

**ELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**November 15, 2021**  
**6:00 P.M. ON ZOOM**

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

Mayor Sorensen called the November 15, 2021 City Council Meeting to order. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING MEETING ON THE FINAL 2022 BUDGET**

Mayor Sorensen closed the regular council meeting and opened the Public Hearing meeting regarding to the final 2022 budget.

Mayor Sorensen closed the public hearing meeting upon hearing no public comments.

**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 consent calendar November 1, 2021. Dave Blackett made a motion to approve the consent calendar seconded by Josh Collette. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**ELMA CHAMBER 2021 ELMA CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING FESTIVAL**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding Elma Chamber 2021 Elma Christmas tree lighting festival. Mandy from the Elma Chamber addressed council regarding the Christmas tree lighting. Elma Chamber requested \$2,000.00 to be transferred from the 2021 Wine festival budget to the 2021 Christmas Tree lighting festival. **Dave Blackett made a motion to approve the transfer of \$2,000.00 from the 2021 Wine festival budget to the 2021 Christmas Tree lighting festival budget, seconded by Pat Miller. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REQUEST-SPODY CHRISTMAS CONVOY**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding the special event permit request-Spody Christmas Convoy. **Dave Blackett made a motion to approve the special event permit for the Spody Christmas Convoy, seconded by Pat Miller. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**ELMA CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING FESTIVAL**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding the Elma Christmas Tree lighting festival. **Dave Blackett made a motion to approve the Elma Christmas Tree lighting festival, seconded by Tom Boling. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**GIBBS & OLSON AUTHORIZATION NO. 2014-001, AMENDMENT NO. 2**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding Gibbs & Olson authorization No. 2014-001, amendment No. 2. **Pat Miller made a motion to approve Amendment No. 2, seconded by Josh Collette. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.** Josh Collette inquired about a timeline of when 11th Street will be opened. Mayor Sorensen responded it will be sometime around Thanksgiving.

**A2Z CLEANING COST RENEWAL**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding the A2Z Cleaning cost renewal. **Josh Collette made a motion to approve the A2Z Cleaning cost renewal, seconded by Tom Boling. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.** Mayor Sorensen expressed his happiness with A2Z's service.

**TAX LEVY ORDINANCE**

Mayor Sorensen tabled the tax levy ordinance because we do not have the information from the County that we were expecting by now. County is giving the City of Elma an extension. Mayor Sorensen informed council that they may have to have a special meeting to pass the tax levy ordinance.

**RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE STREET SWEEPER #695**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding Resolution #695 if adopted, to purchase the street sweeper. **Tom Boling made a motion to approve Resolution #695 to purchase the street sweeper, seconded by Dave Blackett. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING OF ASSETS TO EAST GRAYS HARBOR FIRE & RESCUE #1201**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding Ordinance #1201 if adopted, transferring of assets to East Grays Harbor Fire & Rescue. **Mike Cooper made a motion to adopt Ordinance #1201 transferring of assets to East Grays Harbor Fire & Rescue seconded by Tom Boling. Wendy Collins called roll and all council members voted in favor. Ordinance Adopted 5-0.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Public Works-Tom Boling informed council that Jim Starks will be calling a meeting to discuss the theatre but has not had a chance to make that happen.

Public Safety-Mike Cooper informed council that they will probably not be meeting until after the first of the year unless there is a noise ordinance to be reviewed and if there is information on homelessness.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Wendy Collins- Informed council that the loan for the new police building closed.

Rick Hughes-Informed council that he contacted the county prosecutor regarding the Interlocal Agreement language and after discussions the prosecutor said the county would not change the language for the interlocal agreement but submit a proposal anyway. Rick Hughes contacted WCIA to have them review the Interlocal Agreement with the County and WCIA recommended that City not enter into the agreement because it could create financial exposure for the city and would affect the city's premiums among other issues that were not in the city's favor. Rick Hughes gave council several options regarding the Interlocal Agreement. Council had discussions regarding this topic.

Joe Chrystal-Informed council that Chief Shultz and himself had spent a couple of hours looking through ordinances and will be putting a report together to bring to council.

Chief Boling-Informed council that the exhaust system is being installed.

Dee Depoe-Patrons are coming back into the library which is a positive direction for the library.

Elma Chamber-Informed council that they had the Veteran's Day parade last week and it went well.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mike Cooper-Inquired about work sessions.

Pat Miller-Inquired about meeting in hybrid. Council had discussions regarding this topic.

Tom Boling-Asked council if Ms. Richardson received a response. Mayor Sorensen directed Attorney Rick Hughes to respond to Ms. Richardson.

Mayor's Report-Informed council that he had a very good time at the Veteran's Day parade. He also informed council that he would like to do some things at the Veteran's Memorial Park and will be informing council of some of his ideas in the near future.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION EVALUATION OF THE PERFORMANCE OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE, PER RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)**

Mayor Sorensen and council went into executive session per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) at 6:46 p.m. for 10 minutes. Mayor Sorensen returned from executive session at 6:56 p.m. stating he needed 5 more minutes. Mayor Sorensen came back at 7:01 p.m. stating that they needed 10 more minutes. Mayor and council returned from executive session at 7:11p.m. and stated no action was taken.

### **NEXT MEETING**

City council workshop, 6:00 p.m. on December 1, 2021

City council meeting, 6:00 p.m. on December 6, 2021

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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**Jim Sorensen – Mayor**

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**Wendy Collins – City Clerk/Treasurer**