

**ELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 17, 2022**  
**6:00 P.M. Hybrid Meeting**

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

Mayor Sorensen called the October 17, 2022, City Council Meeting to order. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Sorensen called roll. Mayor Sorensen, Josh Collette, John Heater, Pat Miller, Bethany Whipple-Boling, and Mike Cooper.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Mayor Sorensen closed the regular council meeting and opened the Public Hearings meetings

**COMBINED REVENUE SOURCES FOR THE 2022 BUDGET AND PROPERTY TAX LEVY-2022, 2023 BUDGET REVENUES, 2023 POTENTIAL 1% PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding the combined revenue sources for the 2022 Budget and Property Tax Levy-2022, 2023 Budget Revenues, and 2023 potential 1% property tax increase. No council or public comments were made. After hearing no comments Mayor Sorensen closed the public hearing meeting and re-opened the regular council meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of October 3, 2022 minutes. Approval of Accounts Payable for October 2022 in the amount of \$73,700.35 and Handwrites including EFT's in the amount of \$494,906.87. **Pat Miller made a motion to approve the consent agenda seconded by Mike Cooper. Mayor Sorensen expressed that the extra money that was spent for this month was due to the street project. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**WRITTEN STAFF REPORTS**

No comments or questions.

**SWEARING-IN OF ALIVIA GREEN AS ELMA POLICE CHIEF FOR A DAY**

Mayor Sorensen opened the floor for the swearing-in of Alivia Green as Elma Police Chief for a day. Mayor Sorensen swore in Alivia Green as Elma Police Chief for a day. Officer Garcia saluted Alivia Green as Elma Police Chief for a day. Mayor Sorensen called 5-minute recess at 6:08 p.m. Mayor Sorensen called the meeting back to order at 6:13 p.m.

**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding the civil service appointments. Council had discussions regarding this topic. **Bethany Whipple-Boling made a motion to appoint Jessica Burgher to civil service position 1 seconded by Mike Cooper. All council members vote in favor. Motion carried.**

### **2023 RATE ADJUSTMENTS FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding the 2023 rate adjustment for solid waste disposal. **Josh Collette made a motion to authorize the 2023 rate adjustment for solid waste disposal seconded by Bethany Whipple-Boling. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

### **12<sup>TH</sup> STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PAY ESTIMATE #4 & ACCEPTANCE OF PROJECT**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion for the 12<sup>th</sup> St. improvement project pay estimate #4 and acceptance of project. Jim Stark requested approval of pay estimate #4 and acceptance of project. Council had discussions regarding this topic. **Pat Miller made a motion to approve \$33,650.41 for pay estimate #4 for the 12<sup>th</sup> St. improvement project and acceptance of the project seconded by Josh Collette. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

### **AMMEND RESOLUTION 655, CREDIT CARD POLICY, BY ADDING CREDIT LIMITS**

Mayor Sorensen opened the discussion regarding Resolution #655, credit card policy, by adding credit limits. **Josh Collette made a motion to amend Resolution #655 with a cap of \$5,000.00 seconded by Bethany Whipple-Boling. Council had discussions regarding this topic. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Park & Public Works-Josh Collette informed council they will have a meeting on Thursday.

Public Safety-Pat Miller informed council the committee would like to upgrade lighting between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> St. Possibly putting in speed humps at the ball parks.

Finance-Bethany Whipple-Boling informed council the committee met that morning and had discussed the credit card resolution. They reviewed the audit documents. They also looked over the rough draft of the budget. The committee will meet November 7, 2022.

Capital Facilities-Mike Cooper informed council they are working getting together for a meeting.

### **OTHER STAFF REPORTS**

Chris Coker-(Inaudible)

Dee Depoe-The new sidewalks are looking great. Library will be closed Tuesday because they are starting the cabling and the automatic locks.

Jillanna Bickford-Wednesday between 12-1:30 there will be a candidate forum at the Eagles. There is a scarecrow contest that the Chamber is putting on.

### **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Pat Miller-Informed council that they had gone out for a bid on some street work. Jim Starks responded (Inaudible). **Josh Collette made a motion to amend his original motion to include schedule 2 to the contract seconded by Mike Cooper. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

John Heater-Informed council the Chamber has a lot of projects going on.

Mike Cooper-Request that the Tourism/Lodging Tax advisory committee be on a work session or a council agenda.

Josh Collette-Requested an update on the Public Work's Director's position. Would like to get the transportation benefit district back on the council's radar.

### **CLOSED SESSION DISCUSS UNION NEGOTIATIONS PER RCW 42.30.140(4)(a)**

Mayor Sorensen and council went into a closed session to discuss union negotiations per RCW 42.30.140 (4)(a) at 6:45 for 30 minutes. Mayor Sorensen came back from the closed session at 7:15 p.m. to extend the closed session for another 15 minutes. Mayor Sorensen and council returned at 7:30 p.m. to extend the closed session to 7:45 p.m. Mayor Sorensen and council returned from the closed session. No action was taken.

Next meeting will be a work session October 24, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

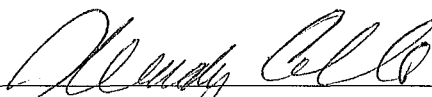
Next council meeting will November 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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



Jim Sorensen – Mayor



Wendy Collins – City Clerk/Treasurer