

UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Council Chambers, City Hall
Union Gap, Washington
July 26, 2010

- 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 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; Dave Spurlock, Development Coordinator; and Kathryn Thompson, City Clerk were present.
- Audience Present Isabelle Melville, Joe & Linda Jackson, Michael Murr, Debbie Matson, Mike Brown, Jack & Lodia Galloway, and others were present.
- Pledge of Allegiance Council Member Wentz led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Excuse Council Member Butler Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Olson to excuse Council Member Butler from tonight's meeting. Motion carried unanimously; Council Member Butler absent.
- Consent Agenda Motion by Council Member Vanover, seconded by Council Member Wentz to approve the consent agenda, as follows:
- Approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes, dated July 12, 2010, as sent out on pages 5089 through 5093 of the Minute Book.
- Approve Claim Voucher Nos. 77625 through 77713 in the amount of \$277,133.50 dated July 26, 2010 and transfer from the operating funds to the Claims Fund.
- Adopt and publish Ordinance No. 2686, An Ordinance amending the 2010 Budget to expend \$425 from the Transit Fund (128) for the cost of an informational fair booth at the Sundome during the Central Washington State Fair.
- Motion to approve Supplemental Agreement No. 2 in the amount of \$5,590.92 with Kittelson & Associates, Inc. for West Ahtanum Road School Crossing Improvements Projects.
- Motion carried unanimously; Council Member Butler absent.
- Resolution No. 886 – Surplus & Sale of Self Contained Breathing Apparatuses to Lewis Co. Fire District No. 10 Motion by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Wentz to adopt Resolution No. 886, A Resolution authorizing surplus and sale of Self Contained Breathing Apparatuses (SCBAs) to Lewis County Fire District No. 10. Motion carried unanimously; Council Member Butler absent.
- Resolution No. 887 – Lease of Photocopier Motion by Council Member Vanover, seconded by Council Member Wentz to adopt Resolution No. 887, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a lease agreement for the lease of a Kyocera model 6030 photocopier from United Business Machines and finding that sole source and market conditions justify a waiver of the competitive bidding process. Motion carried unanimously; Council Member Butler absent.
- Recess to 15-Minute Executive Session At 7:06 p.m., Mayor Lemon recessed the Regular Council meeting to a 15-minute Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Attending the Executive Session were the Mayor and Council Members Olson, Vanover, Wentz, Matson, Murr, and Lenz, the Public Works Director, and the City Attorney.

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Reconvene Regular Council Meeting

At 7:13 p.m., Mayor Lemon reconvened the Regular Council meeting.

Addition to Agenda – Settlement Agreement with JUB Engineers

Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Vanover to authorize the Mayor to sign a confidential settlement agreement with JUB Engineers. Motion carried unanimously; Council Member Butler absent.

Mayor Lemon informed this agreement is to remain confidential and stated if anyone has a question regarding discussing the agreement, they should contact the City Attorney first.

Items from the Audience

Isabelle Melville informed she is going to be moving from Union Gap. She stated this has been a good place to live in spite of the real estate agent telling her she cannot get what her house is worth because it is located in Union Gap. She then provided some history of her time here stating her husband was on the City Council three times, and the City has Loudon Park because a group of citizens raised money and bought it from Mrs. Loudon. She also informed Ahtanum Youth Park used to be a farm labor camp and whenever they ran into financial trouble the people of Union Gap helped them financially. She then encouraged the Council to think about how to make a community out of the spread out people in Union Gap and to look to the future for our town. She suggested bicycle and walking paths and told the Council to think big and be creative. She informed to pay off Loudon Park they sold raffle tickets all over the state and raffled off a Packard Car.

Jack Galloway commended the Mayor and Council for being pro-active in code enforcement and stated it is working. He then informed gangs are targeting Sunnyside and according to KIMA TV there are 85 known gang members living in Sunnyside and another 150 that show up there. He encouraged Union Gap to be pro-active in keeping the gangs out of town. He then discussed a website of best places to live and the crime mapping web page and stated things are still good here.

Mayor Lemon informed the City needs to make the Code Enforcement Officer full time next year and questioned if the Planning Commission has reviewed the nuisance properties ordinance and the crime free rental housing ordinance yet.

Mr. Galloway stated the ordinances are on the Planning Commission agenda for tomorrow night.

Mayor Lemon questioned if the City Attorney has reviewed the changes the Planning Commission requested.

The City Attorney informed he has not seen the changes they requested.

Mayor Lemon asked the Development Coordinator to work with the City Attorney to revise the ordinances before the Planning Commission meeting.

Develop Agenda for Aug. 9, 2010 Council Meeting

There were no additional items for the August 9, 2010 Council meeting.

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 – June 2010 and Fire Department Status Report – June 2010.

Communications/ Questions/Comments

Census. The City Clerk informed she gave the Council Members a letter from the Census Bureau tonight, and showed them a framed certificate the Census Bureau presented to the City thanking the City for helping obtain the 2010 census count.

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Development. Mayor Lemon informed he met with the owner of the Valley Mall, Fred Bruning, and Fred is very happy that development happens quickly here. He informed that Dave Spurlock, the former Mark Reynolds, and Brian Butler have all done an excellent job helping new stores locate here.

Adjournment

At 7:32 p.m. Mayor Lemon adjourned the Regular Council meeting.

These minutes dated July 26, 2010 were approved at the Regular Council Meeting of August 9, 2010.

Jim Lemon
Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathryn Thompson, CMC
City Clerk