

UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
UNION GAP COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Union Gap, Washington
April 14, 2014
MINUTES

Call to Order Mayor Wentz called the Regular Meeting of the Union Gap City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Council Members Present Mayor Wentz, Council Members Carney, Matson, Murr, Olson and Lenz were present. Council Member Butler was absent.

Excuse Council Member Motion by Council Member Lenz second by Council Member Olson to excuse Council Member Butler. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff Present City Manager Otterness, Acting Public Safety Director Cobb, Finance and Administration Director Clifton, AP/PR Technician Bisconer, and City Attorney Noe were present.

Audience Present See list.

Pledge of Allegiance Council Member Matson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda Motion by Council Member Murr second by Council Member Lenz to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated March 24th, 2014 as attached to the Agenda and maintained in electronic format.

Approve EFT's and Payroll Voucher Nos. 41153 through 41171, 87420 and 87504 through 87518 in the amount of \$447,377.47 dated March 31, 2014.

Approve EFT's and Claim Voucher Nos. 87519 through 87648 in the amount of \$416,997.51 dated April 14, 2014.

Items from the Audience A letter from Fred Thomson was presented to the council regarding the Union Gap Fire Department. Jim Lemon addressed the council on the need to proceed cautiously with respect to the issue of marijuana. John Hodgkinson addressed the council on the use of consultants to improve operations. Don Mittlieder addressed the council and recommended the city not contract with the City of Yakima for fire protection services.

General Items

City Manager

Presentation – John Cooper, President & CEO of Yakima John Cooper presented the 2013 Annual Report for Yakima Valley Tourism and the Yakima Valley Official Visitors Guide. He also provided

Valley Visitors & Convention Bureau information regarding the joint Yakima/Selah/Union Gap Public Facilities District.

Request – Pioneer Graveyard Headstone Restoration City Manager Otterness presented the council with a request received from the John William and Harriet Parker family in regards to the Pioneer Graveyard. The family asked permission to replace at the family’s expense the defaced headstones of Effa and Aaron Parker and include a memorial to their father J.W. Parker as his burial site is unknown. Motion by Council Member Olson second by Council Member Murr to approve the Parker family request. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation – Drug Free Community Mentoring Grant Application Anna Marie Dufault, Community Mobilization and Prevention Coordinator for ESD 105, addressed the council. She provided the council with a summary of the goals of the Drug Free Community Mentoring Grant. Motion by Council Member Olson second by Council Member Murr to approve submission of application for a Drug Free Community Mentoring Grant after staff confirms that the city would remain eligible for such a grant were marijuana operations legally permitted within the city. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance & Administration

Presentation - IT Services Update Finance and Administration Director Clifton reported on the RFP process for IT Services. She stated that the City of Yakima’s proposal was recommended by staff. Council Member Olson asked that copies of the proposals be provided to council. Council Member Matson requested more detail regarding costs. Clifton stated that detailed cost estimates would be available after an assessment has been completed by Yakima.

Public Works/Community Development

Public Transit Service Contract Finance and Administration Director Clifton submitted a cost comparison of TC Transportation and MedStar Transportation’s proposals. Motion by Council Member Olson second by Council Member Murr to approve entering into a contract with MedStar Transportation. Voting on the motion – Ayes: Carney, Lenz, Murr, Olson, Wentz – Nays: Matson. Motion carried.

Discussion – Draft Marijuana Ordinance and Planning Commission Recommendation Deputy Director of Public Works and Community Development Spurlock described the process the Planning Commission followed to develop its recommended zoning map for permitted marijuana businesses. Mike Moore, Chair of the Planning Commission described the reasons the commission added a residential buffer zone of 1000’ to the buffer zones included in I-502. Acting Public Safety Director Cobb stated that law enforcement concerns could be better addressed if businesses were

concentrated rather than dispersed throughout the city. David Hanson, Teresa Sharbay, John Hodkinson, Dan Sharbay, Dave Hana, and Julie Schilling spoke against allowing marijuana businesses in the city. Paul Weaver and Adam Markus spoke in favor of allowing marijuana businesses in the city. Council Member Olson expressed his opposition to allowing marijuana businesses. Council Member Lenz asked that at the next meeting the council first address the issue of allowing or disallowing marijuana businesses and then only if a majority favored allowing would they need to address the Planning Commission’s recommended zoning map.

SEID Grant/Longfibre Road Extension Application

City Manager Otterness reported that the city’s SEID grant application for the Longfibre Road Extension had been submitted and the application would be considered by the SEID board during the board’s April 17, 2014 meeting.

Public Safety

Fire Protection Services

Acting Public Safety Director Cobb gave an update on staff’s review of fire protection services. He stated that Yakima Fire Chief Bob Stewart would be present at the April 28, 2014 Public Safety Committee meeting to address concerns regarding the possibility of contracting fire protection services with Yakima.

Police Department Roof

Council Member Mattson asked that the city explore the possible use of the ICE building as a combined City Hall and Police Department. Motion by Council Member Mattson second by Council Member Lenz to explore possible use of that building. Voting on the motion – Ayes: Lenz, Mattson, Murr, Wentz – Nays: Carney, Olson. Motion carried. Motion by Council Member Olson second by Council Member Carney to issue a request for proposals to repair the Police Department roof. Motion carried unanimously.

Items from the Audience

There were no items from the audience.

City Manager Report

City Manager thanked the City Council for its favourable performance evaluation and increase in salary.

Communications

None.

Development of the Next Agenda

There was none.

Recess to Executive Session Contract and Labor Negotiations Pursuant to

At 8:41 Mayor Roger Wentz recessed to an Executive Session for 15 minutes to discuss Contract and Labour Negotiations pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g).

CITY OF UNION GAP REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – March 10, 2014

RCW 42.30.110(g)

Mayor Wentz, Council Members, City Manager Otterness, Acting Public Safety Director Cobb and City Attorney Noe attended.

Re-convened at 8:56 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Lenz second by Council Member Olson to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Association of Fire Fighters. Voting on the motion – Ayes: Carney, Lenz, Mattson, Murr, Olson – Nays: Wentz. Motion carried.

Adjournment of Meeting

At 8:57 p.m. Mayor Wentz adjourned the April 14, 2014 regular Council Meeting.

Rodney Otterness, City Manager

ATTEST

Karen Clifton, City Clerk