

UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Council Chambers, City Hall
Union Gap, Washington
October 27, 2008

Call to Order Mayor Lemon called the Regular Meeting of the Union Gap City Council to order at 7:03 p.m.

Council Members Present Council Members David Butler, Dan Olson, Glenn Bateman, Dan Vanover, Roger Wentz, Dave Matson, and Jim Murr were present.

Staff Present Robert Noe, City Attorney; Dennis Henne, Public Works Director; Robert Almeida, Police Chief; Bill Steele, Fire Chief; William Rathbone, Development Coordinator; Karen Clifton, City Treasurer; and Kathryn Thompson, City Clerk were present.

Audience Present Stephanie Korn, Michael & Joshua Murr, Debbie Matson, Fred Thomson, Ryan Croffut, James Carmody, John Hodkinson, Kip Kendrick, John Cooper, Michelle Hopkins, Ray Kempf, Esteban Pena, Luciano Flores, Brandon Ray, Joe & Linda Jackson, and others were present.

Pledge of Allegiance The Fire Chief led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Approve the Study Session Council Meeting Minutes, dated October 13, 2008, as sent out on page 4845 of the Minute Book.

Approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes, dated October 13, 2008, as sent out on pages 4846 through 4851 of the Minute Book.

Approve Claim Voucher Nos. 72954 through 73057 in the amount of \$1,796,809.15 dated October 27, 2008 and transfer from the operating funds to the Claims Fund.

Approve Petty Cash Check No. 1537, issued and paid in the month of September, in the amount of \$18.00.

Approve Municipal Court Check Nos. 3101 through 3112, issued and paid in the month of September, in the amount of \$42,259.34.

Approve Advanced Travel Check Nos. 1041 through 1043, issued and paid in the month of September, in the amount of \$468.75.

There were no Treasurer's Checks issued in the month of September.

Adopt and publish Ordinance No. 2593, An Ordinance setting Christina Chapman's salary for the position of Full-Time Deputy Court Clerk.

Declare 1999 City Clerk computer surplus and authorize transfer to the Union Gap Youth Council for the Youth Center.

Declare miscellaneous confiscated firearms surplus and authorize trading them to GWI, Inc. Law Enforcement & Safety Equipment/Gunarama Wholesales, Inc. and receive credit for future supply purchases.

Set public hearing for the 2009 Budget for November 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2577 –
Acquisition of
Properties for Valley
Mall Boulevard, Ph. IV

Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Vanover to table Ordinance No. 2577, An Ordinance of the City of Union Gap, Washington providing for the acquisition of certain properties for the improvement of Valley Mall Boulevard (Phase IV) all located within the City of Union Gap, Yakima County, Washington to the November 10, 2008 Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

James Carmody, Attorney for Medi-Center, thanked the Council for postponing the vote on the ordinance and informed he and Dr. Truhler would like to meet with the staff and Council committee again.

Council Member Olson questioned what took place at the previous meeting with staff and the Council committee.

Mayor Lemon and Council Member Wentz commented Council Member Olson was at the meeting, but arrived late.

Mr. Carmody informed he and Dr. Truhler met with Mayor Lemon, Council Members Wentz, Vanover, City staff, and Department of Transportation staff. He stated it was a good meeting and he and Dr. Truhler have followed through with some suggestions from that meeting, and are ready to meet again.

Mayor Lemon informed another meeting will be scheduled with the same Council people.

Ordinance No. 2594 –
Amending 2008 Budget
– Municipal Court

Motion by Council Member Vanover, seconded by Council Member Wentz to adopt and publish Ordinance No. 2594, An Ordinance amending the 2008 Budget for the City's Municipal Court. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 740 –
2009 Advertising
Agreement with
Yakima Valley
Newspapers for 2009
Yakima Valley
Visitor's Guide

Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Butler to adopt Resolution No. 740, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the attached 2009 Agreement with Yakima Valley Newspapers for the Advertising Guide. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Olson recommended Mr. Lindsey get a new picture of the Carmichael Castle.

The City Clerk informed Mr. Lindsey has a new reporter assigned to take new pictures to present to the City for approval.

Res. No. 741 – 2009
Visitors Guide Adver.
Contract with Yakima
Valley Visitors &
Convention Bureau

Motion by Council Member Vanover, seconded by Council Member Wentz to adopt Resolution No. 741, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the attached 2009 Visitors Guide Advertising Contract with Yakima Valley Visitors & Convention Bureau. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 742 –
Interagency Agreement
with Yakima Air
Terminal for Valley
Mall Boulevard Phase
III/So. 16th Avenue
Intersection

Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Vanover to adopt Resolution No. 742, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interagency Agreement between the Yakima Air Terminal and the City of Union Gap for the construction of an intersection at the intersection of S. 16th Avenue as realigned with Valley Mall Boulevard Phase III which Interagency Agreement will provide for a Change Order addressing the construction of the intersection and which Interagency Agreement will also provide for payment of the costs associated with that Change Order. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Olson requested an explanation of this item.

The Public Works Director informed this is an interagency agreement for the Airport to reimburse Union Gap for expenses related to the construction of the intersection of S. 16th Avenue and Valley Mall Boulevard so the Airport will not

be redoing the intersection a year or so after the City is finished with our project. Council Member Olson commented we should remind the City of Yakima this is the second time they have piggybacked on our project to save money.

Resolution No. 743 –
Fire Communications
Service Contract with
City of Yakima

Motion by Council Member Vanover, seconded by Council Member Wentz to adopt Resolution No. 743, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Fire Communications Services Contract with the City of Yakima. Motion carried unanimously.

Yakima Valley Conf. of
Governments 2009
Budget

Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Vanover to authorize staff to notify Yakima Valley Conference of Governments in writing by December 31, 2008 of Union Gap's intent to continue participation in YVCOG at the specified assessment of \$4,240. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Vanover commented the City's membership in YVCOG has been a good investment.

Final Acceptance of
Wide Hollow Creek
Pathways Project

Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Murr to accept the Wide Hollow Creek Pathways Project as complete and authorizing release of \$3,723.63 retainage, after all conditions in the attached letter from Huibregtse, Louman Associates, Inc. are met. Motion carried unanimously.

Authorization to
Advertise for Bids for
the Waste Water
Collection System
Improvements Project

Motion by Council Member Vanover, seconded by Council Member Wentz to authorize staff to advertise for bids for the Wastewater Collection System Improvements Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Matson questioned if this project is in one location.

The Public Works Director stated the project is repairing infiltration and inflow (I&I) in the existing City system.

Mayor Lemon informed this item is budgeted.

Items from the
Audience

Second Hand Store. Ray Kempf, resident, commented that as people enter the South end of Union Gap they see a second hand store on the east side of Main Street that looks like a junk pile. He questioned if this store is in compliance with City codes.

Mayor Lemon stated he is not aware of this situation and recommended Mr. Kempf make a complaint with the Code Enforcement Officer or Development Coordinator.

Council Member Butler commented he has noticed that the business in question is looking pretty bad.

Develop. Agenda for
November 10, 2008
Council Meeting

Budget Hearings. Council Member Wentz questioned when the budget hearings would be.

The City Clerk informed the hearings on the preliminary budget and ad valorem property taxes will be November 10, 2008 and the hearing on the final budget will be November 24, 2008.

Aquatics Center. Mayor Lemon informed Mayor Dave Edler left a message wanting to know how Union Gap would like to move forward to place the aquatics center on the ballot.

Council Member Wentz questioned when Yakima wants the aquatic center on the ballot.

Mayor Lemon stated Mayor Edler did not say when the issue would be on the

ballot; they want the support of the three City Councils first. Council Member Matson stated a determination should be made regarding the location for the aquatic center before taking it to the voters.

Council Member Vanover suggested Yakima make a presentation to the Council.

Council Member Olson commented if the three communities vote and the Union Gap residents vote no and the other two vote yes, Union Gap will be outvoted and will lose out.

Council Member Wentz commented he doubts if there will be a huge disparity in how the three entities vote because this is a quality of life issue for the area, but it is possible for Union Gap and Selah to be outvoted.

Council Member Matson questioned what would happen if only Union Gap voted no.

Mayor Lemon informed the vote could fail in Union Gap and pass in the other communities and the people in Union Gap would have to pay anyway.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to request Yakima make a 10-minute presentation at the November 10, 2008 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: Public Works Department Status Report – September 2008; Police Department Status Report – September 2008; New Businesses Report – September/October 2008; Treasurer’s Report – August 2008; and Tax Revenue Report – September 2006/2007/2008.

The Public Works Director informed over a year ago as part of the update to the Comprehensive Parks plan, the City conducted a survey of the citizens and there was a pretty high response from people that would like to see a water park or water feature.

Council Member Vanover commented as he recalls, the response rate to the survey was pretty low.

Communications/
Questions/Comments

Tourism Promotion. Council Member Butler informed the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee will be interviewing three prospects for the Tourism Promotion position tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Lemon questioned if any Council members were interested in attending the interviews.

There were no Council members available to attend.

At 7:29 p.m., Mayor Lemon adjourned the Regular Council meeting.

Adjournment

These minutes dated October 27, 2008 were approved at the Regular Council Meeting of November 10, 2008.

Jim Lemon
Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathryn Thompson, CMC

City Clerk