

**UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall**  
**Union Gap, Washington**  
**November 13, 2007**

- Call to Order Mayor Reeves called the Regular Meeting of the Union Gap City Council to order at 7:05 p.m.
- Council Members Present Council Members Jim Lemon, David Butler, Dan Olson, Toni Webb, Glenn Bateman, and Dan Vanover were present.
- Staff Present Robert Noe, City Attorney; Dennis Henne, Public Works Director; William Rathbone, Development Coordinator; Robert Almeida, Police Chief; Tim Whitehurst, Interim Fire Chief; Karen Clifton, City Treasurer; and Kathryn Thompson, City Clerk were present.
- Audience Present Dave & Debbie Matson, Dawn Lemon, Tony Reise, Dixie Van Tassel, Pastor David Dalton, James & Michael Murr, Stephanie Korn, Phil Salzman, Mike & Pat Lindsey, John Hodkinson, Jo Collier, Jay Sentz, and others were present.
- Invocation Pastor David Dalton presented the invocation.
- Pledge of Allegiance Council Member Lemon led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Presentation of Special Award Mayor Reeves announced that Sgt. McNearney would be given a certificate for 15 years of service to the City.
- Consent Agenda Motion by Council Member Webb, seconded by Council Member Vanover to approve the consent agenda, as follows:
- Approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes, dated October 22, 2007, as sent out on pages 4721 through 4723 of the Minute Book.
- Approve Claim Voucher Nos. 70285 through 70320 in the amount of \$328,848.18, dated October 31, 2007 and transfer from the operating funds to the Claims Fund.
- Approve Payroll Voucher Nos. 31075 through 31158 in the amount of \$173,144.72, dated October 31, 2007 and transfer from the operating funds to the Payroll Fund.
- Approve Claim Voucher Nos. 70321 through 70445 in the amount of \$275,349.50, dated November 13, 2007 and transfer from the operating funds to the Claims Fund.
- Declare surplus and authorize staff to dispose of the following:
1. Acquired Valley Mall Boulevard Properties: 308, 402, and 701 Pioneer Lane; 2207 and 2209 South 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue; 2015 and 2105 South 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue; and
  2. Fire Department 1991 GMC Jimmy.
- Adopt Resolution No. 690, A Resolution setting a public hearing regarding petitions for boundary line adjustment between the City of Union Gap and the City of Yakima.
- Adopt Resolution No. 691, A Resolution amending existing Resolution No. 576, Section 1, regarding membership of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.
- Motion carried unanimously; Council Member Wentz absent.

Public Hearing – 2008  
Revenue Sources,  
Including Ad Valorem

At 7:12 p.m. Mayor Reeves opened the public hearing for oral and written comments regarding the 2008 revenue sources, including ad valorem. There was no one present wishing to speak regarding this item.

The City Clerk announced no written comments were received.

At 7:13 p.m. Mayor Reeves closed the public hearing.

Public Hearing – 2008  
Preliminary Budget

At 7:13 p.m. Mayor Reeves opened the public hearing for oral and written comments regarding the 2008 Preliminary Budget.

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

The City Clerk announced no written comments were received.

At 7:14 p.m. Mayor Reeves closed the public hearing.

Ordinance No. 2541 –  
Fixing the 2008 Ad  
Valorem Property  
Taxes

Mayor Reeves explained that a home valued at \$100,000 would pay \$1,174.38 in property taxes and of that \$1,174.38 the City receives \$279.50. For that \$279.50 the citizens receive police and fire services, streets lights, street maintenance, and many other services.

Council Member Lemon questioned what 1 percent of \$100,000 reflects.

Mayor Reeves stated approximately \$1.17.

Motion by Council Member Vanover, seconded by Council Member Webb to adopt and publish Ordinance No. 2541, An Ordinance fixing the estimated amount of ad valorem taxes to be levied to meet the financial requirements of the City of Union Gap, Washington for the year 2008. Motion carried: Council Members Lemon, Butler, Webb, Bateman, and Vanover voting in favor; Council Member Olson voting no; Council Member Wentz absent.

Council Member Butler questioned if this paper is under new ownership.

Resolution No. 689 –  
Authorizing Agreement  
with Yakima Valley  
Newspapers for 2008  
Yakima Valley  
Visitor's Guide

The City Clerk informed the new owners Mike and Pat Lindsey, are present.

Motion by Council Member Butler, seconded by Council Member Vanover to adopt Resolution No. 689, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the attached 2008 Agreement with Yakima Valley Newspapers for the Advertising Guide. Motion carried unanimously; Council Member Wentz absent.

Discuss City Manager/  
City Administrator  
Position

Motion by Council Member Vanover, seconded by Council Member Lemon to table this item to the next regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously; Council Member Wentz absent.

Items from the  
Audience

Cahalan Park. Tony Reise, Park Board Member, presented a proposal from Brooklyn Baseball Club offering to build a practice field at Cahalan Park. He informed this would be an instructional field on the far side of the park away from the proposed plaza area. The club would like City Council approval by the end of this year because they have sponsors willing to construct the field at their cost. The club will also agree to clean and care for the bathrooms and storage.

Council Member Butler questioned where the club plays their games.

Rich Lindros, Owner of the Brooklyn Baseball Club, stated they currently play games at Selah and the Yakima Bears Stadium. He gave some history of the club and stated they would like an 8-year use agreement for the park. He stated this field will be for practices and most of the parents will drop their kids off and

go shopping. He explained after this field is developed he would like to discuss developing tournament fields at Fullbright Park, and informed he hosts a 4<sup>th</sup> of July tournament using 2 High Schools, Kiwanis field, and the Bears Stadium. He also informed he conducts summer clinics and would be happy to do one for free for Union Gap children, and the Union Gap school could also play their games on the field if they wish.

Council Member Vanover questioned if the bathrooms are open all year.

The Public Works Director stated the bathrooms have no heat so they are winterized and closed in the winter.

Addition to the Agenda  
– Agreement with  
Brooklyn Baseball Club

After discussion, motion by Council Member Lemon, seconded by Council Member Webb to add discussion of an agreement with Brooklyn Baseball Club to tonight's agenda. Motion carried unanimously; Council Member Wentz absent.

Motion by Council Member Lemon, seconded by Council Member Webb to have the City Attorney write up an agreement with Brooklyn Baseball Club for the November 26<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously; Council Member Wentz absent.

Departmental Reports

Mayor Reeves informed the following reports are in the packet and questioned if the Council has any questions of the departments: Building/Mechanical & Plumbing Report – October 2007; Code Enforcement Activity Report – October 2007; and Treasurer's Report – September 2007; and Development of Agenda for 11/26/07.

At 7:35 p.m., Mayor Reeves adjourned the Regular Council meeting.

Adjournment

*These minutes dated November 13, 2007 were approved at the Regular Council Meeting of November 26, 2007.*

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Aubrey C. Reeves, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kathryn Thompson, CMC, City Clerk