

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 23, 2017**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Norm Childress called the Committee-of-the-Whole special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present were: Mayor Childress and Councilmembers Gay Brewer, Dennis McDonald, Bill Moore and Javier Rodriguez.

Councilmember Joan Souders arrived at 6:05 p.m. Councilmember Mike Everett arrived at 6:10 p.m. Councilmember Gloria Mendoza arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Staff present were: City Administrator/Public Works Director Cus Arteaga, City Attorney Quinn Plant, City Treasurer Matt Cordray, Police Chief Kal Fuller and City Clerk Anita Palacios.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the 2018 Corrections/Detention Agreement with Yakima County**

The City of Grandview and the Yakima County Department of Corrections enter into yearly contracts for inmate housing services. The contract was an Interlocal Agreement outlining the specifics regarding the treatment, costs and housing of inmates within the Yakima County jail. Grandview prisoners in transition from one jurisdiction to another would be temporarily held with Yakima County until they could be transported to another facility. Grandview was charged for this temporary housing. The 2018 Interlocal Agreement with Yakima County was similar to last year's agreement. The only changes were an increase in per day rates (now \$59.85) and some prior non applicable language was stricken. The agreement would continue to allow prisoners to be temporarily housed with Yakima County. The 2018 Interlocal Agreement was reviewed as to form by the City Attorney.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Moore, the C.O.W. moved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the 2018 Corrections/Detention Agreement with Yakima County to the November 14, 2017 Council meeting for consideration.**

**B. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Sunnyside and the City of Grandview for housing of inmates**

The City of Grandview and the City of Sunnyside enter into yearly contracts for jail services. The contract was an Interlocal Agreement outlining the specifics regarding the treatment, costs and housing of inmates within Sunnyside and Grandview jails. The 2018 Interlocal Agreement

with the City of Sunnyside was the same as previous year's agreements. The only change was a slight increase in per day rates from \$42.00 to \$47.00. The agreement would allow for prisoners to be routinely housed in Sunnyside. Grandview jail would now be a temporary holding facility. The 2018 Interlocal Agreement was reviewed as to form by the City Attorney.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, the C.O.W. moved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Sunnyside and the City of Grandview for housing of inmates to the November 14, 2017 Council meeting for consideration.**

**C. Ordinance levying the 2018 ad valorem property taxes and excess levy taxes**

City Treasurer Cordray explained that pursuant to legislation RCW 84.52.020, the City's certification for the purpose of levying 2018 property taxes was to be filed with the Board of Yakima County Commissioners on or before November 30, 2017 or the City would receive no funding from this source. As a result of Referendum 47, the City would need to pass an ordinance for the levy amount up to the full 101%. The regular levy request in the amount of \$1,533,600 was a \$21,830 increase from the 2017 levy amount and a ¼% increase of that same 2017 levy amount, plus any amount allowed for new construction and increase in state assessed value. He presented an ordinance levying the 2018 ad valorem property taxes and excess levy taxes.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember McDonald, the C.O.W. moved an ordinance levying the 2018 ad valorem property taxes and excess levy taxes to the November 14, 2017 Council meeting for consideration.**

**D. Resolution amending Chapter 7 of the Personnel Policy Manual relating to sick leave to comply with Initiative 1443 (paid sick leave)**

City Attorney Plant explained that in November 2016, Washington's voters approved Initiative 1443. The initiative increased the minimum wage and mandated that employees in Washington were entitled to paid sick leave. The initiative delineated the circumstances in which sick leave may be taken and the procedures by which an employer may verify that an employee's use of sick leave was proper. Implementing regulations were being developed and, when finalized, would be adopted at Chapter 296-128 WAC. The requirements of Initiative 1443 become effective January 1, 2018. The City currently provides paid sick leave to full time employees. However, several components of the City's current sick leave policy should be amended to comply with Initiative 1443. Seasonal and part-time employees would be entitled to sick leave. Other provisions within the City's sick leave policy should also be amended to comply with the requirements of Initiative 1443. Staff presented the City's current sick leave policy as amended, in track change format to illustrate the amendments being proposed. Also presented was a resolution adopting the changes.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Everett, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, the C.O.W. moved a resolution amending Chapter 7 of the Personnel Policy Manual relating to sick leave to comply with Initiative 1443 (paid sick leave) to the November 14, 2017 Council meeting for consideration.**

**E. Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Funding Application**

City Administrator Arteaga explained that the City's Water System Plan identified Major Capital Improvements in 2019 as follows:

- Cedar Street water main upsizing - \$372,000
- North Elm Street water main upsizing - \$256,000
- West Third Street water main upsizing - \$360,000
- West Fourth Street water main upsizing - \$233,000
- Glen Street water main upsizing - \$205,000

The funding identified for these improvements was a Drinking Water State Resolving Fund (DWSRF) loan. The loan costs were included in the existing rate structure. To construct these improvements in 2019, a DWSRF application in the amount of \$1.5 million would need to be completed before the November 30, 2017 deadline. If selected, the funds become available in July 2018, design could occur in the fall/winter with construction in 2019 as identified in the plan.

Due to the recent emergency repairs to the sewer transmission main and the possible complete replacement of the entire existing transmission main from Dykstra Park to the Euclid Lift Station, he recommended that Council postpone the Water System Plan improvements in 2019 for an additional 2-3 years and not apply for the DWSRF loan at this time. The water mains identified were beginning to exhibit wear and tear, but none of the water mains were in an emergency status mode for replacement or out of compliance with the Department of Health regulations.

He expressed concern with receiving another water system loan in addition to the sewer main replacement loan recently applied for with the Department of Ecology, and the required water and sewer utility rate increases needed to satisfy both loan payments.

Discussion took place.

Council concurred with his recommendation.

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Elm & Fir Street Sidewalk Improvements (Safe Routes to School Grant)**

City Administrator Arteaga explained that the Safe Routes to School grant application provided for sidewalk improvements on Elm and Fir Streets. The grant application identified an established unsurfaced pedestrian pathway at the end of Fir Street just south of East Fourth Street which allowed students to walk directly through the neighborhood to Highland Drive. The grant application provided for the installation of a 6' sidewalk on the east side of Fir Street to the south of Smith Elementary School connecting to the neighborhood pathway.

Following the grant award, Councilmember Brewer requested the City Administrator provide a cost estimate from the City Engineers for pedestrian lighting along the pathway. The City

Engineers provided a cost estimate of \$56,000. The City Engineers also indicated that they were unable to determine the ownership of the pathway.

City Administrator Arteaga distributed a copy of the plat map for the residential subdivision (Vista Villas) adjacent to Smith Elementary School. The plat identified the pathway on the map and also indicated "Asphalt pathways to be owned and maintained by Remidco Corporation". Since the property did not belong to the City, the City would be unable to install pedestrian lighting on private property. He noted that the City had not received any complaints or concerns regarding the pathway.

Discussion took place.

Councilmember Brewer requested that the record reflect his concern for improving safety along the pathway.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The study session adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Mayor Norm Childress

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Anita Palacios, City Clerk