

City of Mabton
City Council Minutes
March 25, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mario Martinez at 7:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following were:

Present: Mayor Mario Martinez and Council persons Oping Hutson, Mark Gourneau ,
Vera Zavala Tootie Dela Fuente, Sophia Sotelo

Also Present: Clerk/Treasurer Tanya Gaston, Police Chief Rick Gutierrez,

Absent: Public Works Lead Chris Morris, Fire Chief Luke Cussins

AGENDA

Mr. Gourneau moved, seconded by Ms. Zavala to approve the Agenda, Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Gourneau moved, seconded by Ms. Sotelo to approve the Consent Agenda, items A through E as follows:

- A. Approve minutes of Study Session dated March 11, 2014.
- B. Approve minutes of Council Meeting dated, March 11, 2014.
- C. Approve minutes of Special Meeting dated March 19, 2014
- D. Approve payroll voucher numbers 3461 to 3481 and (1) EFT dated March 14, 2014 in the amount of \$25,187.43
- E. Approve claim voucher number 3482 to 3510 in the amount of \$64,670.63 dated March 25, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Opened at 7:37 Closed at 7:43 to discuss Ordinance 1028-2014 to increase City Water Rates by \$3.00 effective April 1st 2014. Mayor explains this is the only way the City will get the Grant to fix the water issues.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Vote on Ordinance 1028-2014 : Mr. Gourneau moved, seconded by Ms Zavala to approve 1028-214

to increase the water rates by \$3.00, Motion carried unanimously

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Mr. Lonnie Bentz lives in a rental home on Washington St Mabton, WA addressed the council about his ongoing water leak and the amount of the water bill, Mr. Bentz requests the council concenter forgiving the remaining amount of \$212.73, The council agreed forgive the amount and give Mr. Bentz 6 weeks to completely fix the water leak. The Council suggests that the home owner should be held responsible for the \$212.73.

Vote to forgive the remainder of Mr. Lonnie Bentz water bill in the amount of 212.73:

Ms. Zavala moved, seconded by Mr. Dela Fuente to approve forgiving the \$212.73 bill and bill the home Owner for the full amount. Motion carried unanimously

COMMENTS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Martinez reports the WWTF operators received an award, and he is proud of the accomplishment the staff worked hard to receive it. He mentions the need to be in compliance with the water, plans to have one person dedicated to water only to bring the City up to standards. Also, informs the council the Free Dump day will be May 3rd.

Council:

Mr. Gourneau-Asked about policy on council meetings, Ms. Gaston and Mr. Carmody are working on it.

Ms. Sotelo-None

Ms. Hutson - Mentions the website has a typo in the mailing address for the City. Ms. Hutson asks the status on Mr. Galland's retaining wall, the Mayor said it is on the list to do. But, there are higher priorities at this time with the WWTF getting started. Wants to know what the City has found out on the gambling tax, Mr. Carmody will look into it.

Mr. Dela Fuente inquired about the headstone of a family member. Also, asks about the expresso on the empty lot by the City Hall. City is looking into the building.

Ms. Zavala -Mr. Adams would like to buy the portable building from the City when we get the title to the church.

Police: None

Fire Chief: -Absent

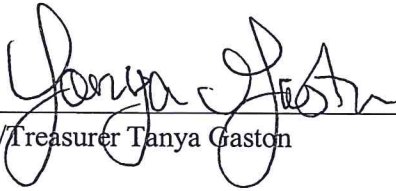
City Attorney: -None

Public Works: - Absent

Clerk/Treasurer: -None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Martinez adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.



Clerk/Treasurer Tanya Gaston



Mayor Mario Martinez