

ELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 4, 2022
6:00 P.M. ON ZOOM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Sorensen called the April 4, 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. **Josh Collette made a motion to excuse Mike Cooper, seconded by Pat Miller. All four council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

CONSENT CALENDAR: Approval of Agenda April 4, 2022. Approval of minutes March 21, 2022. Approval of Payroll March 2022-Check #46036-46068, including EFT's in the amount of \$184,606.73. **Pat Miller made a motion to approve seconded by Bethany Whipple-Boling. All four council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

PRESENTATION BARBARA NITIS, U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Sorensen introduced Barbara Nitis, U.S. Small Business Administration. Barbara Nitis gave a presentation regarding the Disaster Assistance Program.

YOUNGLOVE & COKER CONTRACT FOR CITY ATTORNEY SERVICES

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding the Younglove & Coker contract for City Attorney Services. **Pat Miller made a motion to approve the contract for Younglove & Coker attorney services seconded by Josh Collette. All four council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RICK HUGHES

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding the legal services agreement-Rick Hughes. **Pat Miller made a motion to approve Mayor Sorensen to sign the contract with Rick Hughes seconded by Bethany Whipple-Boling. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

A-Z CLEANING CONTRACT ADDENDUM

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding A-Z Cleaning contract addendum. Chief Shultz informed council that there was an incident at the Police Station that required a bio-hazard team. A-Z Cleaning Services performs these kinds of services and Chief Shultz requested the contract be amended to include those kinds of services. **Pat Miller made a motion to approve the addendum for A-Z Cleaning contract seconded by John Heater. All four council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

REQUEST TO USE VISITOR CENTER PARKING LOT FOR RED, WHITE & BLUE RALLY

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding the request to use the Visitor Center parking lot for the Red, White, and Blue Rally on October 30, 2022. **Pat Miller made a motion to approve the Red, White, and Blue Rally to use the Visitor Center parking lot seconded by John Heater. Council had discussions regarding this topic. All four council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

TRAIN INTERSECTION BLOCKING

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding the train intersection blocking. Council had discussions regarding this topic. Chief Shultz informed council that the train parked and was blocking for over an hour. Chief Shultz informed council after speaking with multiple employees at the RR company they were able to move the train. Council had further discussions regarding this issue.

POLICE LEVY RESOLUTION-PRIMARY ELECTION

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding the Police Levy Resolution-Primary Election. If passed it would be Resolution #701. **Pat Miller made a motion to approve Resolution #701 seconded by Josh Collette. Josh Collette expressed concerns regarding the wording of the Resolution regarding the new building. Mayor Sorensen agreed with Josh Collette that the wording needed to be changed to reflect the current circumstances; that this will be the Elma Police Department building and not the Elma Police Department, Court, and Public Safety Building. Josh Collette expressed his concerns about the language that is being used regarding the funding and operations of the Police Department. Council agreed to table Resolution #701 until the next meeting to get the wording cleaned-up and to allow Mayor Sorensen, Wendy Collins, and Attorney Chris Coker to update the language. Pat Miller withdrew his motion.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks & Public Works - Pat Miller informed council that they met on Friday and discussed some of the streets they would like to grind out and do an overlay on. There are 4 or 5 streets that were discussed. Josh Collette informed council that the Parks Committee will be having their first meeting on Thursday April 14, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Public Safety - Pat Miller informed council they have yet to meet.

Capital Facilities - Bethany Boling-Whipple informed council that they will be meeting tomorrow. They will be going over the plans for the Police Department. Bethany Boling-Whipple expressed that there may be a need for a temporary substitution for the capital facilities committee. Josh Collette volunteered to step in on a temporary basis.

WRITTEN STAFF REPORTS

Jim Starks - Informed council that the annexation is complete and will be submitted for a formal review.

Chief Shultz - Chief informed council that she can answer limited questions on the previous night's incident.

Wendy-Collins - Council chamber upgrades will be moving forward.

OTHER STAFF REPORTS

Jillana Bickford - Informed council they have their citizen banquet at the end of this month.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Josh Collette - Need to modify agenda for the council retreat. Still planning for the community event.

John Heater - Informed council that he will be looking to set up a meeting tomorrow.

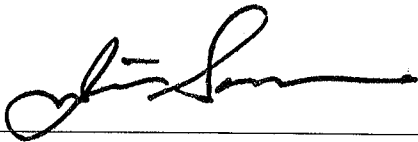
MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sorensen informed council that he will be sending out menu choices for lunch for the retreat. Mayor Sorensen informed council how proud he was of the Elma Police Department and all of the city employees.

Next council meeting will be April 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Jim Sorensen – Mayor



Wendy Collins – City Clerk/Treasurer