

**ELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**September 20, 2021**  
**6:00 P.M. ON ZOOM**

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

Mayor Sorensen called the September 20, 2021 City Council Meeting to order. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:**

Wendy Collins called roll. Mayor Sorensen, Josh Collette, Mike Cooper, David Blackett, Pat Miller, and Attorney Rick Hughes present.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**Approval of minutes September 7, 2021. Approval of Claims for August #56289-56310 in the amount of \$47,157.33, Approval of Claims for September 20, 2021 in the amount of \$181,292.88, and Approval of Payroll for August 31, 2021 #43490-43525 in the amount of \$191,514.60. Pat Miller made a motion to approve the consent calendar, seconded by David Blackett. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Sorensen commented that he had received complaints about speeders. Council had discussions regarding this topic.

Lori Ann Hanson inquired about the annexation of the ballfields. Jim Starks replied that the clerk for the boundary review board left and a new clerk is getting trained. Tom Boling inquired about the elementary school as well.

**LEMAY GARBAGE RATES ADJUSTMENT FOR 2022**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding LeMay garbage rates adjustment for 2022. Council had discussions regarding this topic. **Tom Boling made a motion to approve the garbage rates adjustment for 2022, seconded by David Blackett. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**WATER SERVICE APPLICATION FOR 12 LOT SUBDIVISION**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding water service application for 12 lot subdivision. Council members had discussions regarding this topic. **David Blackett made a motion to approve the application with additional information that is required to follow the code, seconded by Tom Boling. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

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### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Public Safety-Mike Cooper informed council that Chief Boling sent out an email regarding the fire districts ballot measure for five commissioners; it will not be on the November ballot, but on the February special elections ballot.

Tourism-David Blackett informed council that the committee met last week for the tourism plan for 2022. No news about the signs.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Jim Starks gave council an update on the signs. Jim Starks gave an update regarding the lift station. Pat Miller inquired about the highway 12 interchange. Jim Starks replied he is going to start reviewing. Pat Miller inquired about the theatre. Jim Starks replied there is nothing new yet. Mayor Sorensen inquired about the street sweeper. Jim Starks replied that he is hoping to bring council a lease proposal soon.

Chief Shultz informed council that the police department has been very busy and they are working on a couple of big cases. Chief Shultz informed council that they are getting ready to launch the Crisis Response Team in cooperation with Summit Pacific and other entities to come up with a response plan to respond to folks who are having a crisis.

Wendy Collins informed council that there is a finance meeting tomorrow.

Dee Depoe informed council the library is going to form a partnership with Pac Mountain. Dee Depoe also discussed some upcoming events for October.

Elma Chamber's Amanda Mezzel and Jillana Bickford informed council that they are planning the fall festival and the wine festival.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mike Cooper inquired about the ambulance tax and Mayor Sorensen directed Attorney Hughes to research this topic and report back to council with his findings. Mike Cooper inquired about the average cost per mile for chip seal. Jim Starks replied that last year's cost was \$3.00/sq. yard and he was waiting for the updated costs for this year. Mike Cooper wanted clarification on what the dollar limit is for a small works roster. Attorney Hughes informed council the limit for a small works roster is \$350,000.00 and the old limit used to be \$250,000.00. Mike Cooper informed council that there might be a speeding issue on 13<sup>th</sup> St. and Martin St. and people not paying attention to stop signs.

Josh Collette wanted clarification regarding the small works roster. Council had discussions regarding this topic. Josh Collette wanted to know where the City stood with the lease agreement with the Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Sorensen directed Attorney Hughes to follow up on what is happening with the lease agreement and report back to council.

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Tom Boling asked Chief Shultz if there is something that can be done about a vehicle that is not licensed and sitting on city right-of-way. Chief Shultz responded that the vehicle can be towed. Council congratulated Jim Starks on the birth of his twin granddaughters.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Sorensen reminded everyone that the COVID numbers are going up and to please practice precautions and be aware of the mask signs that are up around the businesses.

**Work Session September 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Council Meeting will be October 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Tom Boling made a motion to adjourn seconded by Mike Cooper**

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**Jim Sorensen – Mayor**

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**Wendy Collins – City Clerk/Treasurer**

