity Center

**6. ACTIVE AGENDA**

- A. **Presentation by Jim Trull, District Manager with Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District RE: Canal Piping Project**

Interim City Administrator Arteaga advised that Mr. Trull had contacted him today and requested that his presentation be rescheduled.

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

8. **INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

Alive Downtown Project – Arteaga provided an update on the Alive Downtown project and distributed an updated construction schedule.

Fruit Smart Inc. – On March 31<sup>st</sup>, Arteaga and WWTP Superintendent Dave Lorenz met with Terry Chambers of Fruit Smart, Inc. Fruit Smart has signed a lease/purchase agreement for the old Safeway plant. They plan to complete the equipment installation during the months of June and July with start-up scheduled for August and full operation in September. They also plan to complete the plant project in four phases. The first phase would include 20 employees and the plant would run an apple juice operation. Their flows would be categorized as a commercial user because of the low flows and low BOD/TSS. During the completion of the second phase in August, an additional 10 to 12 employees would be hired. They would be operating 24-hours, seven days per week during the months of December and January. In addition, they would see approximately 30 to 50 trucks every four days. They would like to do a formal presentation at the next Council meeting.

Joint Library Project – YVCC and City staff would be meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup> to begin the preparation of the MOU regarding the joint library project. Arteaga and Library Director Geraldine deRooy would be attending the YVCC Board of Trustees meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> to be introduced to the Board.

RTPO Meeting – Arteaga would be attending the next RTPO meeting in Granger on April 8<sup>th</sup>. The RTPO group would be discussing the Surface Transportation Program and Arteaga planned to promote the Euclid Road improvements, however, this would require a local match of approximately \$110,000.

Industrial Manager Meeting – The annual luncheon meeting with the industrial managers and the City's engineers and staff was in the process of being scheduled.

Fire Department Sprinkler System – Fire Chief Mason advised that the Fire Department was awarded a \$45,000 grant for installation of a fire sprinkler system inside the Fire Station. Bids were obtained for the installation of the water service line and the lowest bid was received from Alba's Excavating in the amount of \$13,062.76. The funding for the service line would be through a budget amendment to the Fire Department's 2010 budget as an inter-fund loan.

**On motion by Councilmember Jennings, second by Councilmember Moore, Council unanimously accepted the low bid from Alba's Excavating in the amount of \$13,062.76 for installation of the water service line.**

9. **COUNCILMEMBER MEETING REPORTS**

Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny Breakfast – The annual Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny Breakfast was held on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Country Park. The Bunny Breakfast was sponsored by the Kiwanis and the

Easter Egg Hunt was co-sponsored by the Grandview Chamber of Commerce, Parks and Recreation and Mid Valley Chrysler. Councilmember Horner commended the Parks & Recreation Department for their excellent job in putting on the community event.

Home Consortium – Councilmember Palacios and Interim City Administrator Arteaga attended the Home Consortium meeting held on March 15<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting was scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup>. The Home Consortium group would also be meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup> as part of the Yakima County Commissioner’s meeting.

Rose Garden Relocation – The Rose Garden relocation to the east entrance City limits took place on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 300 rose plants were transplanted by over 100 community volunteers. The remaining rose bushes would be dug up and given away by donation to community members on April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Parks & Recreation Office.

HUD Grant Application – Mayor Childress, Interim City Administrator Arteaga and Bryce Humpherys from YVCC plan to meet to discuss applying for a HUD grant in the amount of \$600,000 relating to entrepreneurship.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Collective Bargaining (30 minutes) & Potential Litigation (30 minutes)**

Mayor Childress adjourned the meeting to an executive session at 8:15 p.m., for approximately 30 minutes to discuss collective bargaining and 30 minutes to discuss potential litigation with the aforementioned Mayor, Councilmembers, City Attorney, Mr. Menke and Interim City Administrator. Councilmember Palacios recused himself from the executive session.

The meeting resumed at 9:15 p.m., with the aforementioned Mayor, Council and staff present.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Mayor Norm Childress

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Anita Palacios, City Clerk