

ELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 19, 2021

6:00 P.M. ON ZOOM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Sorensen called the January 19, 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 Pat Miller seconded by Mike Cooper to approve the minutes from January 4, 2021. Approval of Claims Nov. 30, 2020 Claims #55549-55571 in the amount of \$81,560.75, Dec. 21, 2020 Claims #55575-55653 in the amount of \$227,106.70, Dec. 31, 2020 Claims #55654-55702 in the amount of \$53,629.03. Approval of payroll November, 2020 Warrants #43139-43183 in the amount of \$195,203.88, and December, 2020 Warrants #43184-43225 in the amount of \$217,416.35. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Brad Olson of 73 McCleary Rd. requested that council open the parks for youth sports in the spring. Council and Mr. Olson had discussions regarding this topic. Mayor and council will do research and make a decision by the next council meeting on February 1, 2021. Mr. Olson stated that Little League will be coming up with a COVID safety plan. Mayor Sorensen requested a copy of the safety plans when they are ready, so that he and council can go through them.

A2Z CLEANING PROFESSIONALS REQUEST AN INCREASE FOR 2021

Mayor Sorensen opened discussions on A2Z cleaning professionals request for an increase for 2021. **Pat Miller made a motion to approve A2Z cleaning professionals request for an increase for 2021 seconded by Josh Collette. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

CITY CALENDAR FOR YEAR 2021 WHICH INCLUDES SUMMER SCHEDULE

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding city calendar for year 2021 which includes summer schedule. **Pat Miller made a motion to approve the city calendar for year 2021 which includes summer schedule seconded by Mike Cooper. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

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CONSULTANT CONTRACT -G&O-N 12TH ST. TIB DESIGN

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion on consultant contract – G&O-N 12th St. TIB Design. Jim Starks addressed council and said it was a standard TIB agreement and recommended council’s approval. **David Blackett made a motion to approve the Consultant Contract-with Gibbs & Olson-N 12th St. TIB Design seconded by Josh Collette. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

CONSULTANT CONTRACT-G&O- N 12TH ST. WATER IMPROVEMENT DESIGN

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding consultant contract-G&O- N 12th St. Water Improvement Design. **David Blackett made a motion to approve the Consultant Contract-with Gibbs & Olson-N 12th St. Water Improvement Design seconded by Pat Miller. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee is working on scheduling meetings.

Parks Committee-Josh Collette informed council that they had lost a member and they are working on getting applications out around February or March. Mike Cooper and Josh Collette will act as liaisons between those groups rather than active members of that group. Josh Collette informed council that they really wanted to get digital door locks on the bathrooms at the parks and would like digital door locks added to the February 1 council meeting agenda. Jim Starks stated he was a little apprehensive about digital locks because people pass the key and around and felt that it would be easier to give out the passcode. Council had a discussion regarding this topic.

STAFF REPORTS

Jim Starks and Mayor Sorensen discussed buying a brand-new street sweeper. Jim Starks will look into the cost of the sweeper.

Chief Boling reported to council that hopefully at the next meeting that he will get with the new attorney to have a resolution to surplus the old green fire engine and ambulance. Chief Boling updated council on the new engine and has reported that it is done and complete. Chief Boling will do a virtual inspection on Tuesday, and if all is good it will arrive in Spokane, WA to have a tool inspection. Josh Collette wanted to know where we are in the rest of the financing for the new engine. Chief Boling talked to Diana Easton and Chief Fulbright about getting a loan through the state because the state interest rates are very low.

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Attorney Hughes reported to council that he has made amendments to the resolution and the annexation agreement with Fire district #5 and has sent them to their legal counsel.

Chief Shultz reported to council that she will have a report to them on what the police department did last year within the next couple months.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Tom Boling expressed his concerns about the digital locks for the parks. Tom Boling also suggested that we surplus all the old vehicles all at once. Chief Shultz agreed, but would like to get the most money for the old police vehicles, whatever route they choose to go.

EXECUTIVE SESSION LITIGATION RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

Mayor Sorensen called for an executive session at 6:30 p.m. for 5 minutes to discuss Litigation RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) with no action to be taken. Council returned from executive session at 6:35 p.m. Meeting was reconvened.

Next council meeting will be on February 1, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

David Blackett made a motion to adjourn seconded by Pat Miller. All council member voted in favor. Motion carried.

Jim Sorensen – Mayor

Diana Easton – City Clerk/Treasurer

