

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION MINUTES
AUGUST 6, 2007**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Norm Childress called the study session to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present were: Mayor Norm Childress and Councilmembers Helen Darr, Bill Flory, Pam Horner, Jan McDonald, Robert Morales, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders.

Staff present were: City Administrator Scott D. Staples, City Attorney Jack Maxwell, Public Works Director Cus Arteaga and City Clerk Anita Palacios.

2. MEADOWLARK PARK OWNERSHIP

On June 27, 2007, the City received a letter from Michael Johnson, owner of the Meadowlark Estates Subdivision, requesting that the City accept ownership and maintenance of Lot 1 of Meadowlark Estates as a community park.

Public Works Director Arteaga explained that the maintenance of the park was currently being done by the resident to the south of the park. The park was a small area and the City's large equipment would be too awkward for mowing the area and would leave too much hand work. He recommended that if Mr. Johnson was prepared to donate the park along with a small riding mower with a grass catcher, he was confident that the City could maintain the park with very little problems. He recommended that Council agree to accept the park with a small riding mower and grass catcher.

Following discussion, Council concurred with the recommendation to accept ownership of Lot 1 of Meadowlark Estates as a community park and directed staff to negotiate with Mr. Johnson for a small riding lawn mower with a grass catcher.

3. 2008 BUDGET GUIDANCE

City Administrator Staples requested Council's consideration of funding priorities for the 2008 budget. The following two items were suggested:

- Equipment upgrade or service contract for the Country Park Amphitheatre lighting and sound system
- Contract with the University of Washington Storefront Studios for re-design of downtown building façades

Additional discussion of budget priorities will be conducted at the August 20th meeting.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The study session adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Norm Childress

Anita Palacios, City Clerk