

UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Council Chambers, City Hall
Union Gap, Washington
January 25, 2010

- 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, Dan Vanover, Roger Wentz, Dave Matson, James Murr and Chad Lenz were present.
- Staff Present Robert Noe, City Attorney; Dennis Henne, Public Works Director; Bill Steele, Fire Chief; Robert Almeida, Police Chief; and Kathryn Thompson, City Clerk were present.
- Audience Present Michael Murr, Jo Collier, Debbie Matson, Ray Kempf, Aubrey Reeves, Tim Whitehurst, John Hodkinson, Mark Reynolds, Mel Mathis, and others were present.
- Pledge of Allegiance Council Member Murr led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 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 January 11, 2010, as sent out on pages 5019 through 5023 of the Minute Book.
- Approve Claim Voucher Nos. 76362 through 76395, in the amount of \$128,241.17 dated January 20, 2010 and transfer from the operating funds to the Claims Fund.
- Approve Claim Voucher Nos. 76396 through 76443, in the amount of \$284,062.45 dated January 25, 2010 and transfer from the operating funds to the Claims Fund.
- There were no Petty Cash Checks issued in the month of November, 2009.
- Approve Municipal Court Check No. 3256, issued and paid in the month of November, 2009, in the amount of \$249.00.
- There were no Advanced Travel Checks issued in the month of November, 2009.
- Approve Treasurer's Check No. 10211, issued and paid in the month of November, 2009, in the amount of \$10.00.
- Set Public Hearing for Construction and Post-Construction stormwater ordinances for February 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
- Motion carried unanimously.
- Resolution No. 847 – Facility Use Agreement with Union Gap School District for use of Cahalan Park Council Member Wentz commented there was a conflict with this use last year, and questioned if the conflict has been resolved.
- Mayor Lemon stated the conflict has been resolved.
- Motion by Council Member Butler, seconded by Council Member Wentz to adopt Resolution No. 847, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Facility Use Agreement with the Union Gap School District for the use of Cahalan Park. Motion carried unanimously.
- Award of Bid – Valley Mall Boulevard, Phase IV, Construction The Public Works Director requested this item be tabled to the February 8, 2010 Council meeting. He explained there were some bid discrepancies and one bidder has filed a challenge so the Department of Transportation is not ready to

make a recommendation of award yet.

Items from the Audience

Introduction of Development Coordinator. Mayor Lemon introduced the new Development Coordinator, Mark Reynolds, who will begin on February 1, 2010.

Mr. Reynolds stated he is a long-term resident of the area, residing in Wapato. He thanked Bill Rathbone for his long service and thanked Union Gap for this opportunity.

Resignation of Planning Commission Chairman. Mel Mathis, Planning Commission Chairman, stated it is with great reluctance that he is resigning from Planning Commission Chairman. He stated many years ago Aubrey Reeves, Dan Olson, and some others requested he serve on the Planning Commission. He stated he has worked very hard to make the commission work for the best of the City, but he feels he is being pushed out. He stated losing Bill Rathbone compounded with losing Gloria Waltman, who was his right hand girl, leaves him no choice but to resign. He stated it is a good Planning Commission and he will miss them, but at his age he does not want to start all over again with new staff. He thanked the Council for allowing him to serve over the last 9 years.

Mayor Lemon and the Council thanked Mr. Mathis for his service.

Develop Agenda for Feb. 8, 2010 Council Meeting

There were no additional items for the February 8, 2010 Council agenda.

Departmental Reports

Mayor Lemon informed the following reports are in the packet and questioned if the Council has any questions of the departments: Police Department Status Report – December 2009; New Businesses Reports – November/December 2009 and December 2009/January 2010; Treasurer’s Report – October 2009; and Tax Revenue Report - December 2009.

He then requested the Fire Chief and Police Chief report on their departments.

Fire. The Fire Chief stated they had a minor accident and parts are on order to make repairs. He informed personnel is status quo with the same number of volunteers; the staffing plan is working to cover 24 hours a day; and they are managing the overtime.

Police. The Police Chief stated there have been a few serious crimes such as armed robberies, but luckily no one was injured. He stated the one at Coco’s led to the arrest of individuals that were involved in several robberies.

Council Member Wentz questioned who pays the jail costs if these individuals are being held on multiple charges in various jurisdictions.

The Police Chief stated he does not have that information right now. He also informed Officer Rivera injured his ankle chasing a wanted person and is currently assigned to light duty.

Mayor Lemon requested the City Attorney report on felony jail costs.

The City Attorney stated under the jail contract Yakima County bears the costs of felony inmates and the City bears the costs of misdemeanor inmates, including medical costs. The City recently found that Yakima County has been charging the City and the City has been paying for felony inmates for several years.

Council Member Wentz questioned how far back the City can go to collect the over payments.

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The City Attorney stated the statute of limitations on contracts is six years, but he needs to research to see if that statute applies.

Communications/
Questions/Comments

There were no communications/questions/comments.

Adjournment

At 7:25 p.m., Mayor Lemon adjourned the Regular Council meeting.

These minutes dated January 25, 2010 were approved at the Regular Council Meeting of February 8, 2010.

Jim Lemon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathryn Thompson, CMC, City Clerk