

City of Mabton, Washington
City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 11, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mario Martinez at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following were:

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

Also Present: Acting Chief of Police Cas Cedillo, City Administrator Walt Bratton, Fire Chief Luke Cussins, City Attorney Jamie Carmody and Deputy Clerk Yolanda Peña

Absent: None

MEETING AGENDA

Council member Gourneau moved to approve the Agenda and it was seconded by Council member Delafuente. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Gourneau moved to approve the consent agenda and it was seconded by Council member Zavala. Motion carried to approve the Consent Agenda, items A through D as follows:

- A. Approve minutes of Study Session dated July 28, 2015
- B. Approve minutes of Council Meeting dated July 28, 2015
- C. Approve payroll voucher numbers 5413 to 5466 and (1) EFT dated July 31, 2015 in the amount of \$46,201.32
- D. Approve claim voucher number 5467 to 5509 in the amount of \$130,318.69 dated August 11, 2015; and a voided check number 5432

PUBLIC HEARING

Open: 7:07 Public Hearing to receive public comment on proposed Complete Streets Ordinance, Chapter 12.02 of the City of Mabton Municipal Code.

Closed: 7:13 No public input.

Open: 7:14 Six year Transportation Improvement Plan (Gray & Osborne) Mr. Meskimen explained to the city council about the 6-year TIP. He also informed the city council about two street projects that have grant funding and other projects as part of the plan. Norma Acosta of 525 'B' Street remarked that the 6-year plan is great as long as the sewer lines get repaired.

Closed: 7:25 - with one (1) public comment.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Swearing in of New Police Chief (Oath of Office). Councilmember Gourneau stated he would like to ask a question before they proceed. Council member Gourneau asks why there wasn't any interviews conducted and why isn't there a contract? The Mayor apologized to Councilmember Gourneau for not reporting to him since he was absent at the last council meeting. The Mayor informed Council member Gourneau that the city had three applicants and Interim Chief Cedillo was at the top of the list, he was better qualified for the position so why interview and reference to an employment agreement the City Administrator will be working with the City Attorney and himself to bring to council a contract by the next council meeting. Mr. Bratton swears in the New Chief of Police Cas Cedillo.

Next item for approval is the WWTF Progress Estimate No. 16 in the amount of \$42,012.97. Mayor informs council this progress estimate was just approved in tonight's consent agenda. No action was required.

Vote to approve the Complete Street Ordinance No. 2015-1056. Council member Gourneau makes a motion which was seconded by Council member Hutson to approve the Complete Street Ordinance No. 2015-1056. Motion carried unanimously.

Vote to approve Resolution No. 2015-04 Six Year Transportation Plan for the City of Mabton. Council member Gourneau made a motion which was seconded by Council member Sotelo to approve Resolution No. 2015-04 for the Six Year Transportation Plan for the City of Mabton. Motion carried unanimously.

Vote to approve Ordinance No. 2015-1057 establishing sewer rates for Residential Consumers, for Vegetation Nurseries and for Commercial Consumers for the City of Mabton. Council member Gourneau made a motion which was seconded by Council member Zavala to approve Ordinance No.2015-1057 establishing new sewer rates for Residential Consumers, Vegetation Nurseries and Commercial Consumers for the City of Mabton. Motion carried unanimously.

Vote to Cintas agreement for the Uniform services for the public works staff. Council member Gourneau made a motion which was seconded by Council member Delafuente to approve the Cintas Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

Norma Acosta of 525 B Street stated she had a problem due to a sewer water back-up which occurred earlier in 2015. Mrs. Acosta would like help from the city to get her basement and house cleaned up from the sewage that wasn't all cleaned up she also stated the stench is horrible and she cannot have her family over due to the smell. Mr. Carmody explains to Mrs. Acosta and council that the city cannot tell the city's insurance adjuster (WCIA) on how to view the claim, Mr. Carmody also informed Mrs. Acosta to have her attorney call him and they will see what they can do. Mrs. Acosta thanked the city council and mayor and also told them all she wanted was her house back the way it was.

COMMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL, THE MAYOR AND/OR STAFF:

Acting Chief of Police Cedillo reports that the 2015 National Night Out was a huge success and he thanked everyone on the city council and Mr. Bratton for their help.

Mr. Bratton reports on the playground equipment and he estimates the installation would be around from now to September or the second week of November, but he also states it would be roughly around 17,000 but he will keep them informed on when this happens. Second item Mr. Bratton informed the city council to please write down tentatively a budget workshop on from 8:00 am to 11:00 am on Saturday, August

29, with a location yet to be determined. Third item, Mr. Bratton reports on is the entrance audit which is a mandatory and they would like at least two city council persons there it would only be 20 to 30 minutes.

Mayor reports to council on the progress of the Well # 6 project and informed them they have already drilled 240 feet as of today and everything is going smoothly, he also informs them that Mr. Bratton and himself together with Department of Ecology to use Well # 3 for Northwest Horticulture. The last item Mayor reports on the UGA and stated he is working with YVCOG hoping to have more information for them on how that goes with the land issues.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Martinez adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Yolanda Peña

Mayor Mario Martinez