

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 27, 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 Norm Childress and Councilmembers Mike Bren, Pam Horner, Diana Jennings, Bill Moore, Jesse Palacios and Joan Souders. Councilmember Javier Rodriguez was absent.

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Childress led the pledge of allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Yakima Health District

Dennis J. Klukan, MSEPH of the Yakima Health District explained that in 2011, the Yakima Health District would commemorate its centennial. The Health District would be celebrating 100 years of service to Yakima County and rededicating their efforts to provide the highest level of governmental public health activities. He briefly summarized the Health District's activities, responsibilities, funding and organization.

5. 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 July 13, 2010 study session
- B. Minutes of the July 13, 2010 regular meeting
- C. Claim check Nos. 96109-96198 in the amount of \$691,878.91
- D. Payroll check approval for the July 1, 2010 through July 15, 2010 payroll

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Public Hearing - 2011-2016 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program

Mayor Childress opened the public hearing to receive comments on the 2011-2016 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program by reading the public hearing procedure.

Interim City Administrator Arteaga explained that each year the City was required to update the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). This year's TIP included 14 street projects. He explained that in the past, Council direction was not to include additional streets unless

funding was available. Projects currently under construction were removed from the TIP. The remaining projects were increased 3% for construction costs.

No comments were received during the public hearing or by mail and the hearing was closed.

B. Resolution No. 2010-27 adopting the 2011-2016 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program

On motion by Councilmember Horner, second by Councilmember Souders, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2010-27 adopting the 2011-2016 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.

C. Resolution No. 2010-28 authorizing the Mayor to sign the CDBG Program General Purpose Grant Contract No. 10-64100-020 with the Washington State Department of Commerce for a multi-purpose Community Center

Parks & Recreation Director Carpenter explained that the City applied for and successfully received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of \$1,000,000 to help establish a multi-use Community Center at the Country Park Events Center. Presented for Council consideration were the CDBG General Purpose Grant Agreement documents from the Department of Commerce for the construction of a multi-use Community Center. The scope of work and budget stated the goals and expected results to be accomplished, and listed the schedule and budget for the specific construction activities to be conducted. The total project budget included a \$360,000 contribution from the City as a result of the sale of the Carl L. Stevens Senior Center to Yakima Valley Community College.

On motion by Councilmember Palacios, second by Councilmember Horner, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2010-28 authorizing the Mayor to sign the CDBG Program General Purpose Grant Contract No. 10-64100-020 with the Washington State Department of Commerce for a multi-purpose Community Center.

D. Community Center RFQ for Architectural Services

Parks & Recreation Director Carpenter explained that as part of the Community Development Block Grant, the City was required to advertise for Requests for Statement of Qualifications from qualified professional architectural, engineering and surveying services for the design of the new community center building. A total of 17 firms submitted proposals. The proposals were reviewed, scored and ranked by staff and Councilmembers Rodriguez and Souders. Based on the scoring and ranking, staff recommended that Brockway, Opher, Raab be selected as the most qualified architectural firm and that staff be instructed to negotiate a professional service/consultant agreement with said architectural firm in accordance with the CDBG Program requirements.

On motion by Councilmember Souders, second by Councilmember Moore, Council unanimously selected Brockway, Opher, Raab as the most qualified architectural firm and instructed staff to negotiate a professional service/consultant agreement with said architectural firm in accordance with the CDBG Program requirements and present the agreement for Council's approval at the next Council meeting.

E. Consideration to allow dogs at Dykstra Park

Parks & Recreation Director Carpenter provided the following information in response to a request to research the possibility of allowing dogs at Dykstra Park. Grandview Municipal Code Section 12.20.060 currently prohibited animals at large at park facilities such as Dykstra Park. However, it was quite common to see park patrons walking their dogs on the asphalt pathway at this facility. Debbi Sellers, the City's Senior Risk Management Representative from Washington Cities Insurance Authority advised that many of our member cities allow dogs in their parks under certain provisions.

Based upon research and discussions with WCIA, he recommended the City allow dogs at Dykstra Park under the following conditions:

- A. Dogs must be licensed with the City of Grandview.
- B. Dogs must be on a leash at all times while in the park facility.
- C. Dogs must be restricted to the pedestrian, asphalt pathway area.
- D. Owners must provide the proper means of clean up and disposal of their dog's waste.

In terms of costs associated with the proposed changes, he anticipated they would be nominal. There would need to be a revision of the park signs and additional waste disposal receptacles placed throughout the park. In summary, he felt that allowing licensed dogs on leashes on the pathway at Dykstra Park was worth pursuing. In doing so, the City was creating yet another leisure outlet for the citizens of Grandview. He supported the amendment of Grandview Municipal Code Section 12.20 to allow dogs at Dykstra Park under the above-mentioned conditions.

Councilmember Souders recommended a park sign be installed at the bridge entrance to the park from Conestoga Way.

Following discussion, Council consensus was to proceed with the amendment of Grandview Municipal Code Section 12.20 to allow dogs at Dykstra Park under the conditions previously stated.

7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Fireworks – Due to her absence at the previous meeting, Councilmember Horner initiated discussion regarding the sale and permitted use of fireworks in the City. Following discussion, Council consensus was to review the fireworks issue at a future study session.

8. INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND/OR STAFF REPORTS

Downtown Alive Improvement Project – The Downtown Alive Improvement Project was moving along with the contractor making up some days during the past two weeks. Paving of Second Street was scheduled for August 16th.

East Entrance Project – The rose garden project along the east entrance was 90% complete with the addition of the bark/mulch remaining to be placed. Councilmember Souders added that the residents of the assisted living facility thoroughly enjoy outings to the new rose garden.

Country Park Pathway Project – The next phase of the Country Park pathway project was completed by O.L. Luther and would assist pedestrian traffic along the vendor booths.

Beavan Building Repairs – The ventilation equipment and additional lighting at the Beavan's building was scheduled for installation next week.

Wal-Mart DC Grant – Wal-Mart Distribution Center donated \$4,000 towards installation of concrete pads for the disc golf course at Dykstra Park.

2011 Budget Preparation – In preparation for the 2011 budget process, program summary sheets for the current expense fund were distributed for priority ranking by the Council.

9. COUNCILMEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Downtown Alive Improvement Project Celebration – Councilmember Bren suggested that the City and Chamber form a committee to organize a celebration following the completion of the Downtown Alive Improvement Project to honor the downtown business owners. Suggestions included a ribbon cutting, community block party, street dance, etc. The anticipated project completion date was end of September/first of October. Other suggestions included encouraging downtown businesses to decorate their storefronts for the Christmas holiday. Another suggestion was to relocate next year's 3-on-3 basketball tournament to the downtown area.

Former Prosser Mayor Hogue – Councilmember Palacios advised that former Prosser Mayor Wayne Hogue passed away today.

New Garden Club – Mayor Childress, Interim City Administrator Arteaga, Parks & Recreation Director Carpenter and Code Enforcement Officer Cory Taylor attended a meeting of a new, nationally accredited and certified Garden Club that was recently formed in Grandview. The City representatives suggested the Garden Club adopt Stokely Park as a community project.

10. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Palacios, Council unanimously adjourned the regular meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Mayor Norm Childress

Anita Palacios, City Clerk