

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 19, 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, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders. Councilmember Jesse Palacios was absent.

Staff present were: Interim City Administrator Cus Arteaga, Parks & Recreation Director Mike Carpenter, Police Chief David Charvet and City Clerk Anita Palacios. City Attorney Jack Maxwell was absent.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pat Bonnell, teacher at Smith Elementary School, led the pledge of allegiance.

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. April Homes of the Month**

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

- Central: 607 W. 5th Street ~ Julian & Aurora Coronado
- South: 1305 Stassen ~ Lauren & Carmen Davis
- West: 503 Larson ~ Lose & Lupe Garcia
- East: 414 Victoria Circle ~ Ismael & Maria Aguilar
- North: 209 W. Bonnieview ~ David & Dawn Beals

**B. April Beautification Award**

Mayor Childress presented the April Beautification Award to the Church of the Nazarene, 500 N. Elm Street.

**C. April Community Enhancement Award**

Mayor Childress presented the April Community Enhancement Awards to Columbia Steel & Construction, Inc. and Teddy Bear Corner Day Care. Both of these businesses have gone the extra mile to enhance the quality of life for the community of Grandview. The City was proud to be a partner with these community-oriented organizations.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Minutes of the April 5, 2010 regular meeting
- B. Claim check Nos. 95484-95587 in the amount of \$681,425.93
- C. Payroll check approval for the April 1, 2010 through April 15, 2010

**6. ACTIVE AGENDA**

**A. Presentation by FruitSmart, Inc. RE: Plant Operation**

Jim Early, President of FruitSmart, Inc., made a presentation regarding their purchase and operation of the old Safeway plant located on Euclid Road. He explained that the company was founded in 2000 in Prosser, WA. FruitSmart's team brings over 65 years of combined experience in the fruit processing industry. The business goal has been to supply innovative, 100% natural, specialty fruit ingredients. The business has expanded to include the processing of a full range of fruit juice beverages. The new plant in Grandview would be fully operational by early fall with approximately 20+ employees.

**B. Presentation by Jim Trull, District Manager with Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District RE: SVID Canal Improvement Project**

Jim Trull, District Manager of Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District (SVID) began the presentation by explaining that SVID was the largest entity in the Sunnyside Division which encompassed all lands served by the Sunnyside Canal. The Sunnyside Division serves 99,244 irrigable acres and was comprised of three irrigation districts Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District, Grandview Irrigation District and Benton Irrigation District, two ditch companies Konowac Ditch Company and Piety Flat Ditch Company, and five cities and towns Zillah, Granger, Sunnyside, Grandview and Prosser. SVID provides irrigation service to roughly 86,500 acres with mostly senior, non-proratable rights. The Sunnyside Division has, in the aggregate, 2/3 senior or non-proratable rights and 1/3 junior or proratable rights. The Sunnyside Division dates back to 1890 when the Northern Pacific Railroad began construction of the Sunnyside Canal. The United States Bureau of Reclamation (then known as the United States Reclamation Service) purchased the Sunnyside Canal in 1905 and by 1923 completed the project. In 1906, the Sunnyside Water Users Association was formed to provide a liaison between the federal government and the landowners. In 1917, SVID was formed to replace the Sunnyside Water Users Association. The Bureau of Reclamation operated the Sunnyside Division until 1945. Beginning in 1946, SVID has operated and maintained its facilities as well as the joint use facilities of the Sunnyside Division. SVID operates as a governmental entity by the landowners of the district for their mutual benefit.

He provided a brief overview of the factors that impact water supply including precipitation, snowpack, storage content and demand. The calculation of total water supply available included precipitation from 10/1/09 to 4/19/10 at 77% of average, snowpack 91% of average and storage content 85% of average. The calculation of proration level for 2010 was 71%. Comparison of proration levels in drought years 1994, 2001 and 2005 were 37%.

The SVID Canal Improvement Project was the result of a settlement agreement between the United States Bureau of Reclamation, Washington State Department of Ecology, Yakama Nation and Sunnyside Division Board of Control in the Yakima Basin Water Rights Adjudication. Under the agreement, SVID would reduce its annual diversion by 19,450 acre-feet (two-thirds) to benefit in stream flows and would retain 9,712 acre-feet (one-third) annually to improve the

availability of water supplies for irrigation. The project was expected to cost about \$32.6 million, over a 9-year period. Reclamation funds would cover 65% of total project costs with WDOE and SDBOC each picking up 17.5%. SVID was the operating entity for SDBOC. In addition, SVID has been awarded \$21.4 million in ARRA funds.

Major components included in Phase I of the project were:

- Replacement of 30 existing check drop structures with fully automated, electrically powered gates used to maintain a consistent water elevation in the canal for deliveries of irrigation water.
- Installation of a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system communicating between the central office and all automated control sites which would help coordinate the flow of water throughout the 60-mile canal. System water elevation and flow could be remotely sensed and controlled from any site with internet access.
- Addition of three re-regulation reservoirs placed northeast of Prosser, north of Granger and another north of Sunnyside. These reservoirs would each have a capacity between 300 and 500 acre-feet each with a maximum depth of about 25 feet.

Major components included in Phase II of the project were:

- Replacement of concrete structures and weir boxes with flow meters to improve water management.
- Enclosure of three laterals located in Granger, Sunnyside and Prosser with 18 miles of 4"-78" pipe.
- Enclosure of the Matheson, Rocky Ford, and Ryder Irrigation Laterals located in Grandview with 52 miles of 4"-78" pipe.

He summarized that the SVID Canal Improvement Project would provide improved water conservation, water quality, and in-stream flows.

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

**8. INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

Stover Road Commercial Development – Interim Administrator Arteaga has been working with a property owner on Stover Road across from Mid-Valley Chrysler regarding the development of six commercial lots. The developer would be required to extend water and sewer to the site.

HUD Entrepreneurship Grant – Mayor Childress, Arteaga, Bryce Humpherys from YVCC and Brad Smith from the Chamber of Commerce met to discuss an application for a \$600,000 HUD entrepreneurship grant. Grant funds could be used to renovate a building in the downtown business core, implement a small business plan and/or establish entrepreneur programs.

DRYVE Meeting – The DRYVE Transportation Action Committee would be meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:30-3:30 p.m., in Grandview at the Carl Stevens Center.

AWC Labor Relation Institute – Interim City Administrator Arteaga and City Clerk Palacios will be attending the Association of Washington Cities 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Labor Relations Institute on April 28-30<sup>th</sup> in Yakima.

Arbor Day Celebration – On April 14<sup>th</sup>, the City celebrated Arbor Day by planting five trees at the east entrance of town with the help of students from Smith Elementary School.

Alive Downtown – The construction schedule from the last two weeks consisted of installation of curb and gutter on East Third and Fourth; preparation of 100 block Division for paving; installation of curb and gutter in 100 block Division; and installation of water services on Wine Country Road.

## **9. COUNCILMEMBER MEETING REPORTS**

Chamber of Commerce Auction Dinner – The Chamber of Commerce Auction Dinner was scheduled for Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m., at the Gemstones.

Integrated Public Safety System (IPSS) Update – Chief Charvet updated the Council on the Integrated Public Safety System (IPSS) project and the establishment of the Yakima Consortium of Regional Public Safety (YAKCORPS). He explained that back in 2007, the City of Yakima and Yakima County formed a Public Safety Data Access Taskforce to investigate a new public safety records management system. It was determined that all governmental jurisdictions of Yakima County would benefit in an improved public safety system for Yakima County, participating cities and fire protection districts within the County, and the Yakima Consortium of Regional Public Safety was formed. Currently, the City of Grandview utilizes Yakima County's Spillman system for records management. The Cities of Sunnyside and Toppenish have stand alone systems. The City of Yakima's system crashed approximately six years ago and they need a new system. In December 2009, YAKCORPS received a \$500K Federal Appropriation for the new integrated public safety system. The next step would be for an interlocal agreement to be prepared and approved by all participating governmental jurisdictions.

City Hall Staffing – City Clerk Palacios explained that on May 31<sup>st</sup>, Utility Billing Clerk Stephanie Overton would be retiring. Receptionist Mary Padilla would be filling the utility billing clerk position and the receptionist position would remain vacant for a four-month trial basis beginning in June. The utility billing clerk, deputy clerk/treasurer and accounting clerk would share responsibilities for assisting customers at the front counter and answering telephones. Currently, the major functions of accounts payable, payroll and utility billing fall on the first and third weeks of the month. She requested that Council consider moving their monthly Council meetings from the first and third Mondays to the second and fourth Mondays in order change the accounts payable cycle to the off weeks of payroll and utility billing.

Following discussion, Council concurred, but requested that the meetings be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays beginning in June, rather than the second and fourth Mondays. An ordinance would be prepared and presented for Council consideration at the next meeting.

## **10. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Collective Bargaining (30 minutes)**

Mayor Childress adjourned the meeting to an executive session at 8:30 p.m., for approximately 30 minutes to discuss collective bargaining with the aforementioned Mayor, Councilmembers, Interim City Administrator, Police Chief and City Clerk.

The meeting resumed at 10:00 p.m., with the aforementioned Mayor, Council and staff present.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilmember Souders, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, Council unanimously adjourned the regular meeting at 10:00 p.m.

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Mayor Norm Childress

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Anita Palacios, City Clerk