

UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Council Chambers, City Hall
Union Gap, Washington
August 10, 2009

Call to Order Mayor Lemon called the Regular Meeting of the Union Gap City Council to order at 7:05 p.m.

Council Members Present Council Members David Butler, Dan Olson, Glenn Bateman, Dan Vanover, Roger Wentz, Dave Matson, and Jim Murr were present.

Staff Present Robert Noe, City Attorney; Dennis Henne, Public Works Director; William Rathbone, Development Coordinator; Bill Steele, Fire Chief; Robert Almeida, Police Chief; Karen Clifton, City Treasurer; and Kathryn Thompson, City Clerk were present.

Audience Present Fred Thomson, Chad Lenz, Lewis Beddoe, Joe & Linda Jackson, Michael & Stephanie Murr, Debbie Matson, Ray Kempf, Shawn James, Erick Delp, Greg Cobb, Jason Hatfield, Terryl Way, and others were present.

Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Lemon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special Award Presentation Mayor Lemon presented a certificate to the Police Chief for Police Officer Alba Levesque for 10 years of service to the City.

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 July 27, 2009, as sent out on pages 4951 through 4956 of the Minute Book.

Approve Claim Voucher Nos. 75112 through 75154, in the amount of \$2,093,395.15 dated July 31, 2009 and transfer from the operating funds to the Claims Fund.

Approve Payroll Voucher Nos. 32732 through 32816, in the amount of \$158,810.81 dated July 31, 2009 and transfer from the operating funds to the Payroll Fund.

Approve Claim Voucher Nos. 75155 through 75248, in the amount of \$169,182.04 dated August 10, 2009 and transfer from the operating funds to the Claims Fund.

Adopt Resolution No. 797 – A Resolution amending existing Resolution No. 737, Section 2, regarding membership of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2624 – Amending Municipal Code – Stormwater Illicit Discharges and Connections Council Member Vanover commented there are a large number of car dealers in Union Gap and questioned if this impacts their ability to wash the vehicles.

The Public Works Director informed there will be no changes right away, but over time they may have to modify their car wash procedures. He stated some cities have filter bags for non-profits to use in order to still have car washes, but the preferred option is to wash the cars on the lawn or gravel lots. He informed the first thing the City will be doing is educating people so they can change their practices.

Council Member Butler questioned who is going to monitor the compliance.

The Public Works Director informed he and the Parks Working Foreman will be

educating the public and also working on cleaning up our own surface water. He stated this ordinance is the first step to being in compliance with the Clean Water Act of the 1970's.

Council Member Vanover questioned when the City will begin to issue citations.

The Public Works Director stated citations will be a long time coming. The goal of the City of Union Gap is to use smoke detection and videoing to see if there are any problem commercial discharges or connections made by mistake. The City will also begin working with new construction so any new construction is in compliance.

Council Member Olson commented it has taken four or five years to get to this point and this ordinance has to be adopted by August 16th in order to be in compliance. He informed the City has stressed all along the way that we only wish to adopt the minimum, and this ordinance can be altered at any point if the Council sees a problem.

Motion by Council Member Vanover, seconded by Council Member Olson to adopt and publish Ordinance No. 2624, An Ordinance adopting a new Chapter 12.22 to the Union Gap Municipal Code entitled, "Stormwater Illicit Discharges and Connections". Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 798 –
Agreement with Safe
Built Washington, Inc.
for Plan Review
Services

Mayor Lemon informed this agreement will provide plan review services to assist the Development Coordinator with commercial plan reviews.

Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Vanover to adopt Resolution No. 798, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Safe Built Washington, Inc. for the review of building plans on an as needed basis for a two year duration. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 799 –
Home Consortium
Intergovernmental
Agreement with
Yakima County

Council Member Olson commented if this home consortium gets put together Union Gap will be able to do additional housing rehabilitation on a smaller scale.

Motion by Council Member Butler, seconded by Council Member Wentz to adopt Resolution No. 799, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Revised Home Consortium Intergovernmental Agreement for Program Years 2010-2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 800 –
Interlocal Agreement
with City of Yakima for
Automatic Aid Ladder
Truck Services

Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Vanover to adopt Resolution No. 800, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Yakima and the City of Union Gap for Fire Department Automatic Aid Ladder Truck Response to Commercial Fires.

Council Member Wentz commented this is a great deal for Union Gap.

Council Member Vanover stated there is no way for Union Gap to beat this.

Council Member Olson questioned what the City does after the end of the 10 year agreement.

The Fire Chief informed the agreement is for 10 years because that is the longest the rating bureau will allow. He stated at the end of the 10 years a new agreement can be negotiated.

Council Member Olson commented the cost is \$100,000, but the City can't buy a ladder truck for \$100,000 and the City can't staff or house a ladder truck. He stated the benefit to the citizens is in keeping the insurance rating down.

Mayor Lemon called for a vote on the motion by Council Member Wentz,

seconded by Council Member Vanover to adopt Resolution No. 800, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Yakima and the City of Union Gap for Fire Department Automatic Aid Ladder Truck Response to Commercial Fires. Motion carried unanimously.

Items from the Audience

Layoff of Police Officer. Ray Kempf commented he understands it may be necessary to layoff a police officer due to budget constraints and questioned if the layoff is because of Stanton School's budget cuts. He informed the City of Yakima recently received stimulus money and he wondered if the City of Yakima could fund the 75 percent of an officer for Stanton School.

Mayor Lemon informed the layoff is because Yakima School District cancelled the contract for a Student Resource Officer (SRO) at Stanton School due to budget constraints.

Council Member Wentz commented the stimulus money went to the City of Yakima, and the City of Yakima and the Yakima School District are not connected so the City money would not go to the school.

Mayor Lemon informed Union Gap has been paying 25 percent of the SRO's wages and benefits, but the school district says they can't pay the 75 percent anymore.

Mr. Kempf stated he wondered if City of Yakima could help the school district pay for some of the SRO's in Yakima freeing up money for the school district to pay for the Stanton School SRO.

Council Member Olson stated what irritates him is the previous school superintendent made the decision not to fund the SRO at Stanton School when that school is one of the most at risk schools. He stated the recent gang shootings involved kids that went to Stanton School and the school district is not pulling the SRO's from Davis or Ike. He stated there is a rumor that the school district is planning to double the size of Stanton School so it makes no sense to pull the SRO out.

Council Member Matson stated the worst part is that if there is an incident at Stanton School they will be pulling our officers off the street to deal with the school situation.

Council Member Vanover informed it was a Council resolution that brought the issue up and placed a SRO at Stanton School in the first place and suggested may be that should be done again.

Develop Agenda for August 24, 2009 Council Meeting

Post Office. Mayor Lemon requested a resolution asking the Federal Post Office to recognize Union Gap as its own city and not a branch of Yakima because right now they are considering the Union Gap post office a branch of Yakima.

Enterprise Funds/General Fund Budget. Mayor Lemon requested an ordinance identifying the formula for administrative costs to be taken from the enterprise funds of water, sewer, and garbage and placed in the general fund for the budget.

Support of SRO at Stanton School. Council Member Vanover requested a resolution to the Yakima School Board supporting the SRO position at Stanton School.

Transfer of Vehicles Between Departments. Mayor Lemon requested a resolution formalizing the transfer of cars between departments in the general fund.

Departmental Reports

Mayor Lemon informed the following reports are in the packet and questioned if

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the Council has any questions of the departments: Building/Mechanical & Plumbing Report – July 2009; and Tourism Promoter Status Report – July 2009.

Communications/
Questions/Comments

There were no communications/questions/comments.

Adjournment

At 7:30 p.m., Mayor Lemon adjourned the Regular Council meeting to a 30-Minute Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining. Attending the Executive Session were the Mayor, Council members, City Attorney, Police Chief, and City Treasurer.

These minutes dated August 10, 2009 were approved at the Regular Council Meeting of August 24, 2009.

Jim Lemon
Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathryn Thompson, CMC
City Clerk