



STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday December 11, 2018

1. Call to Order Time:6:04pm

2. Old Business

A. Updating Garbage Charges with Yakima Waste, Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Agreement Rate Adjustment of Garbage Collection Contract (Tabled)

Upon review we realized that our contract is not up until 2020. There was still some disagreement with the overall contract and the fact that it can increase could happen without their approval. The attorney explained that this was typical of most contracts of this nature and that exit would be complicated. Council decided to talk about it more at the regular meeting.

B. Interlocal Agreement Between The City of Sunnyside and The City of Mabton for the Housing of Inmates (Tabled)

There was discussion because there were different rates on different pages of the contract.

Upon review the matter was cleared up and there was no increase in the cost from the previous contract.

3. Public Hearing:

Start Time:6:10pm

End Time:6:15pm

- 2019 Final Budget Hearing

There were no changes from the final numbers discussed at the last meeting. EMS and Capital Improvements were the only two that had changes that required amendment. EMS had more money out and in and Capital Improvement had more money in than anticipated. There was no comment from the public when asked.

4. New Business

A. 2019 Technical Assistance Contract and A La Carte Professional Services Agreement – Yakima Valley Conference of Governments

The contract for Technical Assistance is the same as it is every year. Council was ok with this and decided to look at the A La Carte Agreement at a later time. They decided not to add anything extra at this time.

B. Police Department Use of Force and Officer involved Shooting Policies and Procedures.

Council understood that this was recommended by WCIA and necessary if we are to have a police force. There were no questions or comments at this time.

C. Amending Occupation licenses (Business)

This ordinance is coming directly from legislature of the state to amend the language in each city. Council was ok with this idea after reviewing the differences and no further questions or comments were asked at this time.

D. Amending Wages all Union and Contracted employees are due a 1.5% COLA January 1, 2019.

This is the standard COLA per the union contract. There was one other change for the WWTO 1 who received an increase with documentation of his certification per the Collective Bargaining

Agreement. Council understood this and was ok with this and no further comments or questions were asked at this time.

E. Holiday – Tuesday December 25th -No City council meeting

The 4th Tuesday of the Month is actually Christmas Day this month. In the past the meeting has been moved to another day. City staff put it to The 4th Tuesday of the Month is actually Christmas Day this month. In the past the meeting has been moved to another day. City staff put it to council that we could cancel this meeting if they would like because all of our contracts for the year etc. were already taken care of and most bills were already paid and should not end up with late fees etc. Council was happy with this as long as everything for the end of the year was taken care of.

F. Mayor's Stipend increase (not originally on agenda)

It was at this time that the mayor presented a letter to council requesting an increase in her stipend. She provided information from other cities and what they make, stating that Mabton is nowhere near what other cities this size are being paid. She said that she understands the city's financial situation so she is not asking for what mayors in other cities are receiving but just enough to support her family and spend full time here which is what is needed in the position. Council member Gourneau stated that although he thought that the position itself did warrant a little bit of an increase, being that they are the lowest paid around, he did not think that it was anything close to the amount that the mayor was suggesting. Council member Gourneau went on further to say that he did not appreciate the mayor calling him to discuss the issue outside of the meeting. He stated that the time for this discussion was during the meeting and

no other time. Council member Zavala also disagreed with an increase, Zavala stated that after the mayor's actions with previous management she would never be comfortable with giving her any more money.

5. Visitor Comments

We heard from Rachel Ruelas of 309 Maple St. who wanted to know why she never receives the answers to her f***ing questions. When asked further what it was she was referring to she stated things like drug testing for the employees and "well everything we ask about".

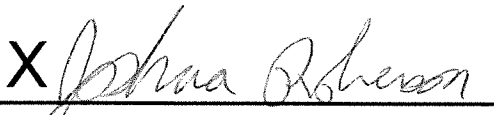
6. Executive Session Recess to 20 minute – For personnel reasons, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g); The Council will not take action afterward
10 minute extension requested.

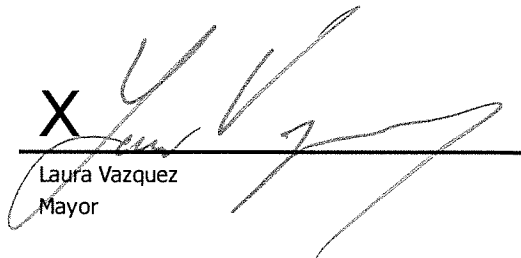
Start Time: 6:41pm

End Time: 7:13pm

7. Adjournment:

Time: 7:16pm

X 
Joshua Roberson
Deputy City Clerk

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Laura Vazquez
Mayor