

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 8, 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: Interim City Administrator Cus Arteaga, City Attorney Jack Maxwell, Code Enforcement Officer Cory Taylor and City Clerk Anita Palacios.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Childress led the pledge of allegiance.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Childress presented the employees of the Wastewater Treatment Plant; Dave Lorenz, Jeff Cochran, Kim Endicott, Michael Mendoza, Rick Rivard and Nick Suarez, with plaques and gift certificates in recognition of receiving the 2009 Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance award.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. 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 May 17, 2010 study session
- B. Minutes of the May 17, 2010 regular meeting
- C. Claim check Nos. 95782-95905 in the amount of \$458,283.75
- D. Payroll check approval for the May 16, 2010 through May 31, 2010 payroll
- E. Resolution No. 2010-20 declaring a 1978 Ford Fire Truck surplus and authorizing the sale of said property
- F. Ordinance No. 2010-4 amending Grandview Municipal Code Chapter 2.75.010 Recreation Program Fees to include a fee for specialized fitness classes

6. ACTIVE AGENDA – None

7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Rental Inspection Program – Interim City Administrator Arteaga advised that in the past, Council expressed an interest in implementing a rental inspection program with the goal of improving rental housing within the City. The rental inspection program was identified during the 2008 Council Retreat, however, the project was placed on hold due to budget constraints and the lack of personnel to enforce the new program. It was brought to staff's attention that the State would be implementing a state-wide rental inspection program by June 10, 2010. It was the

understanding of staff that if a city did not adopt a rental inspection program before June 10, 2010, the city must comply with the state's rental inspection program.

City Attorney Maxwell added that after June 10, 2010, a city that adopts a rental inspection/licensing ordinance would need to follow the regulations provided in state law which were a little more restrictive in the manner, number and scope of the inspections that could be required. He summarized Substitute Senate Bill 6459 entitled Rental Properties—Inspections by Local Municipalities, as follows:

- Inspections may be required only once every three years;
- In rental unit with 20 or fewer units, only four need be inspected, however, the landlord must give notice to all of the tenants and if they have needed repairs, they were to notify the landlord. They must also be notified that if the landlord does not rectify the problem, the tenant could notify the City;
- In rental units with 21 or more units, only 20% (rounded up) could be required to be inspected, however, the landlord must give notice to all of the tenants and if they have needed repairs, they were to notify the landlord. They must also be notified that if the landlord does not rectify the problem, the tenant could notify the City;
- If one of the units fails an inspection, the City could require all units be inspected;
- There was also a process for search warrants if the landlord or the tenant did not allow access;
- If the owner does not agree with the inspection, there must be an appeal process in the ordinance.

Following discussion, Council consensus was to implement the state policy when and if the City decided to adopt a rental inspection program.

8. INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND/OR STAFF REPORTS

Downtown Alive Improvement Project – The final overlay on Division, the Library parking lot, and sidewalks on Wine Country Road should be completed by next week weather permitting. Grinding of Second Street would commence next.

Community Center CDBG – Interim City Administrator Arteaga, Parks & Recreation Director Carpenter and City Clerk Palacios attended the CDBG Management Workshop on June 22nd in Moses Lake. Parks & Rec Director Carpenter would be the project administrator with City Administrator Arteaga and City Clerk Palacios providing administrative support. City Clerk Palacios would be compiling the request for statement of qualifications for professional engineering/architectural services.

East Entrance Beautification Project – Staff has received several positive comments regarding the beautification project at the East Entrance. At the new rose garden, the concrete border around the rose beds has been completed, the sod was being removed between the border and the plants and an asphalt grind overlay would be installed on the rose garden pathway. Parks & Rec Director Carpenter has been approached by a Rotary Club member regarding participation in the improvements at the East Entrance, particularly the Legion Park area.

Country Park Improvements – Improvements to the Beavan's building has begun which include roof repair, ventilation system installation and additional lighting. Kollmar, Inc. and Willard Mears have donated towards the improvements.

Fire Department Sprinkler System – Installation of the new water line for the Fire Department sprinkler system started today and should be completed by the end of this week.

YVCC/City Joint Library Operating Agreement – Interim City Administrator Arteaga, City Clerk Palacios and Library Director Geraldine deRooy were scheduled to meet with YVCC staff on Wednesday, June 9th to review the first draft of the operating agreement for the joint library project.

Sewer Transmission Main Emergency Repairs – At the last meeting, Council approved Resolution No. 2010-19 declaring an emergency and authorizing immediate repairs to the sewer transmission main in the amount of \$50,000. The total cost summary was \$43,865.50. This information has been submitted to Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District's insurance carrier.

Public Works Office Clerk – With the resignation of the Public Works Office Clerk, staff would be advertising for a part-time employee at four hours per day with hours adjusted accordingly as needed.

9. COUNCILMEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Community Parade – Councilmembers Souders reported that the Parade Committee has discussed a back-up parade route in case the downtown improvements were not complete by August 12th.

Long Term Care BBQ – The long term care association and the Parks & Recreation Department would be co-sponsoring a BBQ on June 22nd at the Country Park Event Center.

Employee Appreciation BBQ – The Employee Appreciation BBQ was scheduled for Thursday, June 17th, 12:00 Noon at the Fire Station.

Yakima County Home Consortium – Councilmember Palacios attended the Yakima County Home Consortium meeting on June 2nd at the YVCOG Office.

GHS Site Council Meeting – Councilmember Horner attended the GHS Site Council meeting wherein the new Library hours were discussed. She indicated that some concern was expressed as to the new hours of operation.

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

GHS Graduation Ceremony – The Grandview High School graduation was held on Saturday, June 5th at the High School Stadium.

AWC Annual Conference – Mayor Childress and Councilmember Moore would be attending the Association of Washington Cities Annual Conference on June 23-25 in Vancouver, WA.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Childress adjourned the meeting to an executive session at 7:45 p.m., for approximately 30 minutes to discuss collective bargaining with the aforementioned Mayor, Councilmembers, City Attorney and Interim City Administrator.

The meeting resumed at 8:15 p.m., with the aforementioned Mayor, Council and staff present.

11. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, Council unanimously adjourned the regular meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor Norm Childress

Anita Palacios, City Clerk