

**UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**UNION GAP COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**Union Gap, Washington**  
**December 14, 2015 Regular Meeting**  
**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 Council Members Lenz, Carney, Olson, Butler, Matson and Murr present.

Staff Present City Attorney Brown, City Manager Otterness, Finance and Administration Director Clifton, Payroll/Accounts Payable Tech. Bisconer, Public Works/Community Development Director Henne, Deputy Public Works/Community Development Director Spurlock, Police Chief Cobb and Fire Chief Steward were present.

Audience Present See list.

Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Wentz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda Motion by Council Member Butler, second by Council Member Carney to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated November 23, 2015 as attached to the agenda and maintained in electronic format.

Approve EFT's, and Payroll Voucher Nos. 41480 through 41489 and 91374 through 91385 in the amount of \$337,134.16 dated November 30, 2015.

Approve EFT's, and Claim Voucher Nos. 91386 through 91494 in the amount of \$668,009.64 dated December 14, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

Items from the Audience Jon Smith of New Vision introduced himself as the new President/CEO taking over for Dave McFadden. Council Members welcomed him to the community and to his new position.

General Items

Public Hearing

2016 Budget Mayor Wentz opened the public hearing at 6:06 p.m. Finance and Administration Director Clifton presented the 2016 Budget. No comments were received from the audience and no written comments were received. Mayor Wentz closed the public hearing.

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Finance & Administration

Ordinance No. 2886 –  
Adopting the 2016 Budget

Motion by Council Member Matson, second by Council Member Murr to approve Ordinance No. 2886 adopting the 2016 Budget. Voting on the motion Ayes: Lenz, Butler, Matson, Murr, and Wentz; Nays: Olson and Carney. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 15-71 –  
2016 Library Contract

Motion by Council Member Murr, second by Council Member Carney to approve Resolution No. 15-71 authorizing the City Manager to sign a contract with Yakima Valley Libraries for 2016 Non-Resident Library Services for the Citizens of Union Gap. Voting on the motion, Ayes: Lenz, Butler, Matson, Wentz, and Murr; Nays: Olson and Carney. Motion carried.

Public Works/Community  
Development

Resolution – Selection of  
Architectural Firm for City  
Center Complex

Motion by Council Member Lenz, second by Council Member Olson to table the Resolution. Voting on the motion, Ayes: Lenz, Carney, Olson, Matson, and Murr; Nays: Butler and Wentz. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 15-72 –  
Acceptance of West  
Ahtanum Road Project

Public Works/Community Development Director Henne gave an overview of the West Ahtanum Road Project. Motion by Council Member Carney, second by Council Member Olson to approve Resolution No. 15-72 authorizing acceptance of the West Ahtanum Road Resurfacing Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 15-73 –  
Acceptance of 2014 Water-  
main Improvements &  
Main Street Stormwater  
Improvements Phase I  
Project

Public Works/Community Development Director Henne gave an overview of the 2014 Water Main Improvements & Main Street Stormwater Improvements Phase 1 project. Henne stated that there were unforeseen issues that put the project 7% budget. He said that all issues have been resolved. Motion by Council Member Carney, second by Council Member Olson to approve Resolution No. 15-73 related to the 2014 Water-main Improvements & Main Street Stormwater Improvements Phase 1 Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 15-74 –  
2016 Yakima Waste  
Systems Inc. – Solid Waste  
Collection Contract

Motion by Council Member Carney, second by Council member Murr authorizing the City Manager to sign a contract with Yakima Waste Systems, Inc. for collection of garbage. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 15-75 –  
2016 YVCOG Contract

Motion by Council Member Carney, second by Council Member Murr to approve Resolution No. 15-75 authorizing the City Manager to sign a 2016 Professional Services Agreement with the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) for technical assistance. Motion carried unanimously.

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City Attorney

Ordinance No. 2887 – Motion by Council Member Murr, second by Council Member Carney to  
Municipal Code approve Ordinance No. 2887 amending Titles 2.52, 2.56, 2.68, 14.08,  
Amendments 14.28, 14.50, 16.08, 17.02 and 17.08 of the Union Gap Municipal Code.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Police Department

Resolution No. 15-76 – Motion by Council Member Lenz, second by Council Member Murr  
MOU – Traffic Safety approving Resolution No. 15-76 authorizing the City Manager to sign an  
Commission MOU with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission for overtime  
reimbursement relating to high visibility enforcement patrols. Motion  
carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 15-77 – Motion by Council Member Murr, second by Council Member Carney  
MOU – Crisis Response approving Resolution No. 15-76 authorizing the City Manager to sign an  
Unit Interlocal Agreement for Law Enforcement Mutual Aid between the  
Union Gap Police Department and the Yakima Police Department  
regarding a Critical Response Unit. Motion Carried unanimously.

City Manager

Resolution No. 15-78 – Motion by Council Member Murr, second by Council Member Lenz  
2016 Fees for Indigent approving Resolution No. 15-78 setting the 2016 fee schedule for  
Defence Contracts contracts for indigent defence services. Motion carried unanimously.

December 28, 2015 Council Motion by Council Member Olson, second by Council Member Murr to  
Meeting Cancellation - cancel the council meeting for December 28, 2015 and all committee  
Discussion meetings until after the first regular scheduled Council Meeting for  
January 11, 2016. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Council  
Member Lenz, second by Council Member Carney to allow Council  
Member Butler to attend the January 11, 2015 meeting by phone. Motion  
carried unanimously. Mayor Wentz thanked Council Member Murr for  
his service to the community both as a Council Member and for his work  
on the Skate Park project.

Items from the Audience

Julie Schilling and Mike Brown expressed their gratitude to the Council,  
staff, and volunteers for their participation in the Christmas Light Parade.  
Council Members thanked Schilling and Brown for organizing the  
parade.

City Manager Report

City Manager Otterness summarized some of the accomplishments made  
by the city this year. He noted the continued improvements in city  
finances with total cash over \$13 million including a strong current  
expense fund balance, fully funded Rainy Day and Contingency Funds  
and a 24-ct gold audit for 2014. He stated that employee morale is high

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and the city enjoys good working relationships with the unions signing new 3 year contracts for 2 of 3 unions even before the previous 3-year contracts expired. He noted that implementation of the agreement for fire protection services has gone smoothly and the citizens of the city are receiving better service at a lower cost as the result. He stated that new partnerships with the Yakima Youth Soccer Association and the Vine Venue are improving the Ahtanum Youth Activities Park and the city was successful in obtaining a grant from the Recreation Conservation Office for \$165,000 to further improve the park. He noted that the 2016 budget approved by the Council adds an additional park employee beginning in April and the city has a real plan for a new skatepark to be constructed next year. He also cited the Borton Annexation including SIED funding to pay for utility extensions, the long awaited first phase of the Main Street watermain project, and state approval of financing for the south Union Gap interchange as significant accomplishments in 2015.

Communications/Questions  
/Comments

None.

Development of next  
agenda

Selection of Mayor; Deputy Mayor, and Committee Chairs; LEAD task force presentation.

Any Other Business

None

Public Corporation Annual  
Meeting

At 7:20 the Council conducted the Public Corporation Annual Meeting.

Adjournment of Meeting

At 7:25 Mayor Wentz adjourned the December 14, 2015 Regular Council Meeting.

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Rodney Otterness, City Manager

ATTEST:

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Karen Clifton, City Clerk