



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday April 9, 2019

Present: Council Members Mark Gourneau, Arturo De La Fuente, Diana Castaneda, Mayor Laura Vazquez, City Attorney James Carmody, Mike Shuttleworth YVCOG, City Clerk Sylvia Sanchez, Deputy City Clerk Joshua Roberson

Absent: Council Member Sophia Sotelo, Fire Chief Luke Cussins

1. Call to Order Time:7:30pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence and Roll Call
3. Vote on the Meeting Agenda

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Arturo to approve the Meeting Agenda. Approved 4-0

4. **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 March 26, 2019
 - B. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes for Tuesday March 26, 2019
 - C. Approve Payroll Warrant Register Number #10367 To #10385 in the amount of \$12,149.61
 - D. Approve Claim Voucher/Payment in the amount of \$
 - E. Approve Progress Estimate No. 2 Well No. 4 Improvements in the amount of \$8,248.00

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

4-0

5. Public Hearing: Start Time:7:33pm End Time:7:45pm

- Annexation of Tax Parcel 22080112002, located at 8301 State Route 22

Mike Shuttleworth of YVCOG gave us a brief overview of the Annexation process. He explained that this is an annexation of approximately 10 acres. He stated that we had to first do this as an emergency amendment to the Urban Growth Area; it then has to go to the County and has to be reviewed and updated in the Comprehensive Plan and then goes to Mabton to be included in our Comprehensive Plan. We are at the stage now where if approved it will be by resolution by the city to bring it into the city under Mixed Use. It will then go for a 45 day review process through the Yakima County Review Board and then if they see no problems will be annexed by the city at the end of this time.

We heard from Nora Schneider, a county resident, who at this time asked who the County Review Board is. Mr. Shuttleworth explained Washington State Boundary Review Board of Yakima County. Nora asked who is in charge of this. Mr. Carmody explained that this group is run by the County; Mr. Shuttleworth added to this comment that at this point it is the time where special interest groups (fire districts, etc.) would have their chance to comment on annexation.

We also heard from Dolores Gonzalez of 70 Gulden Road she was asking questions about who actually helps the city make these determinations. It was explained that the city also has a planning commission. She also inquired about different people and their roles in this process. It was explained that the Mr. Shuttleworth was a facilitator and that he was here to make sure that the process was followed properly. Mr. Carmody also explained that these annexations were both submitted by the request of the landowners and this is the reason for the hearing and request. No one from the city is facilitating this request only processing them to see their feasibility. Mr. Carmody also explained that annexation is where something in the Urban Growth Area is included in the city limits.

6. Public Hearing: Start Time:7:45pm End Time:9:15pm

- Annexation of Tax Parcels 23080634006 and 23080634001, located at 330 Gulden Road

Mr. Shuttleworth explained that this actually includes two pieces. One is the property owned by Mr. Birdlebough and the other part of this property is owned by the City itself. This property is actually already in the Urban Growth area. He explained that this is actually a very extensive calculation to allow cities to include land in their Urban Growth Area; there has to be a clear

need and it has to be contiguous land in reasonable proximity. The county also asked that we annex a portion of Gulden Rd that would be covered by this property as well.

We heard from Michael Roettger who wanted to know what the purpose of this property would be. He stated that previous this came in to try and sell and grow marijuana. What the residents of this area want to know what he intends for this space; what is the actual plan.

We also heard from Ramon and Ana Chavez of 202 Stettner Rd. who were concerned about their trucking business. They moved outside of city limits many years ago because of the problems they faced with trying to run a business of this nature inside of city limits. They stated that if this property were to end up annexed into the city they would be right back where they started.

Nora Schneider commented again. She felt that the posting for this hearing was not properly executed. She also had a comment on the fact that the county does a very good job of maintaining this road and she is very concerned that the city will not do as good of a job keeping this road to the standard than it is now.

Dora Gonzalez of 70 Gulden Rd. commented again. She stated basically that they do not want to be city limits. This city is falling apart and the county residents do not want to be a part of it.

There were many comments from surrounding residence all speaking against this annexation. There were many questions about the process and what they could do to ensure that this did not happen. There were some comments about the state of the land in question and the feasibility of the annexation.

We heard from John Birdlebough 330 Gulden Rd. the owner of the land in question. He stated that we have had this conversations several times. He stated that he has spent 8 years cleaning the pit in question digging the garbage, waste, etc. from this area. He stated that his groundwater, tested every year, is of higher quality than the city's current water supply. He also wanted to look at the basic numbers he stated that housing would bring a lot of revenue. He stated that if the city never expands the city will die. He wants to put housing in rather than a slaughter house or something because the property is currently zoned Mixed Use. He feels that he could grow the city substantially with an annexation of this nature.

7. Old Business

8. New Business

A. Approval of Ordinance 2019-1136 Amending Wages for Officers and City Personnel

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Arturo to approve Ordinance 2019-1136 with the \$2 increase for the WWTO on a probationary status to be reviewed in 3 months. They also

approved a 2% increase for the City Clerk and a one-time \$1600 stipend for all the hard work done in the time that we were without a City Treasurer. Approved 4-0

B. Approval of Resolution 2019-02 Annexing Tax Parcel 22080112002 Off SR 22 The Gannon Property

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Vera to approve Resolution 2019-02. Approved 4-0

C. Approval of Resolution 2019-03 Annexing Tax Parcel 230806-34006 & 230806-34001 of Gulden Rd. Birdlebough and City Contiguous Property

There was no motion made. Resolution 2019-03 did not pass

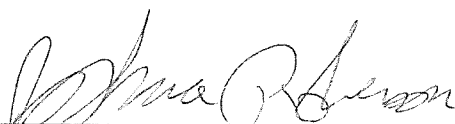
9. Staff Reports

City Clerk Sylvia said thank you for the money.


10. Mayor's Report

Mayor Vazquez had two things to report. Firstly she stated that we are receiving a \$200,000 grand for parks from CDBG. Secondly she stated that she went to training and received certification in Drug & Alcohol Verification.

11. Adjournment: Time: 9:29pm

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Joshua Roberson
Deputy City Clerk

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Laura Vazquez
Mayor