

## **ELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**October 4, 2021**

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

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

Mayor Sorensen called the October 4, 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 20, 2021. Mike Cooper made a motion to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Tom Boling. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

### **VFW “BUDDY” POPPY PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding VFW “Buddy” poppy proclamation. **Tom Boling made a motion to approve the VFW “Buddy” poppy proclamation, seconded by David Blackett. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

### **REPEAL ORDINANCE #1088 AND RESCIND RESOLUTION #608 -EMS UTILITY FEE**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding repealing Ordinance #1088 and rescind resolution #608-EMS utility fee. **David Blackett made a motion to approve the repeal of ordinance #1088 and replaced with Ordinance #1200, seconded by Tom Boling. Council members had a discussion regarding this matter. Wendy Collins took roll call. All council members were present. Motion carried.**

### **ADOPTING RESOLUTION #693- EQUIPMENT SURPLUS**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding adopting Resolution #693 Equipment Surplus. Council had discussions regarding this matter. After extensive discussions by council, Mayor Sorensen decided to turn this matter over to the Public Safety Committee to clear up some concerns that council members have before any action will be taken.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Public Works-Jim Starks informed council that a homeowner discovered that their home was built on the city right-of-way. Public Works met with the homeowner and options were

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discussed and the homeowner will get back to them with their decision. Pat Miller informed council about the lease of the street sweeper. Council had discussions regarding the street sweeper. Council members discussed renting the street sweeper for one month. **David Blackett made a motion to authorize renting the street sweeper for one month for \$10,000.00, seconded by Tom Boling. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Public Safety-Mike Cooper informed council that the committee may be bringing an ordinance regarding noise with some changes that council member Pat Miller suggested to the next council meeting. Mike Cooper informed council that the housing committee has not yet had a meeting and he and Joe Chrystal have gotten together and did some brain storming regarding this issue.

Finance-Josh Collette informed council they have met and the committee went over the budget, but had nothing as of yet to report to council.

Parks-Josh Collette informed council that he will get in contact with the group at the end of the month. Pat Miller expressed his concerns about the lighting at the park and vandalism. Mayor suggested that this topic be brought up to the Public Works committee.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Chief Shultz informed council that they have arrested a serial burglar. Chief Shultz thanked Mike Cooper and Josh Collette for attending the First Responders Memorial on Saturday.

Wendy Collins informed council that she has been working on the budget and employee appreciation event.

Chief Boling informed council that they are working on a list of transferrable items. The fire department has been really busy. Chief Boling informed council that the hospitals are filled up and they are having to make longer runs everywhere west of the mountains. Mayor Sorensen asked who will be reporting to council about the fire department. Chief Boling responded that it would be Chief Fulbright. Council and Chief Boling had discussions regarding the hospitals in the area. Mike Cooper inquired about the status of the diesel exhaust systems. Chief Boling informed council that he talked to Chief Fulbright last week and he has been in touch with the company.

Dee Depoe informed council that the library will be having take-out for a day or two because of cabling work being done and it would be too dangerous to have patrons in the building during that time.

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Elma Chamber-Amanda Mezzel informed council that they are working on the fall and wine festival. Pat Miller inquired about signage. Amanda Mezzel will bring information about the signs to the next city council.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mike Cooper inquired about the status of the small works roster that was discussed at the last council meeting and what the status is of engineers and drawings etc. Mayor Sorensen informed council that they are just getting ready to go out for bid. Council requested to see the drawings for the new police department and the engineers estimate before it goes out for bid. Mayor Sorensen said he would bring that information to council before it goes out for bid.

Tom Boling informed council that he hopes that the hospitals get back to normal as soon as possible. Tom Boling would like to have a special meeting on the police building so that questions can be answered and get the project going as soon as possible. Tom Boling inquired about the theatre. Jim Starks informed council that the engineer has been out due to a medical issue and hoping that he will have a better timeline on Thursday regarding the theatre. Mike Cooper would not be available for a live special meeting before the next council meeting. Chief Shultz asked if there is anything, she could do to help move everything along regarding the new police department.

Josh Collette informed council that soon they will be seeing solicitation for a steering committee regarding the Brownsfield study.

Pat Miller informed council that he had a citizen inquire about the annexation of the school and wanted an update. Jim Starks responded that he was waiting to hear back from their new person what the status of our ordinance was. There has been a shuffle of staff at the county and they asked for more time. Council had discussions regarding this topic. Attorney Rick Hughes and the Mayor offered their assistance regarding this topic.

Next council meeting will October 18, 2021

**ADJOURNMENT**

**David Blackett made a motion to adjourn seconded by Josh Collette. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

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**Jim Sorensen – Mayor**

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**Wendy Collins – City Clerk/Treasurer**