

UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Council Chambers, City Hall
Union Gap, Washington
April 13, 2009

- Call to Order Mayor Lemon called the Regular Meeting of the Union Gap City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.
- Council Members Present Council Members David Butler, Dan Olson, Glenn Bateman, Dan Vanover, Roger Wentz, Dave Matson, and James Murr were present.
- Staff Present Robert Noe, City Attorney; Dennis Henne, Public Works Director; Bill Steele, Fire Chief; Robert Almeida, Police Chief; Karen Clifton, City Treasurer; and Kathryn Thompson, City Clerk were present.
- Audience Present Fred Thomson, Judy Lydin, Pam Wickersham, Sharon Morrow, Jaime Gonzalez, Aubrey Reeves, Debbie Matson, Stephanie Korn, Michael & Joshua Murr, Al Coyner, Lewis and Donald Beddoe, Ray Kempf, Erika Lemon, Julie Schilling, Scott Steinloski, Phil Salzman, and others were present.
- Pledge of Allegiance The Public Works Director led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Special Award Presentations Mayor Lemon presented a certificate to the Police Chief for Marilyn Norton, Police Clerk, for 5 years of service to the City and to the City Clerk for Karen Rouse, Administrative Clerk/Cashier, for 10 years of service to the City. He then presented a certificate to Dennis Henne, Public Works Director for 10 years of service to the City.
- Proclamation Mayor Lemon proclaimed May 1st as “Silver Star Banner Day” the permanent and official day to honor the wounded and ill soldiers of the City of Union Gap.
- Consent Agenda Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Vanover to approve the consent agenda as follows:
- Approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes, dated March 23, 2009, as sent out on pages 4897 through 4905 of the Minute Book.
- Approve Claim Voucher Nos. 74208 through 74238 in the amount of \$301,308.97 dated March 31, 2009 and transfer from the operating funds to the Claims Fund.
- Approve Payroll Voucher Nos. 32417 through 32492 in the amount of \$152,093.84, dated March 31, 2009 and transfer from the operating funds to the Payroll Fund.
- Approve Claim Voucher Nos. 74239 through 74344 in the amount of \$1,164,360.05 dated April 13, 2009 and transfer from the operating funds to the Claims Fund. Voucher Nos. 74274 and 74275 have been voided.
- Motion carried unanimously.
- Resolution No. 769 – Facility Use Agreement with Tourism Promoter Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Vanover to adopt Resolution No. 769, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Facility Use Agreement with Scott Steinloski, Tourism Promoter. Motion carried unanimously.
- Resolution No. 779 – Adopting Identity Theft Prevention Program Council Member Vanover questioned if this is a model ordinance.
- The City Attorney informed the Federal Fair and Accurate Credit Transaction Act of 2003 requires red flags be identified by entities that collect utilities. This program provides policies and procedures to protect customers from identity theft. He informed he copied our program from City of Yakima’s program and made it flexible so we can test it out and make sure it works. He informed if

there are any major problems with the program it will be brought back to Council for revisions.

Council Member Matson stated he did not see anything in the program for prosecuting people committing identity theft.

The City Attorney informed information obtained under the program would be used for prosecution under the criminal process that is already in place.

Motion by Council Member Vanover, seconded by Council Member Wentz to adopt Resolution No. 779, A Resolution approving and adopting an Identity Theft Prevention Program for the City of Union Gap Utilities. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 780 –
Memorandum of
Understanding with
Washington Traffic
Safety Commission

Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Vanover to adopt Resolution No. 780, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) regarding nighttime seat belt emphasis patrols between May 18 and June 7, 2009.

Council Member Olson commented this is assuming the police officers want to work overtime.

The Police Chief stated this is a grant of approximately \$3,000 to pay for overtime as scheduled for the nighttime seat belt emphasis.

Council Member Olson questioned how many hours per officer this will be.

The Police Chief stated four to six hours per officer per shift. He stated the scheduling will stay within the guidelines of the union contract and will mostly be on days off.

Mayor Lemon called for a vote on the motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Vanover to adopt Resolution No. 780, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) regarding nighttime seat belt emphasis patrols between May 18 and June 7, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 781 –
Agreement with Alice
Parman, Ph.D. for
Museum Consultant
Services

Council Member Olson questioned if Ms. Parman would be attending a Council meeting when she is here.

Scott Steinloski, Tourism Promoter, stated her dates may not coincide with a Council meeting, but he is planning a meeting with the Agricultural Museum, the Lodging Tax Committee, and up to three Council Members.

Council Member Olson stated he would like to be one of the three Council Members attending the meeting.

Motion by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Wentz to adopt Resolution No. 781, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with Alice Parman Ph.D. for Museum Consultant services for the Central Washington Agricultural Museum and the City. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2610 –
Amending 2009 Budget
– Current Expense Fund
– Library Assessment

Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Murr to adopt and publish Ordinance No. 2610, An Ordinance amending the 2009 Budget authorizing an expenditure of \$5,189.43 from the Current Expense Fund (001) for the 2009 Library Assessment.

Mayor Lemon explained last year's budget figures were used for the 2009 library

assessment because the City did not know the increase.

Council Member Olson questioned if the oversight was the City's or the Library's.

Mayor Lemon stated the assessed valuation was not received from the County Assessor's office until later. He informed the City thought the contract was limited to the 1 percent ad valorem, but this year the assessed value was about 3.5 percent.

Council Member Wentz stated there was a memorandum of understanding signed several years ago allowing 6 percent or less based on the assessed value and this year that is 3.5 percent.

Mayor Lemon stated the City can budget 6 percent next year and be safe, but the actual amount depends on the County Assessor's figures.

Council Member Olson questioned if the 2,000 people that use the Union Gap Library are from Union Gap and commented he knows a lot of people from elsewhere that use our Library.

Mayor Lemon informed there was a meeting with the Library personnel that Council Member Olson was not able to attend. He suggested Council Member Olson call the Library and ask them how many of the people using the Library are from Union Gap.

Mayor Lemon called for a vote on the motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Murr to adopt and publish Ordinance No. 2610, An Ordinance amending the 2009 Budget authorizing an expenditure of \$5,189.43 from the Current Expense Fund (001) for the 2009 Library Assessment. Motion carried: Council Members Butler, Vanover, Wentz, Matson, and Murr voting in favor; Council Members Olson and Bateman voting no.

Ordinance No. 2611 –
Amending 2009 Budget
– Creating Senior
Activities Fund

Motion by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Wentz to adopt Ordinance No. 2611, An Ordinance amending the 2009 Budget creating a Fund for Senior Activities, Fund No. 114, and providing that five percent (5%) of money collected as rents for the Ahtanum Youth Park Activities Building be placed into such fund.

Council Member Wentz questioned what events this will include.

Mayor Lemon informed right now the seniors use the building on some weekends to have fund raisers such as yard sales, but they do not make very much money. The City would like to rent the building as much as possible so it would be better for the City to rent the facility and give the seniors 5 percent of the rental money for their activity fund.

Council Member Butler questioned if the seniors proposed this.

Mayor Lemon stated he proposed this to the Senior Citizen Liaison and she agreed it would be a good idea.

After discussion Mayor Lemon called for a vote on the motion by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Wentz to adopt Ordinance No. 2611, An Ordinance amending the 2009 Budget creating a Fund for Senior Activities, Fund No. 114, and providing that five percent (5%) of money collected as rents for the Ahtanum Youth Park Activities Building be placed into such fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2612 –
Amending 2009 Budget
– Lodging Tax
Convention Center

Council Member Olson commented it appears this total is the budget amendment for the museum consultant and the facility use agreement with the tourism promoter.

Reserve fund

Council Member Wentz stated this brings the budget to approximately \$253,100.

Motion by Council Member Vanover, seconded by Council Member Butler to adopt and publish Ordinance No. 2612, An Ordinance amending the 2009 Budget authorizing an expenditure of up to \$10,520 from the Convention Center Reserve Fund (107) for expenditures relating to tourism. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2613 –
Amending 2009 Budget
– Water/Sewer
Improvement Reserve
Fund

Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Vanover to adopt and publish Ordinance No. 2613, An Ordinance amending the 2009 budget to provide for payment of \$34,000.00 from the Water Sewer Improvement Reserve Fund, Fund No. 404, to line item number 404.534.50.49. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Lemon informed this item is due to a court judgment in Blue Line, Inc. v. City of Union Gap that has to be paid.

Council Member Olson stated the City has corrected the ordinance so this should not happen in the future.

Items from the
Audience

Crime Watch Symposium. Julie Schilling, West Side Merchants, introduced Jack Cannon, Yakima Merchants, YPD Officer Gonzalez, Yakima County Representative Marti Lynch, and Glead Block Watch Representatives Pam Wickersham, Sharon Morrow, and Judy Lydin. She stated the Valley Mall is providing the location for the Crime Watch Symposium this Friday and Saturday. There will be 53 tables with representatives of federal, state, and local government, profit and non-profit agencies so people can find out about safety. She invited the Mayor and Council to attend the opening ceremony at noon on Friday. She informed there is a coloring contest for children under 12 and an essay contest for children up to 18 years old, and there will be 21 different classes at the symposium.

Mayor Lemon informed the flyer for the symposium is being copied and sent to everyone in the 98903 zip code. He requested Council approve the expenditure of mailing these flyers.

Motion by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Wentz to authorize the cost of copying and mailing the symposium flyers from the Contingency Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Jack Cannon, Yakima Merchants, informed the block watch people have done a fantastic job of putting this symposium together. He stated this two day event will include schools all the way to Goldendale.

YPD Officer Jaime Gonzalez informed there will be information available on Id Theft, Graffiti, and Gang Prevention, as well as the Liquor Control Board and other organizations. He stated this has been a joint effort and the Valley Mall is the perfect setting because it is the focal point of the Valley.

Marti Lynch, Yakima County Prosecutor's Officer, informed she pioneered the Yakima drug court and meth action team. She stated they have been in the local schools teaching about meth and will have a narcotics officer teaching classes at the symposium also.

Pam Wickersham, Glead/Naches Block Watch, thanked Chief Almeida, Detective Levno, and Officer Rivera for their assistance with the symposium.

Youth Council. Donald Beddoe, Youth Council President, informed tomorrow the Youth Council is going to begin painting the inside of the youth center, and they plan to open the center May 1st.

Mayor Lemon requested the opening of the youth center be added to the newsletter.

The City Clerk requested Donald call tomorrow and provide her with details for the newsletter.

Erika Lemon, Youth Council Vice President, introduced the newest member of the youth council, Robert, and informed he has some good ideas for the youth.

Signalized Crosswalk on Ahtanum. Mayor Lemon informed Curtis King’s assistant notified the City that money for the signalized crosswalk on Ahtanum Road is in the budget, but has to pass the House. He credited the Public Works Director and Senator King for obtaining funding for this crosswalk.

Development of Next Agenda

Block Watch Symposium. Council Member Matson suggested a report of the results from the block watch symposium be added to the next agenda.

Departmental Reports

Mayor Lemon informed the following reports are in the packet and questioned if the Council has any questions of the departments: Building/Mechanical & Plumbing Report – March 2009 and Tourism Promoter Status Report – March 2008.

School Drill. Council Member Matson questioned how today’s school drill went.

The Police Chief stated the drill was conducted by Officer Rivera, and he has not spoken to Officer Rivera yet, but he is sure it went well.

There were no communications/questions/comments from the Council.

Communications/
Questions/Comments

At 7:39 p.m., Mayor Lemon adjourned the Regular Council meeting.

Adjournment

These minutes dated April 13, 2009 were approved at the Regular Council Meeting of April 27, 2009.

Jim Lemon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathryn Thompson, CMC, City Clerk