

ELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 3, 2021

6:00 P.M. ON ZOOM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Sorensen called the May 3, 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 (excused to be a little late for the meeting), Pat Miller, and Attorney Rick Hughes present. **Tom Boling made a motion to excuse David Blackett seconded by Pat Miller. All council members present voted in favor. Motion carried.**

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Approval of minutes April 19, 2021. Josh Collette made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar seconded by Tom Boling. All council members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

BIOSOLIDS CONTRACT FOR 2021

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding Biosolids contract for 2021. Jim Starks informed council that this is an addendum to the previous contract. **Tom Boling made a motion to approve the biosolids contract for 2021 seconded by Josh Collette. All council members present voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Mayor Sorensen moved the Review/Approve RFQ to the bottom of the agenda so the Mayor and council can have time for discussions regarding this matter.

REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING ON MAY 17TH 2021 FOR THE 6 YEAR STREET PLAN

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding the request a public hearing on May 17, 2021 for the 6 Year Street Plan. Jim Starks informed council that this a required public hearing for the 6 Year Street Plan and will have a draft to council on May 17, 2021 and needs to be approved by the last council meeting in June of 2021. Council had discussions regarding this topic. **Tom Boling made a motion to approve request for public hearing on May 17, 2021 regarding the 6 Year Street Plan seconded by Pat Miller. All council members present voted in favor. Motion carried.**

REQUEST APPROVAL TO PAY FOR PROPERTY AT 316 W. YOUNG/324 W YOUNG WITH RESERVE FUNDS AND THEN GO OUT FOR A LOAN

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion for request approval to pay for property at 316 W Young/324 W Young with reserve funds and then go out for a loan. Mayor Sorensen informed council that there were concerns regarding the Brownsfield study regarding this property and would like a delay. Mayor Sorensen also informed council that he has Vicki Cummings coming into the May 17, 2021 meeting to go over the study. Council had discussions regarding this topic.

REVIEW/APPROVE RFQ

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding the Review/Approve RFQ. Mayor Sorensen and council agreed not to move forward with the review/approve RFQ at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks-Josh Collette informed council Parks will meet next Wednesday.

STAFF REPORTS

Jim Starks-Making arrangements to rent the sweeper for a week. Rental is \$3000.00 per week and the City of McCleary is interested in partnering with the City of Elma in the rental. Both cities will train together on the operation of the sweeper.

Chief Boling-Informed council the new engine has been lowered. Still gathering tools to put on the new engine. The annexation was approved by the voters. Mayor Sorensen thanked Chief Boling, Fire District #5 for all of their hard work on the annexation.

Dee Depoe-Informed council there is a meeting on access control on Thursday and the library is getting busier.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mike Cooper-Wanted to know what the mask policies were for the City. Diana Easton replied that the new mask policy has been sent to Scott Snyder for review. Mike Cooper questioned whether the City can inquire about whether an employee is vaccinated or not. Rick Hughes said that would be in violation of HIPPA laws. Mike Cooper would like to see City Hall opened back up. Mayor Sorensen replied that he will be opening up City Hall very soon.

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Josh Collette-Would like to see City Hall opened up. Thanked Jim Starks for the ballpark signs.

Tom Boling-Inquired about the two positions that are open. Jim Starks replied that the Mechanic's position will be in the paper. Jim Starks will be starting interviews for the Parks position and will be hiring summer help. Josh Collette expressed that both positions should be in the paper.

Pat Miller-Would also like to see both positions advertised in the paper. Pat Miller also thanked Jim Starks for his work with the City of McCleary regarding the street sweeper and would like to inquire about purchasing one.

ADJOURNMENT

Tom Boling motioned to adjourn seconded by Josh Collette. All council members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be May 17, 2021

Jim Sorensen – Mayor

Diana Easton – City Clerk/Treasurer