

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 3, 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 and Joan Souders. Councilmember Javier Rodriguez was absent.

Staff present were: City Attorney Jack Maxwell, Interim City Administrator Cus Arteaga, Library Director Geraldine deRooy and City Clerk Anita Palacios.

Also present was City Engineer Jeff Louman of Huibregtse, Louman Associates, Inc.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Kelvin Santamaria, student at McClure Elementary School, led the pledge of allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Barrett, 301 Douglas, Grandview, commended the Public Works Department for helping her with a recent irrigation water leak at her residence.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes of the April 19, 2010 regular meeting
- B. Claim check Nos. 95588-95679 in the amount of \$228,925.97
- C. Payroll check approval for the April 16, 2010 through April 30, 2010

5. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Downtown Alive Improvement Project - Gateway Design

City Engineer Louman presented three graphic drawings of the proposed gateway design that would be constructed across Wine Country Road for Council consideration.

On motion by Councilmember Palacios, second by Councilmember Moore, Council unanimously approved the gateway design truss detail with the Grandview logo, Centennial date and arch sunrays.

Staff requested consensus from Council to proceed with the murals in the passageway that would detail the old train depot on the VFW's building and a streetscape on the adjacent building. The estimated cost for the murals was \$18,000 which was \$2,000 under the project budget line item. Council concurred.

B. Resolution No. 2010-18 approving the Police Department Sergeants – Patrol Bargaining Unit Agreement between the City of Grandview and Teamster Local No. 760 for the period of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012

On motion by Councilmember Palacios, second by Councilmember Bren, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2010-18 approving the Police Department Sergeants – Patrol Bargaining Unit Agreement between the City of Grandview and Teamster Local No. 760 for the period of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012.

C. Resolution No. 2010-19 setting a wage increase for non-union employees

Interim City Administrator Arteaga advised that Resolution No. 2010-19 was keeping with past practice of treating non-union employees in an equitable manner as unionized employees. He explained that the non-union employees would receive a pay increase equal to the average percentage increase granted to union employees for the year 2010. He further explained that the wage increase would be effective the date of the resolution and not retroactive to January 1, 2010 since retroactive pay increases for non-union employees was contrary to the constitution unless a policy had been adopted prior to January 1st indicating Council's intent.

Councilmember Bren expressed concern in the inequity of union employees receiving a pay increase retroactive to January 1, 2010 and non-union employees receiving a pay increase effective May 3, 2010. He requested that the percentage pay increase implemented for non-union employees be annualized for 2010.

Staff was instructed to review the implementation of an annualized percentage pay increase for non-union employees.

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Horner, Council unanimously tabled Resolution No. 2010-19 setting a wage increase for non-union employees.

6. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS – None

7. INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Library Hours – Library Director deRooy presented a proposed change to the Library's open hours. Currently, the Library was open to the public 33.5 hours over a six-day week, Monday through Saturday. There were afternoon and evening hours Monday through Wednesday and morning hours on one day, Thursdays. There were no open hours during the lunch hour and staffing levels spread over the six days were light. She recommended the open hours be changed to a five-day period, Tuesday through Saturday, offering coverage during the mornings and noon hours, as well as some consistency in the schedule. The revised schedule would permit the City to increase the open hours to a total of 37.5 hours while maintaining two evening shifts and one weekend day. Offering Saturday weekend hours was important because for some individuals it was the only day they were able to use the library to sort out their travel plans and use the computers for e-mail. The proposed schedule was as follows: Monday-closed, Tuesday 10am-7pm, Wednesday 10am-7pm, Thursday 10am-5:30pm, Friday 10am-5:30pm and Saturday 1pm-5:30pm. Council concurred.

Alive Downtown – The Alive Downtown improvements on Wine Country Road was approximately one week behind schedule. All water lines had been installed on Wine Country Road and Division. Curb/gutter were installed on Division, East Third and East Fourth and sidewalks were scheduled for next week.

Port District Partnership – Mayor Childress and Interim City Administrator Arteaga would be meeting with Port Commissioner Jim Sewell on May 5th to discuss an improved partnership between the Port and City.

Yakima County Home Consortium – Councilmember Palacios and Interim City Administrator Arteaga would be meeting with John Epler with the Yakima County Home Consortium on May 5th to discuss housing needs in Grandview.

Industrial Manager Meeting – A meeting with the industrial managers was scheduled for May 6th to review their operations and industrial contracts. The City would be recommending a change from the monthly limits to an annual limit which should help keep the industries within their limits and out of potential permit violations. This should also reduce the request for extra increases to their schedules.

Union Negotiations – The next union negotiation meeting with the Police Support and Public Works employees was scheduled for May 7th.

School Board/City Council Joint Meeting – A joint meeting with the School Board was scheduled for Monday, June 14th, 6:00 p.m., at the GHS Library.

Multi-Use Community Center – The City's application to the Department of Commerce for funding to construct a new multi-use community center was awarded.

8. COUNCILMEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Prayer Breakfast – The Annual Prayer Breakfast hosted by the Grandview Morning Kiwanis and the Grandview Ministerial Association would take place on Thursday, May 6th, 6:30 a.m., at the Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Sunnyside Crime Free Rental Housing Ordinance – The Sunnyside Police Department was sponsoring a special public meeting on May 4th to review a new crime free rental housing ordinance that would require landlords to evict tenants suspected of gang or drug activity. Interim City Administrator Arteaga advised that Code Enforcement Officer Cory Taylor would be attending the meeting on behalf of the City to gather further information.

Chamber Auction and Dinner – The Chamber of Commerce held their annual auction and dinner on April 30th at Gemstones Leisure Hall.

YVCOG General Membership Meeting – The YVCOG General Membership meeting would be held on May 19th, 6:30 p.m., at the El Valle Restaurant in Sunnyside.

AWC Annual Conference – The Association of Washington Cities Annual Conference was scheduled for June 23-25 in Vancouver, WA.

City Administrator Vacancy – Mayor Childress recommended that the City continue status quo with Interim City Administrator Arteaga. Council concurred.

9. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Bren, second by Councilmember Moore, Council unanimously adjourned the regular meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Mayor Norm Childress

Anita Palacios, City Clerk