

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 28, 2012**

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: Assistant Public Works Director Santos Trevino, City Attorney Quinn Plant, City Treasurer John Myers and City Clerk Anita Palacios. City Administrator Cus Arteaga was absent.

Also present was City Engineer Ted Pooler with Huibregtse, Louman Associates, Inc.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Jennings led the pledge of allegiance.

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. Yakima Valley Visitors & Convention Bureau 2011 Annual Report - John Cooper

John Cooper, President/CEO of the Yakima Valley Visitors & Convention Bureau presented their 2011 Annual Report.

B. Gold Wing Rally - Allen Wallingford

Allen Wallingford, Assistant District Director for the Gold Wing Road Rally Association, explained that the Washington District Convention would be held in Grandview on July 19th through 21st at the Country Park Events Center.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes of the February 14, 2012 regular meeting
- B. Electronic Payroll Fund Transfers (EFT) in the amount of \$61,130.90
- C. Claim and Payroll Check Nos. 100677-100788 in the amount of \$272,170.17
- D. Payroll Direct Deposit 2/1/12 - 2/15/12 in the amount of \$89,563.91
- E. Resolution No. 2012-12 authorizing the Mayor to sign a Recreational Use Permit by and between the City of Grandview and Sunnyside Valley Soccer League

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Public Hearing - Community Development Block Grant - 4th Street from Ash to Elm and 300 Block of Birch Neighborhood Improvement Project

Before the hearing began, copies of the public hearing handouts entitled “Community Development Block Grant Program” and “Federal Citizen Participation Requirements for Local Government Applicants to the State CDBG Program,” in both English and Spanish, were distributed to the public.

Mayor Childress asked if there was anyone in the audience who required a Spanish interpreter. This information was translated in Spanish by Assistant Public Works Director Trevino. There was no one in the audience who requested the assistance of a Spanish interpreter.

Mayor Childress opened the public hearing by reading the public hearing procedure. He explained that the purpose of the public hearing was to review community development and housing needs, inform citizens of the availability of funds and eligible uses of the state Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and receive comments on proposed activities, particularly from lower income persons and persons residing in the City of Grandview. Up to \$1 million may be available to the City of Grandview on a statewide competitive basis to fund public facility, community facility, economic development and affordable housing projects that principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

Before hearing from the public, City Engineer Pooler presented the City’s proposed project for Council consideration of pursuing CDBG General Purpose funds. The East Fourth Street Neighborhood Improvement Project would include construction of new sanitary sewer, potable water, sidewalk and street improvements on East Fourth Street from Ash Street to Elm Street and south Birch Street from East Third Street to East Fourth Street. The project budget request would be \$1 million and the City would contribute \$177,200 as the local match. The East Fourth Street Neighborhood Improvement Project would benefit 42 households with a population of approximately 151 persons, approximately 19% of the residents were elderly, and 71.43% of the households in the neighborhood were considered to be of low- to moderate-income. The application was due on March 1st and award would be announced by early June 2012.

The following public comments were received during the hearing (transcribed verbatim):

Lonnie Hendrickson – I live on the corner of Cedar and East Fourth and I would love to see this project go through. As stated, the parking is terrible on the south side of the road and you can’t even walk up the sidewalks. It’s dangerous driving down that road because cars are sticking out. Even across from our street when it rains, we’ve dubbed it Perez ponds because it floods the roadway and will actually go over from the south side to the north side and that’s when you get the Hendrickson river. I think this is a great project and I would love to see it happen. There use to be nice green yards there that have become parking lots and it just doesn’t look really great so hopefully this will all go through.

Mary Barrett – 301 Douglas. I drove down Fourth Street today and you got to do it. The one thing I have a question for you because it’s low to moderate income. Are there any hidden costs for the landowners?

City Engineer Pooler – No. There are no costs on this project that would be directly assessed to the homeowners in that area. That's the purpose of the Block Grant program is to reduce to cost to the neighbors fronting on the project.

Mary Barrett – Do it.

No public comments were received by mail.

The public testimony portion of the hearing was declared closed and no further comments were received.

B. Resolution No. 2012-13 authorizing application submittal to the State of Washington Department of Commerce for funding assistance and authorizing the Mayor to sign the Title VI Certification and Grievance Procedure

On motion by Councilmember Horner, second by Councilmember Souders, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2012-13 authorizing application submittal to the State of Washington Department of Commerce for funding assistance and authorizing the Mayor to sign the Title VI Certification and Grievance Procedure.

C. Notice of Intent to Apply for Funding Assistance to the USDA Rural Development for Wastewater Pumping Facility Improvements

City Engineer Pooler advised that the City would be submitting an application for funding assistance to Rural Development (RD), a division of the United States Department of Agriculture. The application was for a RD loan and grant monies to be used to finance the proposed wastewater pumping facility improvements in the amount of \$1,957,000 which included the estimated cost of the improvements plus \$10,000 for environmental planning cost associated with the application process and \$80,000 in interim financing costs. The USDA RD program required project costs over \$500,000 to use interim financing. The improvements included replacement of the Euclid Road Lift Station drywell pumps and replacement of the wastewater treatment plant primary clarifier pump station facilities. If funding was available, construction would be expected to take place beginning in June 2012. The initial application would be submitted on or around March 1, 2012.

On motion by Councilmember Palacios, second by Council Jennings, Council unanimously approved submittal of the application to the USDA Rural Development for funding assistance for the wastewater pumping facility improvements.

D. Resolution No. 2012-14 authorizing the Mayor to sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement with Falcon Video Communications, LP, d/b/a/ Charter Communications for a franchise fee audit

At the February 14th meeting, the Council authorized the Mayor to sign a service agreement with Telecommunications Consulting Associates. The services agreed upon were to have an audit performed on the City's utility taxes paid by Charter Communications. In order for the auditor, Telecommunications Consulting Associates, to receive related records and reports a "Non-Disclosure Agreement" must be executed by the City, the auditor and Charter Communications. Resolution No. 2012-14 would authorize the Mayor to sign the Non-Disclosure Agreement.

Upon acceptance of the agreement by Charter Communications, Charter would release documents to Telecommunications Consulting Associates for audit purposes.

On motion by Councilmember Jennings, second by Councilmember Bren, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2012-14 authorizing the Mayor to sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement with Falcon Video Communications, LP, d/b/a/ Charter Communications for a franchise fee audit.

E. Resolution No. 2012-15 approving a Specific Project Agreement between the City of Grandview and the City of Mabton for wastewater treatment plant services

The City of Mabton lost their only certified Wastewater Operator and was in need of assistance in order to stay in compliance with the Department of Ecology. The City of Grandview's wastewater employees have the appropriate certifications and could assist on a part-time basis with sampling, monitoring, training of their employees and plant trouble evaluations. Recently, the Cities of Grandview, Prosser, Sunnyside and Mabton entered into an Interlocal Master Agreement regarding the cooperative use of facilities, equipment and personnel. The Master Agreement allowed for the cities to enter into Specific Project Agreements. Grandview and Mabton negotiated a Specific Project Agreement for wastewater treatment plant services in order for Mabton to reimbursement Grandview for employee expenses until they fill the open position.

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2012-15 approving a Specific Project Agreement between the City of Grandview and the City of Mabton for wastewater treatment plant services.

F. Resolution No. 2012-16 authorizing application submittal to the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments for Surface Transportation Program preliminary engineering only funding assistance on the Euclid Road and Bonnieview Road improvements

At the January 10th and February 14th meetings, staff advised Council of a potential funding opportunity through the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) for Surface Transportation Program (STP) preliminary engineering only projects. Staff prepared two STP Regional Competitive applications for the following transportation projects:

- Euclid Road Improvements – Groom Lane to south City limits
- Bonnieview Road Improvements – Wilson Highway to Elm Street

In order for the applications to be eligible for submittal to the YVCOG, the City must provide evidence that the Council was aware STP funds were being applied for and the City's local match amounts of \$22,385 for Euclid Road and \$30,127 for Bonnieview Road were committed.

On motion by Councilmember Horner, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2012-16 authorizing application submittal to the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments for Surface Transportation Program preliminary engineering only funding assistance on the Euclid Road and Bonnieview Road improvements.

G. Resolution No. 2012-17 declaring property owned by the City located at 211 West Second Street to be surplus property and authorizing its sale

The City owns the property at 211 West Second Street currently leased to Pizza Hut. The City received a proposal from Wallace and Byron Farmer Family Trust to purchase the property located at 211 West Second Street.

On motion by Councilmember Palacios, second by Councilmember Moore, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2012-17 declaring property owned by the City located at 211 West Second Street to be surplus property and authorizing its sale.

7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS - None

8. CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND/OR STAFF REPORT

SVID Irrigation Canal Covering Project – Assistant Public Works Director Trevino reported that SVID's contractor has substantially completed the irrigation canal piping within City limits.

9. MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER MEETING REPORTS - None

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION – PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Mayor Childress adjourned the meeting to an executive session at 7:45 p.m., for approximately 10 minutes to discuss property acquisition with the aforementioned Mayor, Councilmembers, City Attorney, Assistant Public Works Director and City Clerk present. The meeting resumed at 7:55 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 7:55 p.m.

Mayor Norm Childress

Anita Palacios, City Clerk