

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 9, 2020**

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.

On May 31, 2020, Governor Inslee issued proclamation 20-28.4. The proclamation continued the prohibition on "in-person" meetings. However, the proclamation did not limit permissible "action" to "necessary and routine matters" and "matters necessary to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak and current health emergency." As a result, Council may conduct business on all matters coming before it; but should not do so at a meeting conducted in-person. This meeting was available via teleconference.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Mendoza and Councilmembers Gay Brewer, David Diaz, Mike Everett, Diana Jennings, Bill Moore, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders

Staff present: City Administrator/Public Works Director Cus Arteaga, City Treasurer Matt Cordray and City Clerk Anita Palacios

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution accepting the bid for the Sanitary Sewer Truck Main Replacement and authorizing the Mayor to sign all contract documents with C & R Tractor and Landscaping, Inc.

City Administrator Arteaga explained that bids for the Sanitary Sewer Truck Main Replacement were opened on May 14, 2020. A total of seven (7) bids were received with C & R Tractor and Landscaping, Inc., of Kelso, Washington, submitting the low bid in the amount of \$3,327,292.87. The low bid was approximately thirteen (13) percent below the City Engineer's estimate of \$3,848,158.80.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Jennings, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. moved a Resolution accepting the bid for the Sanitary Sewer Truck Main Replacement and authorizing the Mayor to sign all contract documents with C & R Tractor and Landscaping, Inc., to the May 26, 2020 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes

- Councilmember Everett – Yes
- Councilmember Jennings – Yes
- Councilmember Brewer – Yes

B. Resolution approving the Yakima County Fire Protection District and Cities Mutual Aid Agreement

Fire Chief Mason explained that in July 2010, an agreement was approved which allowed all Fire Districts and City Fire Departments in Yakima County as well as the Yakima Training Centers Federal Fire Department to provide mutual aid assistance to each other. In 2019, the Yakima County Fire Chiefs Association decided to review and update the Yakima County Fire Protection District and Cities Mutual Aid Agreement. The agreement was updated as follows: misc. grammar and punctuation corrections; adding Section 3(e) in regards to training and awareness; an extensive rewrite of Section 7 Liability and Claims to meet the requirements of the different governing entities involved; and updated language in Section 18 Whole Agreement to include not obligating funds, doing biennial reviews and renegotiating the agreement at the nine (9) year mark. The overall intent of the agreement would remain the same to allow all Fire Department agencies within Yakima County to request personnel and equipment from other agencies.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Diaz, the C.O.W. moved a Resolution approving the Yakima County Fire Protection District and Cities Mutual Aid Agreement to the June 9, 2020 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Roll Call Vote:

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

C. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Grandview and the City of Mabton for Fire Auto Aid; Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Grandview and the City of Sunnyside for Fire Auto Aid; and Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Grandview and the West Benton Regional Fire Authority for Fire Auto Aid

Fire Chief Mason explained that the City has mutual aid agreements with every Fire Department and Fire District in Yakima County. The City also has mutual aid agreements with the Yakima Firing Center, West Benton Regional Fire Authority, Hanford Fire Department and Benton County Fire Protection District #2 (Benton City). The mutual aid agreements allow the City to call upon any one of these agencies for additional resources once on scene and a determination has been made that additional resources are necessary. The current process for emergency response to a structure fire was the City's Fire Department would be dispatched and responds. Once the City's firefighters were on scene, and if there was a developing structure fire, the City's firefighters

would start firefighting and request additional equipment and personnel from the City of Mabton, City of Sunnyside and West Benton Regional Fire Authority. By approving the Auto Aid Interlocal Agreements, the other fire departments would be dispatched at the same time the City of Grandview was dispatched for reported structure fires. The end result would be that more equipment and personnel would be on a fire scene faster. There should be no financial impact involved with the interlocal agreements since the City was already being dispatched to these types of calls. The City should also receive additional points from the Washington Survey and Ratings Bureau by having the interlocal agreements in place

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Everett, second by Councilmember Moore, the C.O.W. moved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Grandview and the City of Mabton for Fire Auto Aid; a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Grandview and the City of Sunnyside for Fire Auto Aid; and a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Grandview and the West Benton Regional Fire Authority for Fire Auto Aid to the June 9, 2020 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Roll Call Vote:

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

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Palacios Parkway Pedestrian Bridge – Councilmember Brewer requested that the pedestrian bridge at Palacios Parkway be added to a future C.O.W. meeting agenda for discussion.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The C.O.W. meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Mayor Gloria Mendoza

Anita Palacios, City Clerk