

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 26, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Governor Proclamation 20-28.15 continued the prohibition on "in-person" meetings through termination of the State of Emergency or until rescinded whichever occurs first. This meeting was available via teleconference.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Mendoza and Councilmembers David Diaz, Mike Everett, Diana Jennings, Bill Moore (Mayor Pro Tem), Robert Ozuna, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders

Staff present: City Administrator Cus Arteaga, City Attorney Quinn Plant, City Treasurer Matt Cordray, Fire Chief Pat Mason, Assistant Public Works Director Todd Dorsett and City Clerk Anita Palacios

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Councilmember Everett, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. approved the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Everett – Yes
- Councilmember Jennings – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

4. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the 2021 Yakima County Technology Services Interlocal Agreement

Police Chief Fuller explained that the Grandview Police Department contracts with Yakima County Technology Services to provide internet collections, mobile data terminal connections, and related support services. This contract represented a continuation of current services through 2021. The 2021 Yakima County Technology Services Interlocal Agreement was the same as prior years. The basic rates remained the same as 2019. An additional \$300.00 would be charged in 2021 for an extra 1 Mb of dedicated bandwidth to handle increased traffic over the fiber optic network.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Diaz, the C.O.W. moved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the 2021 Yakima County Technology Services Interlocal Agreement to the February 9, 2021 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Everett – Yes
- Councilmember Jennings – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

B. Resolution approving an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Toppenish, City of Grandview, City of Moxee, City of Sunnyside and Yakima County for their respective Police Departments and its Sheriff's Office to share the use and costs of a vehicle equipped to help apprehend car thieves which is commonly referred to as a bait car

Police Chief Fuller explained that Yakima County as a whole, and the City of Grandview as a municipality, have ongoing problems with motor vehicle thefts. Grandview had approximately 50 vehicles stolen in 2020. The Yakima County Sheriff's Office, City of Toppenish, City of Moxee, City of Sunnyside, and City of Grandview Police Departments have banded together in a program to help address vehicle thefts. The proposed program to address auto thefts centers around using what was commonly referred to as a bait car. A bait car was a vehicle equipped to help apprehend car thieves. It does this by having video recording and tracking capabilities hidden in an older vehicle that would be of interest to auto thieves. He presented the Interlocal Agreement setting out the sharing of costs for a bait car program. The initial expense for Grandview's portion would be \$1,700 for the first year and an estimated \$400.00 per year after that, as long as the program continued. This money was included in the 2021 budget. The Interlocal Agreement was reviewed by the City Attorney.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Diaz, second by Councilmember Everett, the C.O.W. moved a resolution approving an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Toppenish, City of Grandview, City of Moxee, City of Sunnyside and Yakima County for their respective Police Departments and its Sheriff's Office to share the use and costs of a vehicle equipped to help apprehend car thieves which is commonly referred to as a bait car to the February 9, 2021 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Everett – Yes
- Councilmember Jennings – Yes

- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

C. Ordinance adopting a new Chapter 10.70 of the Grandview Municipal Code Entitled Wheeled-All Terrain Vehicles

Police Chief Fuller explained that in 2013, the Legislature created a designation for certain vehicles to be called wheeled all-terrain vehicles (WATV). This included what most people think of as all-terrain vehicle (ATV) with handle bar steering and dual occupant single seat and utility type vehicle (UTV) with steering wheel and side-by-side seating. The law (RCW 46.09.455) allows WATVs to be operated on public roadways within the boundaries of a city or town, if the city or town by ordinance approved the operation of WATVs. The roadways must have a posted speed limit under 35 mph and the WATV must have various safety features such as seatbelts, windshield, turn signals, etc. In 2014, the City of Prosser adopted a city ordinance allowing WATV use on their city streets. There have been requests that the City of Grandview adopt a similar ordinance as the City of Prosser in order to allow WATV use in the City of Grandview. The City of Prosser has had no enforcement issues since their ordinance was adopted. The City of Grandview could use the City of Prosser's ordinance as a template and make additions or changes as necessary.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Souders, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, the C.O.W. moved an ordinance adopting a new Chapter 10.70 of the Grandview Municipal Code Entitled Wheeled-All Terrain Vehicles to the February 9, 2021 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Everett – Yes
- Councilmember Jennings – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

D. Community Website Development Update – Councilmembers Ozuna & Everett

Councilmember Ozuna provided an update on the community website development. He explained that 67 surveys were completed and the survey results were compiled. He presented the data from the survey results. The narrative responses were summarized and would be provided to staff and Council for review.

Discussion took place.

6. MEETING RECESSED

The C.O.W. meeting was recessed at 7:05 p.m. to begin the regular meeting. The C.O.W. meeting reconvened following the regular meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Further discussion took place regarding the community website development and next steps. Councilmember Ozuna would present a mock-up page for presentation at the February 23, 2021 meeting.

7. OTHER BUSINESS – None

8. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Everett, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Everett – Yes
- Councilmember Jennings – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

Mayor Gloria Mendoza

Anita Palacios, City Clerk