

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 23, 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 Pam Horner, Bill Moore, Jesse Palacios, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders. Excused from the meeting were Councilmember Mike Bren and Councilmember Diana Jennings.

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Bill Moore led the pledge of allegiance.

3. PRESENTATIONS

YVCOG 2013 Budget – J. Page Scott, Executive Director of the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments presented the YVCOG 2013 budget. The budget was approved by the YVCOG General Membership at their meeting on October 17th. The City of Grandview's Membership Assessment for 2013 would be \$10,680 of which \$4,400 was for the general assessment and \$6,280 for the MPO/RTPO assessment. She pointed out that the City of Grandview was awarded \$1,204,177 in STP regional funding for 2012.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Grandview's Grandest Blossoms – Richard Burger, Editor with the Grandview Herald, presented a laminated editorial with photos entitled "Grandview's Grandest Blossoms" featuring the individuals who have assisted the City with the beautiful downtown flower pots/baskets and the Grandview Rose Garden.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes of the October 9, 2012 regular meeting**
- B. Electronic Payroll Fund Transfers (EFT) in the amount of \$60,195.07**
- C. Payroll Check Nos. 6349-6369 in the amount of \$90,317.42**
- D. Payroll Direct Deposit 10/1/12 – 10/15/12 in the amount of \$93,110.47**
- E. Claim Check Nos. 102304-102408 in the amount of \$433,983.20**

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Resolution No. 2012-50 authorizing the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Agreement between the City and Genesis Housing Services for the Euclid Road Project

In the spring of 2012, the City submitted an application for construction funding to the STP Program for the Euclid Road Improvements from Groom Lane south to City limits. As part of the application, the City identified Genesis Housing Services (GHS) as a funding partner. GHS would be making approximately \$60,000 of improvements along the Euclid Road right-of-way which reduced the City's expenditure for next spring. GHS also pledged \$20,000 cash in addition to the improvements being made. GHS would be installing a retaining wall and adding a storm drainage system along their property and the neighbor to the north. Both of the improvements and their pledge complete their commitments in assisting the City to improve Euclid Road.

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2012-50 authorizing the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Agreement between the City and Genesis Housing Services for the Euclid Road Project.

B. Ordinance No. 2012-21 amending Grandview Municipal Code Sections 13.28.010(A), (B) & (C) setting domestic water rates

At the October 9th meeting following the 2013 water and sewer rate analysis presentation, Council concurred with the recommended water and sewer rate increases and instructed staff to prepare ordinances for consideration. Ordinance No. 2012-21 provided for a 2% water rate increase for 2013.

On motion by Councilmember Horner, second by Councilmember Souders, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2012-21 amending Grandview Municipal Code Sections 13.28.010(A), (B) & (C) setting domestic water rates.

C. Ordinance No. 2012-22 amending Grandview Municipal Code Section 13.28.050 setting domestic sewer rates

At the October 9th meeting following the 2013 water and sewer rate analysis presentation, Council concurred with the recommended water and sewer rate increases and instructed staff to prepare ordinances for consideration. Ordinance No. 2012-22 provided for a 6% sewer rate increase for 2013.

On motion by Councilmember Palacios, second by Councilmember Horner, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2012-22 amending Grandview Municipal Code Section 13.28.050 setting domestic sewer rates.

7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Dog Park

City Administrator Arteaga advised that in the last few months, Council was approached by the "Friends of the Dog Park" Committee requesting support in developing a new dog park. The group selected a five-acre area located on North Willoughby Road south of the Public Works maintenance shop. The property was approximately ten acres in total and was originally purchased with water revenue. The intent has been to expand the cemetery into this area, however, Council could consider dividing the area into two five-acre parcels. Five acres would be dedicated for future cemetery expansion and five acres could be dedicated for the proposed dog park until such time, that the area would need to be developed into additional cemetery space.

Staff contacted WCIA to clarify the following questions:

- (Q) Could the City lease property to a non-profit group without incurring any liability?
- (A) Yes, as long as the City enters into a lease agreement with the non-profit group.

- (Q) What was the minimum dollar amount the City must lease the property without being considered gifting?
- (A) The City could charge a nominal fee like \$1 per year since the property would be available to the public.

- (Q) If the City leases the property to a non-profit, could the City continue to mow and irrigate the area?
- (A) This wording could be incorporated into the lease agreement.

The presentation the Friends of the Dog Park Committee made was that they would provide all funds needed to develop the park such as fencing, gates, tables/benches and any advertising of the park. In addition, WCIA stated that "off leash dog parks" have not generated claims to WCIA members and they viewed this as a low risk because another group would be operating the park.

In summary, dog parks were becoming very popular and he recommended Council consider supporting the proposal of a new dog park on the City-owned property located on North Willoughby Road based on the fact that the City would not be responsible for any funding and/or maintenance of the park. If the group was still active and in favor of developing the park, then he also recommended Council instruct the City Attorney to develop a lease agreement that spelled out the duties and responsibilities of each party. Once this was in place, the group could start their fundraising campaign for developing the park.

On motion by Councilmember Horner, second by Councilmember Souders, Council unanimously instructed the City Administrator and City Attorney to draft an agreement with the Friends of the Dog Park Committee to lease a five-acre area of City-owned property located on North Willoughby Road for a dog park.

8. CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND/OR STAFF REPORTS

2013 Preliminary Budget Meetings – The preliminary budget meetings for the 2013 budget would be held on November 13th & 20th starting at 5:30 p.m.

9. MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Police Chief & Fire Chief Residency Requirements – Councilmember Souders expressed concern with the residency requirements for the Police Chief and Fire Chief approved by Council at the last meeting. The basis for her concern was with the urban growth area (UGA) and whether or not that was not broad enough in some areas adjacent to City limits.

Following discussion, Council instructed the City Attorney to amend the ordinances to allow Council to consent to residency outside of the UGA, provided the residence cannot be more than one (1) mile beyond the UGA.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Cancelled

11. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, Council unanimously adjourned the regular meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Mayor Norm Childress

Anita Palacios, City Clerk