

City of Mabton, Washington
City Council
Study Session Minutes
Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Call to Order

Vice-Mayor Oping Hutson called the study session meeting to order at 6:01 pm

Present:

Council members, Mark Gourneau, Arturo DelaFuente, Vera Zavala and Sophia Sotelo; City Administrator Walt Bratton, City Attorney, James Carmody; Interim Police Lee Reed; City Engineers, David Van Cleve and Jamin Ankeny. Citizens: Mark Gourneau's wife & daughter. Citizens Sam Rios & his wife; Claude Cox, Vicente Medelez (Police Officer).

Absent:

Fire Chief Luke Cussins and Mayor Mario Martinez

Old Business:

A. **Beautification Commission April 2016 winners Sam Rios (north side of town winner):**

The Governing Body recognized Sam Rios & his wife for being the April 2016 North Side of town Beautification Commission Homeowner of the Month Program recipient. The Vice Mayor gave a certificate of award to Mr. Rios and the city council congratulated him and his wife for the manicured upkeep and beautiful home that they maintain. South side of town winners for April 2016 Jose & Blanca Rodriguez did not attend this meeting to be recognized. City Administrator Walt Bratton notified the City Council to come to the next study session on Tuesday, April 26, with their nominations for May 2016 winners. One for the North side of town and one for the south side of town. A photo of Sam Rios and his wife receiving their certificate of award will be placed on the city website home page recognizing them for their efforts in keeping up their property and their beautiful looking home.

B. **Updated photos on the City of Mabton website:**

City Administrator Walt Bratton asked the governing body to send him updated photos to be placed on the city website (home page) so the city can stay current on events, programs, projects and initiatives.

New Business:

A. **Updating the Yard Sale Ordinance No. 1983-608:**

City Administrator Walt Bratton discussed the current practice with yard sale permits, costs, fees, etc. Mr. Bratton handed out the 2-page city ordinance (which has not been updated since 1983) and the 1-page yard sale permit application form. After a lengthy discussion and input received by the governing body staff was directed to make the revisions discussed to the Ordinance and Permit Application and bring it back to the next Study Session on Tuesday, April 26.

B. **Mabton Community Days Planning Committee using the West Modular building located next to the Methodist Church in Feezell Park for meetings, functions, etc.**

The Mabton Community Days board requested to use this city building for their planning committee meetings and functions associated with the 2016 annual community days' event. After a lengthy discussion staff will receipt a refundable \$50.00 security damage deposit and check out a key to the Mabton Community Days board for usage of this building.

Visitor's Comments:

- None

Executive Session:

The Vice Mayor (Oping Hutson) called for an executive session to discuss personnel matters. The executive session started at 6:34 pm and ended at 7:20 pm.

The Vice Mayor (Oping Hutson) adjourned the meeting at 7:22 pm.

Walt Bratton, City Administrator

Mario Martinez, Mayor