



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES**

**Tuesday, November 3, 2015**

**6:00 pm**

1. Call to Order Time: \_\_\_\_\_

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm.

Present: Carrie Tribble, Finance Director; Walt Bratton, City Administrator; Council member Vera Zavala; Council member Oping Hutson; Mayor Mario Martinez; Council member Sophie Sotelo. Police Chief Cas Cedillo arrived at 6:35 pm. Council member Mark Gourneau arrived at 6:20 pm. Council member Arturo Delafuente arrived at 7:00 pm. Fire Chief Luke Cussins arrived at 7:00 pm.

Absent: City Attorney, James Carmody

2. Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence and Roll Call

3. Vote on the Meeting Agenda

Council member Sophia Sotelo made a motion to approve the meeting agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Zavala motion passed.

4. Public Hearing

- A. FY 2016 Preliminary Budget – Start Time: 6:40 pm End Time: 7:37 pm

The Mayor opened the public hearing to discuss the FY 2016 preliminary budget at the time noted above, as well as, he closed this hearing at the time noted above. The City Council discussed the FY 2016 budget for operating, maintenance, personnel and capital expenses. Also discussed was status of grants and loans projects, infrastructure projects and setting aside a 150K budget allotment for capital improvements in FY 2016, for items such as; two new/used trucks for the public works department, cemetery irrigation improvements and small equipment enhancements/repairs; miscellaneous park enhancements and upgrades.

The Police Chief Cas Cedillo talked about the potential to add a 4<sup>th</sup> commissioned officer to the Police Department. This may be able to be done by changing 4 to 5 Police Reserves budget authority into 1 commissioned Police Officer with adding 10K to 12K for the total benefits package necessary to do this budget enhancement and efficiency increase. He discussed the need for continual training of staff, the innovative thinking of his new staff that were just hired this year. He thanked the city council for their support.

The Fire Chief Luke Cussins, elaborated on the need to recruit for more (and keep them on board) volunteer firefighters, because the department currently has only 9 total volunteer firefighters on board. Firefighter training is free but is a lengthy process. He discussed the need for a monthly cell phone stipend of \$50.00 for him to assist in paying the monthly fee for his personal cell phone. He uses one phone for both personal/business and the stipend will offset this out of pocket cost. He elaborated on the 5K in fencing to secure the perimeter around the back side of the Fire Station and connect this fence line to the existing Public Works Department fencing behind city hall.

5. Old Business

None

6. New Business

A. YVCOG Executive Director, Larry Mattson, presentation

Larry Mattson, Executive Director for YVCOG presented on the 2016 FY assessment fee for the City of Mabton, potential economic development opportunities, an EDA (economic development association) grant opportunity that the City of Mabton can collaborate with other Yakima Valley cities on for potential funding, collaborations and development. Mr. Mattson discussed the Urban Growth Area (UGA) Emergency Amendment process that is currently taking place with Yakima County and how well the City of Mabton is doing on it. He shared with the city council what Mabton receives from YVCOG as a member, for their annual assessment fee, and other partnerships and funding opportunities. He elaborated on the TA (technical assistance) program and the upcoming 2016-17 updates to the City of Mabton Comprehensive Plan and how YVCOG can assist in this update/process. The City Council voted to pay for the City of Mabton FY 2016 annual membership assessment fee (in the amount of \$1,923.00); Council member Sotelo made a motion, and it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Zavala; motion passed to pay this fee. Councilmember Sotelo will remain the City of Mabton YVCOG delegate representing the city council.

B. Approval to update the Authorized signatures of individuals list for the City of Mabton with Banner Bank

Council member Sotelo made a motion to update the authorized signature (staff and elected officials that have the approval to sign documents, payroll, and claim vouchers, etc. for the City of Mabton) to the following individuals: Mayor Mario Martinez, City Administrator Walt Bratton, Vice-Mayor Oping Hutson and Deputy City Clerk Adriana Cisneros. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council member Zavala; motion passed.

7. Visitors Comments

None

8. City Council members Reports

Councilmember Gourneau requested to purchase X-mas lights in FY 2016  
Council member Sotelo, Hutson and DelaFuente had not reports  
Council member Zavala requested to place portable restrooms year round in the City Parks  
Council member Zavala asked for city wide improvements to continue

9. Staff Reports

No staff reports

10. Mayor's Report

The Mayor expressed his thanks for the support of the council regarding the budget for next fiscal year.

11. Executive Session:      None                      Start: \_\_\_\_\_      Stop: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Adjournment      Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

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Walt Bratton, City Administrator

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Mayor - Mario Martinez