

ELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 3, 2023
6:00 P.M. In-Person Meeting with Zoom Option

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Sorensen called the January 3, 2023, City Council Meeting to order. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

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

PRESENTATION FROM SUMMIT PACIFIC CEO

Josh Martin, the CEO of Summit Pacific Medical Center presented a power point slide show that displays the future community development plans of the hospital. Discussion followed about the procedures and plans. Josh Martin thanked the city for their continued support.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Agenda: January 3, 2023.

Approval of minutes for December 19, 2022.

Accounts Payable in the amount of \$555,601.85 including EFTs from November 2022 and December 2022.

Approval of payroll for December 2022 in the amount of \$155,955.95 including EFT's.

Pat Miller made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Josh Collette. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS - TEAMSTERS UNION NEGOTIATIONS

Mayor Jim Sorensen will be starting Teamsters Union negotiations sometime in early February. Council will have a closed session regarding this topic.

NEW BUSINESS - BLACKPOINT IT SERVICES

ILINX contract had been previously approved, but they had not communicated anything with the city, so we changed companies to Blackpoint IT Services out of Kent, WA. They have great products and strong references. The cost is slightly higher, around \$10,301.94 making it approximately \$1,000.00 more but overall, there is a cost savings. The previous agreement with ILINX will be withdrawn and authorization has been given to Mayor Sorensen to sign a new agreement with Blackpoint IT Services. Backups of the emails will be completed before migration occurs.

Mike Cooper made a motion to approve the new agreement with Blackpoint IT Services for the estimated \$10,301.94, seconded by Bethany Whipple-Boling. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks & Public Works - Josh Collette reported that we're still waiting to hear back about the RCO planning grant. Councilmember Collette also reported that Chris Coker has provided information on the transportation benefit district, so that committee will need to get together for a work session in February. Pat Miller adds that some interviews have been conducted for the Deputy Public Works Director position. Jim Starks talked about some possible state or federal funding for the new roundabout/traffic light design at Highway 12 intersection.

Capital Facilities - Mike Cooper reported he is confident that Rock Project Management Services will be able to give a complete comprehensive plan for the whole city of Elma.

Legislative Committee - Mike Cooper reported that they will be scheduling meetings with legislators soon.

OTHER STAFF REPORTS

Joe Chrystal - Grocery Outlet is coming to Eagles Landing and will bring more traffic to that area so he's very happy to hear about a new traffic design for that intersection.

Elma Chamber of Commerce - Jillana Bickford updated council on the activities of the Chamber, including the Winter Wine Festival coming up.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Bethany Whipple-Boling - Expressed her interest in creating agendas for meetings.

Mike Cooper - Would like to see more than just one council member on the Ad Hoc committees.

Next council meeting will be January 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Next work session will be January 23, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Josh Collette made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bethany Whipple-Boling. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

Jim Sorensen - Mayor


Wendy Collins - City Clerk/Treasurer