

City of Mabton, Washington

City Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 22, 2015

Call to Order:

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The following were:

Present:

Mayor Mario Martinez, Council members Arturo DelaFuente, Vera Zavala, Oping Hutson and Sophia Sotelo. City Attorney Jeremy Lieb, City Administrator Walt Bratton, Finance Director Carrie Tribble; City Engineer David Van Cleve and Police Chief Cas Cedillo

Absent:

Fire Chief Luke Cussins, Council member Mark Gourneau

Also Present:

Isacc Martinez (private citizen), John Fannin (Sunnyside Daily News reporter)

Meeting Agenda:

A motion was made to approve the meeting agenda by Council member Sotelo, 2nd by Council member Arturo Delafuente, motion passed.

Consent Agenda:

Councilmember Vera Zavala made a motion to pass the consent agenda it was 2nd by Council member DelaFuente; motion passed.

Council member Hutson had a question on the invoices for electrical work and installation costs for the surveillance camera, light pole, etc. at the Old Mabton High School. The Mayor elaborated that these costs/expenditures are part of the city's match towards the grant to improve and enhance the Old Mabton H.S. CIP project with several other key stakeholders (i.e. The Beacon Development Group, etc.).

Public Hearing:

FY 2016 Budget Final Public Hearing Start Time: 7:09 pm End Time: 7:11 pm

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:09 pm and asked for public comments from attendees. There was no public comment. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:11 pm.

Old Business:

A. **Updating signature authority for City of Mabton accounts with Banner Bank:**

City Administrator Walt Bratton stated that Banner Bank has requested a motion and city council meeting minutes which states who, is eligible signers on all accounts with their bank. Each time the City of Mabton updates its signers with signature authority on accounts held by Banner Bank this has to occur. Below is the motion which was made by Council member Sotelo,

I make a motion that the City of Mabton has approved to make the following changes to the signature cards for all the deposit accounts and safety deposit box held at Banner Bank

- Please remove Adriana Cisneros as authorized signer from all the accounts

The following individuals are to be the only signers on all the accounts until further notice:

- Mario Martinez
- Walt A Bratton
- Oping Hutson

Motion was 2nd by Council member Vera Zavala; motion passed.

B. Approval and Adoption of the FY 2016 Budget:

Refer to Item 7. New Business, Number, A for this discussion

C. Approval of the Consultant Professional Services Agreement in the amount of \$68,900 with Gray & Osborne Engineering:

City Engineer David Van Cleve elaborated on this agreement being needed as part of water acquisition for the City of Mabton. The fee of \$68,900 is 92% grant funded. This agreement will allow the City of Mabton to research, obtain and acquire additional water acquisition over the next six to twelve months. Council member Sotelo made a motion to approve this item; which was 2nd by Council member Hutson; motion passed.

D. Approval of Master Interlocal Agreement for Growth Management Act (GMA) Implementation in Yakima County by the City of Mabton:

The Mayor elaborated on all cities (14 of them) in Yakima County supporting the implementation of the GMA within the county. Mabton is the last city to approve and sign off on this Interlocal Agreement. Council member Sotelo made a motion to approve this item; it was 2nd by Council member Delafuente; motion passed.

New Business:

A. Approval and Adopting the Budget for FY ending December 31, 2016, for the City Council of the City of Mabton, Washington, Ordinance No. 2015-1068:

The Mayor and City Council members made some edits and revisions (mathematical errors need to be adjusted on some of the spreadsheets/documents in the Appendices) and then after these items are, revised directed staff to finalize the FY 2016 Budget. Council member Sotelo made a motion to approve the FY 2016 Budget after these edits were made to the budget booklet; the motion was 2nd by Councilmember Zavala; motion passed and the budget was approved for FY 2016.

Visitors Comments:

None

City Council member's reports:

- Council member Gourneau (was absent so no report)
- Council member Sotelo had no report
- Council member Zavala had no report
- Council member DelaFuente had no report
- Council member Hutson had no report

Staff Reports:

City Administrator Walt Bratton disseminated his city administrator's report and pointed out that there will be a joint meeting between the Mabton School Board and the City Council at 5:30 pm on Monday, January 11, 2016, at the School District Administrative Office Conference Room. Mr. Bratton reminded the City Council of their next meeting to go over & approve budget adjustments for FY 2015 at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, December 29.

Mayor's Report:

The Mayor updated everyone on projects and the budget. He stated that the Vac-Truck Storage Building CIP project at the WWTF is 30% completed. He elaborated on the water acquisition project in partnership with Gray & Osborne Engineering and gave an update on Drilling Well No. 6 CIP project. He wished everyone a merry Christmas.

Executive Session:

Personnel Matters

The Mayor called for an executive session to discuss the City Administrator's Employment Agreement.

Start time was 7:30 pm End Time was 7:51 pm

The City Council (Sophia Sotelo) made a motion to approve a three-year employment agreement for City Administrator Walt Bratton; motion was 2nd by Council member Delafuente; motion passed.

Adjournment:

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm

Walt Bratton, City Administrator

Mario Martinez, Mayor