

UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Council Chambers, City Hall
Union Gap, Washington
May 12, 2008

- 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; William Rathbone, Development Coordinator; Jason Hatfield, Community Service Officer; Keith Yamane, Fire Chief; Karen Clifton, City Treasurer; and Kathryn Thompson, City Clerk were present.
- Audience Present Joe & Linda Jackson, Bill Woolman, Gary Schemp, Debra Kroon, Susie Walters, Jennifer Loyd, Dawn, Jimmy & Aimee Lemon, Mary Ann Lockhart, Debbie Matson, Michael Murr, Stephanie Korn, Lewis, Thelma & Donald Beddoe, Jack Galloway, Phil Salzman, Ashley Davis, Erin Snelgrove, and others were present.
- Pledge of Allegiance The Public Works Director led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Introduction Mayor Lemon announced the introduction of the City's police canine has been moved to the May 27th meeting.
- WSU Master Gardener Presentation & Mayor's Proclamation Mayor Lemon read a proclamation proclaiming May 11-17, 2008 as Washington State University Master Gardener Volunteer Week.
- Debra Kroon, Master Gardener Association, played a slide show of pictures taken at the Ahtanum Youth Park and informed this is their 3rd year at the park. She then explained some of the programs they offer, and informed they also provide a writer's group and a speaker's bureau.
- 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 April 28, 2008, as sent out on pages 4787 through 4791 of the Minute Book.
- Approve Claim Voucher Nos. 71679 through 71714 in the amount of \$255,881.55 dated April 30, 2008 and transfer from the operating funds to the Claims Fund.
- Approve Payroll Voucher Nos. 31551 through 31630 in the amount of \$145,620.30, dated April 30, 2008 and transfer from the operating funds to the Payroll Fund.
- Approve Claim Voucher Nos. 71715 through 71814 in the amount of \$258,471.47 dated May 12, 2008 and transfer from the operating funds to the Claims Fund.
- Adopt Resolution No. 718, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a Yakima County SIED (Supporting Investments in Economic Diversification) grant and authorizing the Mayor to execute SIED Loan documents relating to the funding shortfall on infrastructure improvements associated with Valley Mall Boulevard Phase III.
- Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing –
Ordinance No. 2554 –
Establishing
Moratorium on Filing
Certain Types of
Development Permit
Applications

At 7:07 p.m. Mayor Lemon opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2554 establishing a moratorium on filing certain types of development permit applications.

The Development Coordinator explained the ordinance established a six-month moratorium on permit applications for new correctional facilities or for the expansion of existing facilities. He stated the moratorium allows for review and modifications by the Planning Commission.

The City Clerk announced there were no written comments received.

There was no one present wishing to speak to this item.

At 7:09 p.m. Mayor Lemon closed the public hearing.

The City Attorney explained that this ordinance was already passed and will remain in effect until September.

Ordinance No. 2559 –
Amending Municipal
Code – Relating to
Animals and Livestock

Mayor Lemon informed this ordinance cleans up the code language and makes the animal sections clearer. He stated it limits the amount of dogs and cats to four per property.

Council Member Matson informed the ordinance says a maximum of four dogs and cats or a combination of both, but the ordinance allows four poultry and four rabbits. He stated he would like the ordinance changed to allow four dogs and four cats.

Council Member Wentz stated he would like to strike the code section on pit bull licensing until a pit bull is deemed vicious like all other breeds.

Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Matson to amend Ordinance No. 2559 to add a section amending the Municipal Code relating to licensing of pit bulls to make pit bulls consistent with other dog breeds. Motion carried: Council Members Butler, Vanover, Wentz, Matson, and Murr voting in favor; Council Members Olson and Bateman voting no.

Motion by Council Member Matson, seconded by Council Member Wentz to amend Ordinance No. 2559 to change the language to allow four dogs and four cats per property. Motion failed: Council Members Wentz, Matson, and Murr voting in favor; Council Members Butler, Olson, Bateman, and Vanover voting no.

Motion by Council Member Vanover, seconded by Council Member Wentz to adopt and publish Ordinance No. 2559, An Ordinance amending Union Gap Municipal Code Title 6, Animals by adding a section 6.04.055 to Chapter 6.04 Dogs and amending provisions of Chapter 6.04 and by amending provisions of Chapter 6.08 Livestock, as amended to make licensing of pit bulls consistent with other dog breeds. Motion carried: Council Members Butler, Vanover, Wentz, Matson, and Murr voting in favor; Council Members Olson and Bateman voting no.

Resolution No. 717 –
Agreement with
Yakima Valley BMX
Association.

Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Butler to adopt Resolution No. 717, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Facility Use Agreement with Yakima Valley Bicycle Motocross (BMX) Association for the use of part of the Youth Activities Park. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment to Park
Board

Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Olson to confirm the appointment of Andrea Vasquez to the Park Board to fill the unexpired term of Dixie Van Tassel. This term expires June 25, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

Items from the Audience

Youth Center. Donald Beddoe, Michael Murr, and Ashley Davis, introduced themselves as three members of the Youth Council.

Donald requested the Council consider passing a resolution authorizing the Youth Council to use the former senior center for a youth center and authorize the expenditure of funds to pay for signage for the building.

Council Member Wentz questioned what kinds of activities they are planning.

Donald stated they would like to have a pool table, ping pong table and air hockey for youth to use after school and during the summer.

Council Member Wentz questioned if they have any fund raising planned.

Donald said not yet.

Council Member Vanover questioned if there would be adult supervision.

Donald stated they are planning to ask the seniors to volunteer to supervise.

Council Member Matson questioned if they have talked to the seniors yet.

Donald stated no.

Mayor Lemon requested the Youth Council request be added to the next Council agenda.

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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 – April 2008; Code Enforcement Activity Report – April 2008.

Fire Department. The Fire Chief informed the Captain’s test will be conducted Thursday, and the fire station roof is almost complete.

Communications/ Questions/Comments

Council Member Wentz requested staff see if additional microphones can be added to the sound system.

At 7:33 p.m., Mayor Lemon adjourned the Regular Council meeting.

Adjournment

These minutes dated May 12, 2008 were approved at the Regular Council Meeting of May 27, 2008.

Jim Lemon
Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathryn Thompson, CMC
City Clerk