



STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday October 9, 2018

1. Call to Order Time:6:05pm
2. New Business
 - A. Update on the Gannon Annexation by YVCOG

Mike Shuttleworth came into to give us a short update on the Gannon Annexation. The county recommended that we go through our process as they go through their process to streamline the process. We are planning our public hearing in conjunction with the county's public hearing process. There will be a workshop on the subject tomorrow at 5:30. The mayor asked if this was something that the council should attend; Mr. Shuttleworth explained that this is just a workshop and that a public hearing will come later and this would be the time to be present. He also explained that nothing has been approved yet but it will still go through the public hearing process.

Mark questioned how we were acquiring some late fees from Amerifuel and he was questioning how that may be avoided. Michelle explained that they happened if the invoice was after the council meeting then it would be too late to have them approved before the late

fee was acquired. They talked about paying it and then letting council know after the fact so that the late fee could be avoided.

Mark wanted to say that the cemetery currently looks a lot better. He said that the stones have been picked up and the grass looked much better since the last time he was out there.

There was some discussion about policy and the fact that they cannot require employees to share a hotel room when they go for training. The only time this can be required is if the training is paid for by grant funding and the grant funding requires that people share a room.

There was also some discussion about the receipts that are still missing. The mayor explained that we are down to two receipts that she cannot find and they talked about what would be appropriate to rectify the situation.


Mark once again brought up the fact that there is still not a contract finalized with Yakima County. He still feels very strongly that we should have our own police department and that we should hire a police chief. The mayor explained that we are working on contract to have some services funded in the meantime while we wait for a finalized contract. Vera said that there are many other options than just pay the sheriff's office or hire a full time chief and a whole police force. Mark's main point was that it is just taking entirely too much time to get the sheriff's department to take care of things like they said they would.

Vera asked if it was necessary for staff to tell the mayor when they come in and ask questions and why. Mayor Vazquez stated that she did instruct the staff to do that. She stated that if there were questions asked that she has a right and a need to know what council is requesting in order to do her job properly. There was some discussion back and forth about this issue but

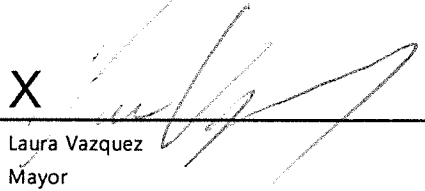
the mayor was adamant that this is how it needs to be in order for her to lead and head this town as she needs to. She made it clear that they are more than welcome to come in and ask questions but that she just wanted to know what the questions were.

3. Adjournment:

Time: 6:48pm

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Joshua Roberson
Deputy City Clerk

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Laura Vazquez
Mayor