

## **ELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**March 15, 2021**

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

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

Mayor Sorensen called the March 15, 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:**

**Approval of claims Feb. 29, 2021, and March 15, 2021. Approval of payroll February, 2021. Approval of minutes March 1, 2021. David Blackett made a motion to approve the consent calendar seconded by Tom Boling. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

### **AN ORDINANCE REGARDING MULTI-FAMILY ZONING AMENDMENTS**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding an ordinance #1195 multi-family zoning amendment. Council had discussions regarding the multi-family zoning amendments. **Pat Miller made a motion to approve the ordinance seconded by Josh Collette. All council members voted in favor. Roll call was taken, all council members present. Motion passes.**

### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INVESTMENT OF CITY MONIES-LGIP (NEEDS UPDATED)**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion for resolution #685 authorizing investment of city monies-LGIP (Needs Updated). **David Blackett made a motion to approve resolution #685 seconded by Pat Miller. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

### **DISCUSS THE ELMA THEATRE AND BROWNFIELD GRANT**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding the Elma Theatre and Brownfield Grant. Mayor Sorensen invited Vicki Cummings to the council meeting to discuss the Brownfield Grant and to answer any questions council may have concerning the Brownfield Grant. Vicki Cummings gave a presentation on the Brownfield Grant and how it works. Council had questions and discussions with Vicki Cummings regarding this topic.

**DISCUSS CHANGING CODE THAT GOVERNS PARK BOARD**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding changing the code that governs park board. Josh Collette would like to change the code from 7 board members to 4 board members and change the code so that a quorum consists of only 3 members that have to be in attendance instead of a quorum consisting of 4 members having to be in attendance. Mayor Sorensen directed Attorney Hughes to amend the ordinance per Josh Collette's recommendations.

**APPROVAL FOR EXTENSION OF LANDSCAPE SERVICES-BETTER GREEN SERVICES**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding approval for extension of landscape services Better Green Services. Jim Starks gave a brief overview of the extension. **Tom Boling made a motion to approve Mayor Sorensen to sign the extension for Better Green Services seconded by Pat Miller. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**CHIEF SHULTZ-REQUEST REVIEW OF ORDINANCE #1135 TO SEE IF GOLF CARTS CAN BE INCLUDED**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding Chief Schultz's request for review of Ordinance #1135 to see if golf carts can be included. Council had discussions regarding this topic. Mayor Sorensen directed the Public Safety committee to look further into this topic and make recommendations to council.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Safety**-Mike Cooper requested to have a public safety meeting on the Monday March 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. All public safety committee members agreed to the date and time. Tyson Boling stated he would not be able to attend but will send someone in his place.

**Parks**-Josh Collette stated that they have one new board member and the locks have been installed at the parks. Mayor Sorensen informed council that they are working on the new netting. Mayor Sorensen also stated that we will be moving into phase 3 of reopening on March 17, 2021 and will be following the Department of Health's guidelines for spectators and reopening of parks. Tom Boling asked if the new park board member is approved by council or appointed by the Mayor and the name of the new park board member. Josh Collette replied that the park board member is appointed by council and the new park board member is Cliff Heckard.

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**Tourism**-David Blackett gave an update on the signs and stated that they are ready to move forward and just needs the council's approval and the Mayor to sign the contract at the next council meeting. Mayor Sorensen said he may not be at the next meeting, but David Blackett will be taking his place as Mayor Pro-Tem and can sign for him.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

**Jim Starks**-Will be bringing to council a soul-source resolution regarding the new netting at the parks and would like to use hotel/motel funds. Jim Starks reported to council that the city mechanic Larry Holcomb will be retiring April 30, 2021. Mayor Sorensen stated that he would like to see the current job description for this position brought to council for any changes they might like to have before they move forward with advertising for this position. Mayor Sorensen would like this done at the next work session. Josh Collette inquired about the parks position and if it will be advertised again and Jim Starks replied that he had a viable candidate. Mike Cooper wanted to know when the parks position will be filled. Jim Starks stated he has a couple people to interview in the next few days. Tom Boling and Pat Miller would like to see added language such as, "May be required to get a CDL." in all the public works crew's job descriptions. Tom Boling inquired about 18<sup>th</sup> St.

**Chief Boling**-New fire engine arrived today.

**Chief Schultz**-Police Department has been very busy. Chief Shultz informed council she has hired a new police officer named Officer Almond. Chief Shultz also stated that they are working on a couple of investigations and will hopefully have more information for council at the next meeting.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Tom Boling**-Wanted to know if the City keeps a list of all vehicles the City owns. Diana Easton stated she does keep a list of city vehicles.

**David Blackett**-Inquired about Bi-Mart. There is nothing to report.

**Pat Miller**-Reported that a citizen informed him that the gate on Oakhurst Dr was open during the day and closed at night. Tom Boling stated that he was under the understanding that the gate is open when the pharmacy was open and closed when the pharmacy is closed.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Sorensen informed council that Josh Collette, Jim Starks, Joe Chrystal, and himself will be meeting with Summit Pacific on Thursday and hopefully have a report April 5, 2021.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) AND RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g)**

**Real Estate Purchase-RCW-42.30.110(1)(b) 1. To consider acquisition of real estate by purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price Litigation-RCW-42.30.110(1)(g) 2. To discuss with legal counsel enforcement actions, or potential litigation to which the City is likely to become a part, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal consequence to the City. Note: It is possible the Council will take action following the Executive Session.** Mayor Sorensen and Council went into a 20-minute executive session at 6:58 p.m. and returned at 7:15 p.m. and requested another 15 minutes. Mayor and Council returned from executive session at 7:30 p.m. and requested another 10 minutes. Mayor and Council returned from executive session at 7:40 p.m. There was no action taken during executive session. Mayor Sorensen asked council if they wanted any action taken. **David Blackett made a motion to allow the Mayor to enter into an agreement with \$10,000.00 Ernst money to purchase real estate pending council approval for the final purchase and financing options for 316 W Young St seconded by Tom Boling. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Next meeting will be a work session on March 22, 2021.

Next council meeting will be April 5, 2021.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**David Blackett 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**

