

## **ELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**November 1, 2021**

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

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

Mayor Sorensen called the November 1, 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.

### **PUBLIC HEARING PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

Mayor Sorensen opened the public hearing meeting regarding the preliminary budget. After hearing no response from the public or council members, Mayor Sorensen closed the public hearing meeting and re-opened the regular council meeting.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**Approval of Minutes October 18, 2021. Pat Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from October 18, 2021 seconded by Mike Cooper. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

### **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REQUEST FOR THE VETERAN'S DAY PARADE**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding special event permit request for the Veteran's Day Parade. **David Blackett made a motion to approve the special event permit for the Veteran's Day Parade seconded by Tom Boling. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

### **GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY RE-LEVY OPTIONS**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding Grays Harbor County Re-Levy options. Wendy Collins informed council that there were three refund options for the levies. One is \$490.44 from police levy, \$538.72 from the Library Bond, and .06 for the basic levy. **David Blackett made a motion to choose option A for all three levies and Mike Cooper seconded. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

### **ELMA CHAMBER OVERAGE AND FUNDS TRANSFER REQUEST**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding the Elma Chamber overage and transfer request. Elma Chamber informed council that they had gone over budget for advertising due to price increases by \$792.25. Elma Chamber requested to have the transfer moved from the 2021 Winter Festival budget to the 2021 Heat on the Street budget. **David Blackett made a motion to approve the fund transfer for the Elma Chamber seconded by Josh Collette. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

### **ELMA CHAMBER REQUEST \$2000.00 TRANSFER FROM 2021 HAUNTED BARN BUDGET**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding Elma Chamber request \$2,000.00 transfer from the 2021 Haunted Barn budget. Elma Chamber requested \$2,000.00 transfer from the Haunted Barn budget 2021 to the and moved them to the Fall Festival 2021 budget. **David Blackett made a motion to approve the transfer of funds for \$2,000.00 from the Haunted Barn budget to the Fall Festival 2021 budget seconded by Josh Collette. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

### **11<sup>th</sup> STREET LIFT STATION-ROGNLINS' PAY ESTIMATE NO. 2**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Lift Station-Rognlins' pay estimate #2. Jim Starks recommended approval for the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Lift Station-Rognlins' pay estimate no. 2. Council had discussions regarding this topic. Pat Miller inquired about the pay estimate #2 of \$369,816.47. Jim Starks replied that was the correct amount for the payment and there will be a retainage of \$17,796.75. **Pat Miller made a motion to approve the pay estimate #2 to Rognlins seconded by Mike Cooper. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

### **POLICE STATION ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding the police station architectural services. **Tom Boling made a motion to approve the architectural services for approximately \$25,000.00 seconded by David Blackett. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

### **DISCUSSION OF STORM WATER UTILITY**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding the option for a storm water utility. Mayor Sorensen informed council that there has been a problem of drainage on our streets and the solution is extremely expensive and cannot begin to address the issue without starting a storm water utility and requested council's input. Council had discussions regarding this topic. Attorney Rick Hughes will be researching the storm water utility fee.

### **TAX LEVY ORDINANCE**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion on the tax levy ordinance. Wendy Collins informed council that it was not ready to adopt and would be ready for discussion on the next council meeting when we have our final numbers.

### **RESOLUTION #694 RECOGNIZING STEPHANIE RICHARDSON**

Mayor Sorensen introduced Resolution #694 recognizing Stephanie Richardson. Mayor Sorensen read resolution #692 recognizing Stephanie Richardson. Tom Boling made a motion to pass resolution #694 seconded by Mike Cooper. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Public Works-Jim Starks informed council that they hope to meet next week, and Mayor Sorensen would like to be invited to the next meeting to discuss the storm water utility fee.

Public Safety-Mike Cooper informed council that they had 3 items on the agenda for the last meeting. Had informative discussion about the weapons surplus issue and will discuss that later in the agenda. Mike Cooper also informed council that there were conversations about the homeless issue and that Chief Shultz and Joe Chrystal will be getting together with the city attorney to draft a resolution to present to

council. Mike Cooper also informed council that there were conversations about the new building and not moving City council chambers to the new building.

Parks-Josh Collette informed council that there are applications out for recruiting park board members.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Jim Starks informed council that he got information back regarding the annexation and it looks like it would be valid and will contact the school.

Jim Starks informed council about the theatre building and informed council about the engineer's findings.

Chief Shultz requested that council to take a look at the graphs on page 2 of her report that shows how busy the Elma PD is. Mike Cooper thanked Chief Shultz for sending information on the two vehicles. There were discussions regarding the vehicle replacements.

Elma Chamber informed council that the Veteran's Day events start at 11:00 a.m. and parade starts at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 11, 2021. Tom Boling informed chamber that he got a lot of positive feedback for the Fall Festival.

### **CITIZEN COMMENT**

Ron Woodman thanked the Mayor and council for an organized zoom meeting and also thanked the council for the Halloween events. Ron Woodman thanked the Mayor and council for an informative meeting.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Pat Miller thanked the Elma Chamber for the great events.

Tom Boling inquired about the email that was received from Stephanie Richardson. Mayor responded that he will be in discussions with Attorney Rick Hughes for a response.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION LABOR NEGOTIATIONS-RCW 42.30.140(4)(a)**

Mayor Sorensen and council went into executive session regarding labor negotiations-RCW 42.30.140 (4)(a) at 6:38 p.m. to 6:43 p.m. Mayor Sorensen extended the executive session from 6:44 p.m. to 6:49 p.m.

### **POLICE SURPLUS RESOLUTION**

Mayor Sorensen agreed to table the police surplus resolution for now.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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