

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 11, 2017**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Norm Childress called the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were: Mayor Childress and Councilmembers Gaylord Brewer, Mike Everett, Dennis McDonald, Gloria Mendoza, Bill Moore, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders.

Staff present were: City Administrator/Public Works Director Cus Arteaga, City Attorney Quinn Plant, City Treasurer Matt Cordray and City Clerk Anita Palacios.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sign Code Review – Grandview Municipal Code Chapter 15.16

City Attorney Plant explained that in 2015, the United States Supreme Court issued a decision in Reed v. Town of Gilbert, Arizona which impacted the manner in which local governments throughout the country regulate signs. Prior case law suggested that local governments could enforce a limited number of content based regulations on signs. These types of regulations were generally allowed so long as they were viewpoint neutral. The Supreme Court decision essentially applied a “need to read” test that said if you have to read the sign to determine whether the rule applies, then that was not acceptable. He discussed the need for Council to consider zoning text amendments to ensure that the City’s sign regulations comply with Reed. He provided an overview of substantive and procedural considerations that the City should evaluate before amending the sign code. He noted that the impact of the Supreme Court decision was not yet settled. In the meantime, he suggested that the City cautiously enforce the sign code.

Discussion took place.

Following discussion, the C.O.W. directed staff to review the City’s Sign Code (GMC Chapter 15.16) with the City Attorney and provide recommended amendments for Council consideration.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

City Administrator Arteaga reported on the following Public Works Departments:

Streets:

- Inventorying pothole repair list for all streets.
- Evaluating the main streets for a possible Transportation Improvement Board Grant Application in the amount of \$50,000. TIB approved funding for emergency pavement repair work due to the harsh winter and negative impact to streets. The grant would

require a 10% local match (\$5,000).

- Preparing spring street painting.
- Preparing streets for seal-coating.
- Replacing outdated street signs.
- Working on the bid documents for the West Fifth Street Preservation Project.

Irrigation:

- Experiencing several irrigation leaks and one employee spends most of the day chasing leak complaints.
- Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District informed staff that the SVID Board passed a resolution limiting irrigation water to all users which could impact the City's system. It might require that the City implement and enforce an odd/even watering schedule.

Water:

- Asahel Curtis Well construction was in the final stages and was pumping 100 gpm. A water sample was resubmitted for testing to determine the water quality.
- Repairing water chlorinators.

Parks:

- Completing the annual fertilizing of the parks.
- Started the mowing season and irrigation of the parks.
- Phase 2 pool improvements were ongoing with the installation of the new deck lighting, concrete picnic pads, fencing and slide.
- Arbor Day tree planting scheduled for April 12th at Dykstra Park. Planting of new trees to compliment expansion of disk golf course.
- Evaluating irrigation extension at Dykstra Park along Stassen Way.

Downtown Flower Pots and Baskets:

- Len's Flowers from Prosser would again provide flowers for the downtown to include the baskets.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The study session adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Norm Childress

Anita Palacios, City Clerk