

## **ELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 4, 2021**

**6:00 P.M. ON ZOOM**

### **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mayor Sorensen called the January 4, 2021 City Council Meeting to order. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:**

Diana Easton called roll with Jim Sorensen, Josh Collette, Mike Cooper, Tom Boling, David Blackett, Pat Miller, and Attorney Rick Hughes present.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**Motion made by David Blackett seconded by Pat Miller to approve the minutes from December 7, 2020. Josh Collette requested the record be amended in regards to the 7th police position to have it noted that he did request that the Mayor provide a plan on how to sustain that position moving forward. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

### **HEARINGS EXAMINER RECOMMENDATION ON MULTI-FAMILY UDC TEXT AMENDMENT**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding the hearing's examiner recommendation on multi-family UDC text amendment. Jim Starks took questions from council regarding this topic. Tom Boling commented that it looked like everything was on the documentation that council had requested. Council, Jim Starks and Joe Chrystal had further discussions regarding this topic. **Tom Boling made a motion to follow the hearing examiner's recommendation on multi-family UDC text amendment seconded by Josh Collette. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

### **MUNICIPAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH GGHI**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding the municipal service agreement with GGHI. Mayor Sorensen indicated that he had signed up for the legislative send off, but did not realize they were going to charge \$15.00 for a Zoom meeting. He feels that it is important for either the Mayor or council to attend the meeting. Mayor Sorensen will send Mike Cooper an email regarding the legislative send off. Council had a discussion regarding the Municipal Service Agreement with GGHI. **Tom Boling made a motion to accept the agreement seconded by Josh Collette. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**DISCUSSION ON COMMITTEES AND MAYOR PRO-TEM FOR 2021**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion on committees and Mayor Pro-Tem for 2021. Mayor Sorensen indicated that he needed back up for the COG and E911 meetings that he attends. Josh Collette volunteered to be the backup for COG committee meetings, and Mike Cooper volunteered to be backup for the E911 committee meetings. Mike Cooper will take over the parks committee meeting from Mayor Sorensen since he doesn't have time. David Blackett agreed to stay on as Mayor Pro-Tem for 2021, and all other council members decided to keep the same committees.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Public Safety-Mike Cooper informed council the only report he had was that they were going to need to schedule a meeting because Chief Shultz has a proposal they will need to look at.

Parks-Mayor Sorensen informed council they did not have a meeting last month and will have a meeting this week.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Chief Boling gave an update on the new fire truck. Chief Boling said he received an email that things were moving along. Due to COVID the chief decided not to send anyone to South Dakota, and the final inspection will be taking place in Spokane, WA. Mr. Boling also reported that some first responders have started receiving COVID vaccines, and that the annexation for Fire District #5 will be on the April 2021 ballot. Attorney Hughes will check into whether or not the City needs to pass a new resolution concerning Fire District #5 moving the election date from February to April.

Attorney Hughes informed council that he is in the process of getting Attorney Dan Glenn's active files.

Chief Shultz informed council they arrested a burglary suspect and a car prowler suspect, but had to let him go because he tested positive for COVID. There was also a vehicle vs. pedestrian accident by Eagles Landing.

Joe Chrystal informed council that he has received the Bi-Mart plans. Joe Chrystal also informed council that the Eagles Landing developer, Mr. Hanson, has passed away.

Dee Depoe said they are continuing with the curbside service at the library.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Tom Boling asked where we are at with the hospital and the theatre. Mayor Sorensen replied that he would be having an executive session regarding the theatre. Mayor Sorensen asked council when they would like to have a meeting with Summit Pacific Hospital regarding their Oakhurst Drive gate.

Council had discussions regarding this topic. Mayor Sorensen will have Attorney Hughes draft a letter to Summit Pacific Hospital.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: LITIGATION RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)**

Mayor Sorensen called an executive session to discuss the litigation RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) at 6:45 p.m. for 10 minutes. Mayor and council returned from executive session and the meeting was reconvened at 6:55 p.m.

**MEETINGS**

Next council meeting will be on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mike Cooper made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Josh Collette. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

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**Jim Sorensen – Mayor**

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**Diana Easton – City Clerk/Treasurer**