

UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Council Chambers, City Hall
Union Gap, Washington
February 9, 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, Glenn Bateman, Dan Vanover (7:01 p.m.), Dave Matson, and James Murr were present.

Staff Present Robert Noe, City Attorney; 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, Aubrey Reeves, Debbie Matson, Stephanie Korn, Michael & Joshua Murr, Ron Davis, Al Coyner, Lewis and Donald Beddoe, John Hodgkinson, and others were present.

Pledge of Allegiance Council Member Murr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda Motion by Council Member Butler, seconded by Council Member Bateman to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes, dated January 26, 2009, as sent out on pages 4879 through 4883 of the Minute Book.

Approve Claim Voucher Nos. 73701 through 73735 in the amount of \$830,266.83 dated January 30, 2009 and transfer from the operating funds to the Claims Fund.

Approve Payroll Voucher Nos. 32273 through 32346 in the amount of \$149,730.70, dated January 30, 2009 and transfer from the operating funds to the Payroll Fund.

Approve Claim Voucher Nos. 73736 through 73840 in the amount of \$155,131.41 dated February 9, 2009 and transfer from the operating funds to the Claims Fund.

Motion carried unanimously; Council Member Vanover temporarily absent; Council Members Olson and Wentz absent.

Council Member Matson commented the Police Department stun guns are expensive and questioned how long they last.

The Police Chief agreed they are expensive and explained they have a warranty, but the life of the stun gun varies due to varied uses.

Excused Absence Mayor Lemon informed Council Members Olson and Wentz and Public Works Director Henne are in Washington D.C. with TransAction.

Motion by Council Member Bateman, seconded by Council Member Matson to excuse Council Members Wentz and Olson from this Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously; Council Members Olson and Wentz absent.

Ordinance No. 2606 – Amending Municipal Code – Adding Chapter Relating to Side Sewers within Public Rights of Way and Easements Council Member Vanover stated he does not agree with item B. i. on page 2 of the ordinance because this should not be the property owner’s problem.

Motion by Council Member Vanover, seconded by Council Member Bateman to adopt and publish Ordinance No. 2606, An Ordinance amending Union Gap Municipal Code adding a new Chapter 11.30 entitled “Maintenance Responsibility for Side Sewers within Public Rights of Way and Easements”,

with item B. i., “Defective pipes, repairs, settling, or pipe deterioration” stricken from the ordinance. Motion carried unanimously; Council Members Olson and Wentz absent.

Ordinance No. 2607 –
Amending Ordinance
No. 1706, Section 4
Personnel Policies

Motion by Council Member Butler, seconded by Council Member Vanover to adopt and publish Ordinance No. 2607, An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1706, Section 4 Personnel Policies. Motion carried unanimously; Council Members Olson and Wentz absent.

Mayor Lemon explained this ordinance basically brings policy making back before the Council where it should be, and out of the Mayor or City Manager’s hands.

Resolution No. 764 –
Road Use Agreement
with La Salle High
School

Mayor Lemon explained this resolution will allow T. C. Transportation to use Lightning Road.

Motion by Council Member Butler, seconded by Council Member Vanover to adopt Resolution No. 764, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with La Salle High School for use of a private road. Motion carried unanimously; Council Members Olson and Wentz absent.

Council Member Vanover questioned who would be responsible for installing a bus stop.

Mayor Lemon stated there will not be a need for a bus stop; the bus will go right to the school.

Resolution No. 765 –
Authorizing Transit
Route Change to
Include 2 Stops at La
Salle High School

Motion by Council Member Butler, seconded by Council Member Vanover to adopt Resolution No. 765, A Resolution authorizing a route change to the established Union Gap bus route to include 2 stops at La Salle High School. Motion carried unanimously; Council Members Olson and Wentz absent.

Council Member Butler questioned if there will be a problem when the school has early release days.

Ron Davis, T. C. Transportation, informed they will get a schedule from the school and work with the school.

Mayor Lemon asked Mr. Davis to confirm this change is at no additional cost.

Mr. Davis confirmed this route change will be at no additional cost.

Resolution No. 766 –
Amending Personnel
Policy Handbook,
Section 4.6

Mayor Lemon informed the Personnel Policy Handbook currently allows a flat rate per day for meals based on charges in our area, and this resolution would allow Council Members and employees travelling outside the state to use the per diem rate established by the U. S. General Services Administration, instead of being unlimited as in the past.

Motion by Council Member Vanover, seconded by Council Member Bateman to adopt Resolution No. 766, A Resolution establishing travel expense reimbursement for elected officials and amending the Personnel Policies Handbook Section 4.6 relating to Travel Expense Reimbursement for employees. Motion carried unanimously; Council Members Olson and Wentz absent.

Council Member Vanover questioned if this rate is the same as the Internal Revenue System Rate.

The City Treasurer stated she will check and see.

Wastewater Collection
System Improvements

Motion by Council Member Vanover, seconded by Council Member Murr to authorize the Mayor to sign Change Order No. 1, in the amount, not to exceed

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Project, Change Order \$409,596.31; increasing the Wastewater Collection System Improvement Project contract with Halme Construction for the purpose of correcting the recently identified infiltration sites, fully utilizing the Public Works Trust Fund Loan. Motion carried unanimously; Council Members Olson and Wentz absent.

Resolution No. 767 – Application to the Dept. of Community, Trade & Economic Development for a Tourism Grant Mayor Lemon informed the new tourism promoter has been working on this grant.

Motion by Council Member Vanover, seconded by Council Member Butler to adopt Resolution No. 767, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign documents necessary to make application to the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED) for a Tourism Grant and authorizing the payment of matching funds from the Convention Center Reserve Fund. Motion carried unanimously; Council Members Olson and Wentz absent.

Council Member Matson questioned if the tourism promoter is present.

Mayor Lemon requested the City Clerk ask the tourism promoter to be at the meeting when he has items on the agenda.

Items from the Audience Youth Council Business Cards. Donald Beddoe, Youth Council Member, stated the Youth Council would like unofficial business cards with their name and who they are on them.

Council Member Vanover questioned what the purpose of the cards would be.

Donald stated they would like to hand them out to adults they come in contact with when representing the Youth Council.

Mayor Lemon stated he recently referred the Youth Council to a man who donates bikes to school kids to see if the Youth Council could come up with a program for the school kids to earn a bike.

Donald stated they would like the City logo on the business cards, but the other information would be different.

Development of Next Agenda Youth Council Business Cards. Mayor Lemon stated this item will be added to the next agenda provided the Youth Council brings in additional information regarding the business cards.

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 – January 2009 and Treasurer’s Report – December 2008.

Communications/Questions/Comments There were no communications/questions/comments from the Council.

Adjournment At 7:16 p.m., Mayor Lemon adjourned the Regular Council meeting.

These minutes dated February 9, 2009 were approved at the Regular Council Meeting of February 23, 2009.

Jim Lemon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathryn Thompson, CMC, City Clerk