

City of Mabton, Washington

**City Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

**Call to Order:**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

The following were:

**Present:**

Mayor Mario Martinez, Council members Arturo DelaFuente, Vera Zavala, Oping Hutson, Mark Gourneau, and Sophia Sotelo. City Administrator Walt Bratton, Finance Director Carrie Tribble.

**Absent:**

Fire Chief Luke Cussins, Police Chief Cas Cedillo, Deputy City Clerk Adriana Cisneros.

**Also Present:**

Mark Martinez (private citizen), Steve Smith (planning commissioner), Laura Gjovaag (reporter with Sunnyside Daily News).

**Meeting Agenda:**

A motion was made to approve the meeting agenda by Council member Gourneau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council member Arturo DelaFuente, motion passed.

**Public Hearing:**

None

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

A. **Approval of CBA for FY 2016 through FY 2018 (3 year agreement):**

Council discussed the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) with city employees covered by this bargaining unit. Discussion was over the cap of \$1,300 for the total insurance benefit per year, per employee throughout the duration of the three-year agreement. City Administrator Walt Bratton stated that city employees had voted to approve of this CBA and they were in support of it as well as the Local Teamsters 760 Union. A motion was made by council member Gourneau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by council member Sotelo to approve the CBA, motion passed.

B. **Removing & adding users for financial transactions for city business for credit card accounts and sweep account for payroll for the City of Mabton:**

A motion was made by council member Gourneau and 2<sup>nd</sup> by council member Sotelo to approve the following revisions;

I move to remove and add users for financial transactions for city business for credit card accounts, a sweep account for payroll and official signature authority to approve payroll, claim vouchers and

invoices for the following individuals; Mayor Mario Martinez, City Administrator Walt Bratton, Deputy Clerk Adriana Cisneros and Vice-Mayor Oping Hutson.

I move to remove Yolanda Pena from having signature authority in any capacity for the City of Mabton.

Motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of Change Order No. for Drilling Well No. 6 CIP Project to Blue Star Enterprises NW, Inc., in the amount of \$14,250:

City Engineer David Van Cleve discussed the need for this change order in order for the project to move forward. Staff, Gray & Osborne Engineering and the Contractor wanted to be sure on some components of this capital improvement project, thus the need for this change order. The project (after this CO is approved) will move forward the week of November 16-20. A motion was made by council member Gourneau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council member Zavala, motion passed.

D. Approval of Change Order 3 for the Vac-Truck Storage Building at the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) for \$434,503.60:

City Engineer David Van Cleve, elaborated on this change order. He discussed the itemized listing that accompanied his staff report and the additional items that the city requested to include in this capital improvement project because the city had additional budget authority. The budget authority is grants and loans so in order to not lose any grant funds the grants need to be expended first then the loans (budget authority second), otherwise the city would lose this funding. A motion was made by Council member Gourneau, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by council member DelaFuente; motion passed.

**Visitors Comments:**

None

**City Council member's reports:**

Council member Sotelo requested staff to follow up on the WORD option to take notes with (on her iPad) during city council meetings and study sessions.

Council member Hutson discussed an upcoming Mabton Community Days planning committee meeting and invited people to attend it.

**Staff Reports:**

City Administrator Walt Bratton passed out his administrator's report for this city council meeting and asked if there were any questions from the city council; there were none.

**Mayor's Report:**

The Mayor thanked Mike Connelly and WCIA for the Public Officials Training – the fundamentals of risk management for elected public officials in the City of Mabton. He elaborated on the status of the UGA (urban growth area process and amendment) with Yakima County Government and he stated that Wheeler's Smoke & Gas Station will not be a part of the amended UGA in Mabton. He elaborated on the putting back in 40 acres of residential zoning located just south and south-west of the cemetery. He said that it is moving forward in the next step of the amendment process with the Yakima County BOCC. He said he will continue to keep the city council abreast of their discussions and decisions in this regard.

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjournment:** The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm

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Walt Bratton, City Administrator

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Mario Martinez, Mayor