



## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday August 14, 2018**

Present: Council Members Mark Gourneau, Sophia Sotelo, Arturo De La Fuente, Diana Castaneda, Vera Zavala, Mayor Laura Vazquez, City Engineer Jamin Ankney, City Attorney Representative David Therrien-Power, Officer Tyson Cox, City Clerk Sylvia Sanchez, Deputy City Clerk Joshua Roberson

Absent: City Treasurer Michelle Coronado

1. Call to Order Time:7:00pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence and Roll Call
3. Vote on the Meeting Agenda

There was an addition to the Meeting Agenda of item "A" Old Business the Mayor's Stipend.

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Vera to approve the Meeting Agenda. Approved  
5-0

4. Visitor Comments (At the discretion of the presiding Chair, Visitor Comments may be accepted on individual business items only and will be limited to 2 to 5 minutes.)

Martha Gutierrez of 232 South St. came in to inquire about the open position at the Waste Water Facility. It was explained to Mrs. Gutierrez that previous applicants have not worked out but there were two interview scheduled for later in the week.

Cristina Gourneau of 221 Maple St. wanted to say that she felt that National Night Out went very well this year.

5. **Consent Agenda** (The following will be enacted by one motion. There will be no discussion separate of these items unless a Council Member requests separate discussion. The item will be removed from the Consent agenda and added to New Business.)

- A. Approve Study Session Minutes for Tuesday July 24, 2018
- B. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes for Tuesday July 24, 2018
- C. Approve Payroll Warrant Register Number #9677 to #9687 & Direct Deposit in the amount of \$7690.20 in the amount of \$40,304.03
- D. Approve Claim Voucher/Payment Number #9707 to #9725 in the amount of \$967,618.71 Note: Checks #9688 to #9706 were voided due to printing error.
- E. Approve Progress Estimate No. 22 Reservoir No. 2 and Water System Improvements Project in the Amount of \$37,916.80
- F. Approve Progress Estimate No. 4 Well No. 6 Emergency Rehabilitation in the Amount of \$118,071.81

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Diana to approve the Consent Agenda. Approved

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## 6. Old Business

### A. (Added) Mayor's Stipend

It was discussed at the Study Session that the mayor is required less hours at the Waste Water Facility because of the new part-time person from the City of Sunnyside. This would bring the

stipend from \$1460 per month she is currently getting to \$980 per month. The mayor asked council to consider leaving this stipend in place until the end of her term. Council was not receptive to the idea and agreed to change the stipend to \$980 per month until there is a full time employee or until September 30, 2018

Cristina Gourneau 221 Maple St. just wanted to say that she felt the mayor was doing a good job and if it wasn't for her then GMA would not have gotten \$5000.

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Sophia to change the stipend to \$980 per month.

Approved 4-1

Rachel Ruelas of 309 Maple St. came in and though visitor's comments were closed was allowed to speak. Rachel said that she wanted to make sure that her opinion on the stipend was clear. She said that it was unfair for the mayor to receive more money; she signed up for the position for the money she was offered and she did not feel she was entitled to any more. She also wanted everyone to know that she called the Department of Ecology because she had questions about what the mayor was actually doing out there and how she was getting training from them. Department of Ecology stated that they do not train people; this is not their job and they were unsure where she heard this from. Rachel also stated that she saw the Mayor and Council Member De La Fuente in a city vehicle on at least four separate occasions. The mayor responded that someone from the City of Selah was the person training her; while they are helping with testing etc. until we find a new Waste Water Operator 1. The Mayor also denied that she and Council Member De La Fuente were out there so many times and that she (Rachel)

is welcome to call and watch as much as she likes; I (the mayor) am not doing anything wrong.  
Rachel stated that this is good because she would keep watching.

## 7. New Business

### A. Change Order No.1 Well No. 6 Emergency Rehabilitation Project in the Amount of \$43,200.00

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Arturo to approve Change Order No. 1. Approved  
5-0

### B. Change Order No. 8 Equipping Well No. 6 Project in the amount of \$8,250.00

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Diana to approve Change Order No. 8. Approved  
5-0

### C. Approval of Resolution 2018-16 Surplus of Police Vehicles

Council did not want to Surplus the entire list until they were sure there were viable  
replacements for some of them.

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Arturo to table Resolution 2018-16 until the  
following meeting. Approve 5-0

### D. Approval of Resolution 2018-17 Interlocal Agreement Between The City of Mabton and The City of Sunnyside

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Sophia to approve Resolution 2018-17. Approved 5-0

E. Approval of Ordinance 2018-1120 Amending Ordinance 2018-1119

The change in New Business Item "A" needs to amend Ordinance 2018-1119. There was a motion by Mark and a second by Sophia to approve Ordinance 2018-1120. Approved 4-1

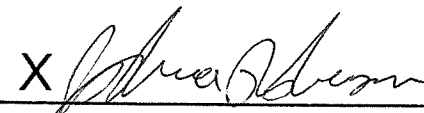
8. Staff Reports

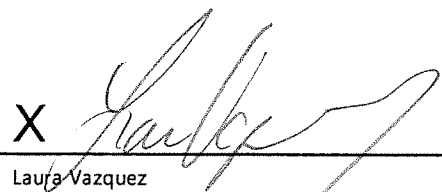
Officer Cox explained that there are many telephone scams going around right now; he would like to send out a flyer with the utility bills about what some of the common ones are and what can be done to avoid them. He would also like to include some other relevant information that would be helpful to the police department.

9. Mayor's Report

Mayor explained that she is working on funding for Community Park; she would like to get a new basketball court and a carport style cover put up out there still. She also explained that she sent out thank you letters for National Night Out

10. Adjournment: Time: 8:06pm

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Joshua Roberson  
Deputy City Clerk

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Laura Vazquez  
Mayor