

ELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 20, 2022
6:00 P.M. ON ZOOM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Sorensen called the January 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, John Heater, and Pat Miller, present. Attorney Rick Hughes is excused from the meeting tonight.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Brad Olson informed council the safety net at Little League Park has a giant hole. Brad Olson informed council that this was a safety issue for baseball in April. Brad Olson also informed council that he spoke to Jim about the door on the concession stand needing to be fixed.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Approval of consent calendar January 20, 2021. Approval of December payroll claims in the amount of \$157,616.71, warrants #43672-43685. Approval of claims December 2021 open claims in the amount of \$75,763.95, warrants #56578-56638 and January 2022 claims in the amount of \$312,875.39, warrants #56673-56734. Pat Miller made a motion to approve the consent calendar seconded by Josh Collette. John Heater abstained. Council member Mike Cooper voted in favor. Motion carried.

RELEASE OF LIEN WITH WAKEFIELD ESTATE

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding release of lien with Wakefield estate. **Josh Collette made a motion to release lien with Wakefield estate seconded by Pat Miller. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

CONNECTIONS MUNICIPAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding Connections Municipal Services Agreement. **Pat Miller made a motion to approve the Connections Municipal Services Agreement seconded by Josh Collette. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

CCAP FACILITY USE AGREEMENT

Mayor Sorensen handed the meeting over to Mayor Pro Tem Miller to chair this item. Mayor Pro Tem Miller opened the discussion regarding CCAP Facility Use Agreement. Council had discussions regarding this topic. **Josh Collette made a motion to allow CCAP one day use of 316 E Young St. building for homelessness on January 28, 2022 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. seconded by Mike Cooper. All council members voted in favor. Motin carried.**

Mayor Pro Tem Miller handed the meeting back over to Mayor Sorensen to continue with the meeting.

FAILED CULVERT

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding the failed culvert. Jim Starks gave council an overview of the failed culvert. **Pat Miller made a motion to adopt Resolution #699 for culvert repairs and main competitive bidding seconded by Mike Cooper. All council members voted in favor. Resolution adopted.**

ECOLOGY GRANT FOR SHORELINE MASTER PLAN REVIEW/UPDATE

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding the Ecology Grant for Shoreline Master Plan review/update. Jim Starks gave an overview to council regarding this topic and recommended council approval. **Council had discussions regarding this topic. Mike Cooper made a motion to accept the grant from the Department of Ecology and to allow Mayor Sorensen to sign the agreement seconded by Josh Collette. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

DISCUSS TWO NEW POLICE VEHICLES

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding two new police vehicles. Council and Chief Shultz had discussions regarding this topic. Chief Shultz informed council that she had made the decision to go with two new SUV's and the cost would be \$52,800.00 and the vehicles would be totally outfitted. The payments would be \$1390.00 per month and would enter into another lease agreement with FCI.

RESOLUTION FINDING AN EMERGENCY & WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding a resolution finding an emergency & waiving competitive bidding and if adopted the resolution number would be 699. Council had discussions regarding this topic. **Pat Miller made a motion to adopt Resolution #699 seconded by Mike Cooper. All council member voted in favor. Resolution adopted.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety-Mike Cooper informed council that they will be meeting soon with Chief Shultz to wrap up a few items until they can recruit new members and try to get a meeting scheduled soon.

Finance-Josh Collette informed council they will be meeting next Monday.

Parks-Josh Collette informed council that they are working on scheduling a meeting the first part of February.

Tourism-John Heater met with the Elma Chamber and has been invited to their next function and should have more information the first part of February.

Mike Cooper informed council that he and John Heater met with Clerk-Treasurer Wendy Collins and that council should have received an email from Wendy Collins on the process regarding

picking another council member. Mike Cooper discussed the process with council and hopefully to start the process on February 7, 2022. John Heater informed council that they need to write two questions and get them to Wendy.

STAFF REPORTS

Jim Starks informed council that he has been in contact with Tom at Sign Works and they are waiting for the ground to harden up before they install the signs. Jim Starks also informed council that the annexation for the school had been delivered to the Commissioners Clerk's office. Jim Starks also informed council that he has not had the time to explore the shared meter policy and will take a couple weeks. Mayor Sorensen informed council that they should have an RFP for a project manager by February 7, 2022. Josh Collette inquired about the roof on the fire department. Jim Starks replied that there was no information at this time, and they had re-secured the tarp on the roof.

Wendy Collins could not be heard so Mayor Sorensen informed council that the County informed Wendy that they had to have two committees for the police levy and that one committee would have to be pro and the other would have to be con. Wendy Collins informed council that everything must be filed by May 13, 2022 and have everything finalized by the end of April. Mayor Sorensen would like to have this topic on the agenda for the Work Session next week.

Joe Chrystal informed council that he and Chief Shultz did some studying of homelessness and gave it to Council members Pat Miller and Mike Cooper. Joe Chrystal would like to get this moving along and get an Ordinance in place as soon as possible and would also like to add the CCAP agreement if needed. Mike Cooper informed council that is one of the items the Public Safety will discussing.

Elma Chamber-Thanked John Heater for meeting with them and invited him to the next Board meeting.

Mike Cooper inquired about the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Dee Depoe agreed to meet with Mike Cooper regarding this topic.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mike Cooper thanked Public Works employees for all their efforts during the snow and flooding. Mike Cooper also informed council that there is a real need to manage storm water after the recent flooding that our community and region just endured.

Josh Collette echoed Mike Cooper's comments.

Pat Miller also agreed with Mike Cooper's comments.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sorensen also praised Public Works for all their efforts during the recent snow and flooding. Mayor Sorensen informed council that he received a call at 5:27 a.m. on Saturday morning regarding the Tsunami and had to be on Zoom by 5:30 a.m. and congratulated Grays Harbor Management for handling the event very well. Mayor Sorensen to like to see our city more prepared for natural disasters that can occur. Mayor Sorensen also informed council that the Small-Town Mayors would like him to continue as a small-town representative on the Grays Harbor Transit Authority Board.

Next meeting will be a Work Session on January 24, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Next council meeting will be February 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Council had further discussions regarding the process of picking a new council member.

ADJOURNMENT

Mike Cooper made a motion to adjourn seconded by Mike Cooper. All council members voted in favor.

Jim Sorensen – Mayor

Wendy Collins – City Clerk/Treasurer