

ELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 7, 2022
6:00 P.M. ON ZOOM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Sorensen called the March 7, 2022 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, John Heater, Pat Miller, Bethany Whipple-Boling, and Attorney Rick Hughes. **Josh Collette made a motion to excuse Mike Cooper, seconded by John Heater. All four council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Approval of consent calendar February 22, 2022. Approval of minutes February 22, 2022. **Pat Miller made a motion to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Josh Collette. All four council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**PRESENTATION BY CHERYL HEYWOOD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR
TIMBERLAND LIBRARY, CONCERNING THE STATE OF THE LIBRARY AND
UPDATES**

Mayor Sorensen introduced Cheryl Heywood, executive director of the Timberland Library. Cheryl Heywood gave a presentation on the State of the Library.

**PRESENTATION BY OFFICER ALMOND, ELMA PD, CONCERNING THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF BODY WORN AND VEHICLE CAMERA SYSTEM**

Mayor Sorensen introduced Officer Almond. Officer Almond gave a presentation regarding implementation of body worn and vehicle camera systems. Council had discussions regarding this topic.

VOTER'S PAMPHLET POLICE LEVY PROS AND CONS COMMITTEE

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding the voter's pamphlet police levy pros and cons committee. Attorney Rick Hughes explained to council what is expected of the pros and cons levy. Mayor Sorensen also opened the discussion regarding the police levy. Council agreed to keep the police levy at \$250,000.

CHEHALIS TRIBAL JAIL SERVICE AGREEMENT

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding the Chehalis Tribal Jail Service Agreement. Chief Shultz recommended signing the agreement. Council had discussions regarding this topic. **Josh Collette made a motion to authorize Mayor Sorensen to sign the agreement and execute the agreement with the Chehalis Tribe for jail services, seconded by Pat Miller. All four council members vote in favor. Motion carried.**

ONIX NETWORKING GOVERNMENT CUSTOMER AGREEMENT

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding the Onix Networking Government Customer Agreement. Mayor Sorensen informed council that he had met with Sean, the city's IT person. Mayor Sorensen gave an overview of the Onix Networking email option. **Pat Miller made a motion to approve Mayor Sorensen to sign the agreement, seconded by Bethany Whipple-Boling. All four council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Public Works: Pat Miller gave an update on the Public Works meeting and that the committee is still discussing street improvements. Josh Collette informed council the Parks committee will be meeting on Thursday.

Public Safety: John Heater informed council that they are working on a couple of things.

Finance: Bethany Whipple-Boling informed council that they will be meeting March 21, 2022.

Tourism: John Heater informed council that Tourism is doing well.

Capital Facilities: Bethany Whipple-Boling informed council that the committee had started the conversation about deferred maintenance on some city owned buildings and possibly setting up a maintenance account to start saving for ideas that the committee is considering.

STAFF REPORTS

Jim Starks: Gave an update on the lift station and the circuit board. Jim Starks gave an update on the fire station roof and the baseball park netting.

Chief Shultz: Updated council on calls for service. Chief Shultz gave an update on a couple of individuals.

Rick Hughes: Reminded council that the indoor mask mandate ends Saturday March 12, 2022.

Jillanna Bickford: Informed council that the Chamber of Commerce has 8 new members and informed council that flyers for the parade are ready. The Citizen's banquet will be on April 29th. Chamber is also working on the Heat on the Street event.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Rene Volz gave council suggestions regarding parking on 12th Street and Main Street in the downtown area. Chief Shultz also had suggestions regarding the downtown parking issue.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Pat Miller: Would like to see the Senior Center reopened. Mayor Sorensen informed council that he is shooting for the 14th and CCAP and himself are working on making that happen. Pat Miller informed council that there had been close calls on 12th Street due to the parking situation and it is becoming a safety issue.

Josh Collette: Asked council to send ideas to him regarding topics of discussion for the retreat. Council had discussions regarding this topic. Council agreed to meet for the retreat on April 16, 2022.

Bethany Whipple-Boling: Provided downtown delivery parking suggestions. John Heater also had concerns about the downtown delivery parking.

John Heater: Thanked Jillana Bickford for all her work at the Elma Chamber. The Clean-up went well at the parks.

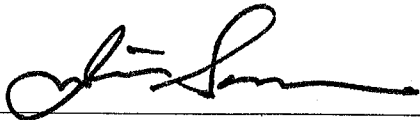
MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sorensen informed council that he met with the IT person regarding updating the technology in the council chambers. Mayor Sorensen informed council that he will be following the State mask guidelines.

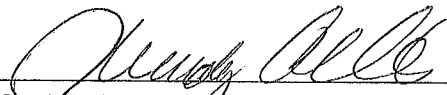
Next meeting will be March 21, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

Pat Miller made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John Heater. All four council members voted in favor. Motion carried.



Jim Sorensen – Mayor



Wendy Collins – City Clerk/Treasurer