



## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday May 22, 2018**

Present: Council Members Mark Gourneau, Sophia Sotelo, Arturo De La Fuente, Diana Castaneda, Vera Zavala, Mayor Laura Vazquez, City Engineer Jamin Ankney, Police Chief Phin Haglin, City Clerk Sylvia Sanchez

Absent: Fire Chief Luke Cussins, City Attorney James Carmody, City Treasurer Michelle Coronado

1. Call to Order Time:7:10pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence and Roll Call
3. Vote on the Meeting Agenda

There were three additions to the meeting. Old Business Items "A" Allowing Chickens and Item "B" Changing Water Rate Policy to Include Low-Income Disabled Residents, and New Business Item "D" Approval of New Parking Lot for Inspire Development Centers. There was a motion by Mark and a second by Sophia to approve the Meeting Agenda with the additions. The Meeting Agenda was approved 5-0

#### 4. Visitor Comments

##### A. Public Comment on the CDBG Block Grant Application

Public Comment was opened right before they voted on this item.

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 May 8, 2018

B. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes for Tuesday May 8, 2018

C. Approve Payroll Warrant Register Number #9459 To #9462 & Direct Deposit in the amount of \$10,932.77 in the amount of \$17,262.82

D. Approve Claim Voucher/Payment Number #9463 to #9492 in the amount of \$76,106.67

Note: Check #9479 & #9480 were void due to printing error

E. Approve Progress Estimate No. 2 for Well No. 6 Emergency Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$31,877.50

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Arturo to approve the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda was approved 5-0

## 6. Old Business

A. (Added) Approval of Chickens and Amount in City Limits

After some Discussion there was a motion by Mark and a second by Vera to allow 6 chickens per household in city limits with the ordinance to be voted on at the next meeting. The motion was approved 3-2

B. (Added) Approval of Change to Water Rate Policy to Include Low-Income Disabled Citizens

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Diana to change the current water rate policy with the ordinance to be voted on at the next meeting. The motion was passed 5-0

## 7. New Business

- A. Approval of Amendment No. 9 to the Gray & Osborne Contract for Professional Engineering Services for the General Facility Charge Study in the amount of \$13,960.00

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Sophia to approve Amendment No.9.

Amendment No. 9 was approved 5-0

- B. Approval of Resolution 2018-11 For Compliance With Department of Commerce for the Community Development Block Grant

City Engineer Jamin Ankney provided a brief summary of the CDBG application process and funding process for Well No. 7. Well No. 7 is needed to provide greater water source capacity, increase the reliability of the City's water system, and allow the City to access its new water rights. There was a general discussion of the project and process. The need for a second funding source to be used with CDBG to fully fund the project was discussed. It was noted that the City is in the process of applying to USDA RD for this funding. Questions from the City Council and public were solicited. A few members of the public asked questions and voiced their support for the project. Spanish translation was made as necessary for a few members of the audience.

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Arturo to approve Resolution 2018-11. Resolution 2018-11 was approved 5-0

### C. Approval of Resolution 2018-12 Disposal of Surplus Property

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Diana to approve Resolution 2018-12. Resolution 2018-12 was approved 5-0

### D. (Added) Approval of Parking Lot Inspire Development Centers

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Arturo to approve the parking lot pending review from the city engineer and the city attorney. The motion was approved with the stipulations 5-0

## 8. Staff Reports

Sylvia said can we please have the iPads back. There was a little discussion at this time if they would keep using them or if they would just use paper.

Police Chief Haglin had several things to report. Firstly National Night Out Against Crime is rapidly approaching; letters have been sent out and plans are starting to take effect.

Secondly there was a suspected arson over the past couple weeks but after talking with the Fire Marshall it was decided that the fire was accidental. Thirdly there was a violent rape case in town the suspect was taken to county and set on a \$500,000 bond which chief says is huge in Yakima County. Finally there was a discussion about fuel charges advantages and costs depending on where they fill up their cars, Public Works Vehicles etc.

Jamin the city engineer had a couple things. They are tearing out what appears to be new sidewalk on B St. Jamin explained that this is actually a warranty issue; the existing sidewalk was breaking down faster than it should have been and it was up to the contractor to fix it. The contractor agreed with this fact and is tearing up the problem area to repair it. They

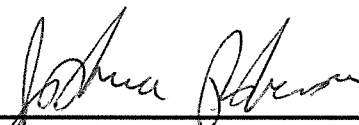
also took a look at the crack gauges. There was a small amount of movement but G&O stated that this is normal with the change in climate; nothing significant seemed to be happening at this point. They will keep inspecting to see definitively.

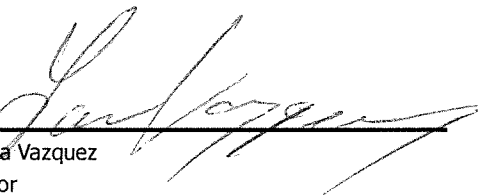
## 9. Mayor's Report

The mayor brought up a couple things. The first was a discussion about a potential move to being covered by the sheriff's office rather than have an in house police department. This would release the city of a lot of liability as well as a big cost savings.

The other thing was a suggestion by G&O that we have a water flow model developed to see the impact that certain things will have on our current water system. This is a good idea with requests and things currently happening.

10. Adjournment:                      Time:8:48pm

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Joshua Roberson  
Deputy City Clerk

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Laura Vazquez  
Mayor