

ELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2015
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Dave Osgood called the January 20, 2015 Elma City Council Meeting to order. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Diana Easton called roll with Attorney Dan Glenn, Dave Osgood, Pat Miller, David Blackett, Tom Boling, Charlie Butterfield and Debbie Thurman present.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion made by David Blackett and seconded by Pat Miller to approve the consent calendar. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried.

STEPHANIE BELLON-REQUEST PERMISSION TO RAISE GOATS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONE:

Stephanie Bellon and her daughter, Kayla Aho, addressed Council members with a request to raise goats in a residential zone. Kayla gave a brief presentation and proposed to have goats categorized the same as dogs and cats and the Municipal Code changed to acknowledge the new allowance. Attorney Glenn suggested allowing time for Joe Chrystal to come up with a couple of alternatives and defer the issue to the Hearing Examiner for review and a decision.

CITIZEN COMMENT/ TOM BOLING:

Councilperson Boling addressed Council members with a request to change the zoning his land is on to Rural Residential.

GRAYS HARBOR MOUNTED POSSE-REQUEST HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUNDS FOR RODEO IN MARCH:

Marv Cole addressed Council members with a request from the Grays Harbor Mounted Posse for Hotel/Motel funds for the rodeo in March. Councilperson Blackett confirmed the request had been approved by the Tourism Board and recommended approval. **Motion made by Tom Boling and seconded by Pat Miller to approve the request for funds from Hotel/Motel in the amount of \$5000 to the Grays Harbor Mounted Posse. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LIBRARY MANAGER:

Sara Odgen introduced herself to Council members. Ms. Odgen is the new manager of the Elma Timberland Library.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – TEAMSTERS CONTRACT:

Mayor Osgood closed the Elma City Council meeting for an Executive Session on at 6:37 p.m. The session is scheduled for 20 minutes and falls under RCW 42.30.110.18.

ELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING RECONVENED:

Mayor Osgood reconvened the Elma City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF TEAMSTERS CONTRACT AGREEMENT:

Pat Miller questioned the drug screening portion of the contract. Mayor Osgood confirmed that portion of the contract had not changed and all parties involved are familiar and accepting of the clause. **Motion made by David Blackett and seconded by Pat Miller to approve the Teamsters contract agreement. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING ASTOUND BROADCAST TELECOMMUNICATIONS FRANCHISE:

Attorney Glenn updated Council members on the draft ordinance regarding Astound Broadcast Telecommunication franchise and commented at this point he has forwarded it to Astound's council and is waiting for a response. Action was not taken on the issue.

A RESOLUTION REGARDING A RATE INCREASE FOR THE EMS FEE:

Council members reviewed a draft resolution regarding a rate increase for the EMS fee. Councilperson Thurman commented she would like to see the fee increased to an amount that will cover a 3-year contract instead of needing to increase the fee annually to the citizens. Council members agreed. The issue was held over to allow time for the Finance committee to review the rates.

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS CONFIRMATION DESIGNATION OF THE CLERK-TREASURER AS THE PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICER INCLUDING FEE GUIDELINES:

Attorney Glenn commented on a draft resolution relating to public records confirming designation of the Clerk-Treasurer as the Public Records Officer. **Motion made by David Blackett and seconded by Pat Miller to approve Resolution #607, confirming designation of the Clerk-Treasurer as the Public Records Officer. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

STAFF REPORTS/ JIM STARKS:

Jim Starks commented on the activity at the property near the intersection of Main Street and Hwy 12. Mr. Starks informed Council that the property had been purchased, a site plan has been submitted and the developer would like to begin construction as soon as possible.

COUNCIL REPORT/ PAT MILLER:

Pat Miller thanked Jim Starks for his promptness in getting Mary Pederson hooked up to the City's sewer system and also for completing the sidewalk project.

COUNCIL REPORT/ TOM BOLING:

Tom Boling questioned the status of annexation and commented that the Elma School District was approved to build a new transportation building and, pointed out that because the Elementary School is not annexed, the City is losing out on revenue from the building permit fees.

COUNCIL REPORT/ CHARLIE BUTTERFIELD:

Charlie Butterfield commented that he discussed lighting the crosswalk near the school and also installing a crosswalk near Summit Pacific with Jim Starks. Mr. Butterfield will return with additional information to share with Council members after the Public Works committee meets later in the week.

COUNCIL REPORT/ DEBBIE THURMAN:

Debbie Thurman commented she has not received answers to her questions.

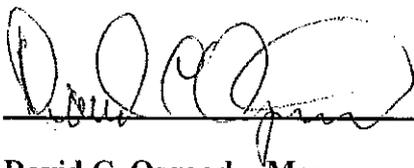
MAYOR'S REPORT/ DAVE OSGOOD:

Mayor Osgood requested permission to spend \$12,000 out of REET funds for Police Department improvements. Council members discussed alternatives to remodeling. Mayor Osgood agreed to provide Council with a design plan at the next scheduled Work Session.

Mayor Osgood also suggested imposing a storm water tax to maintain the storm drain system. Councilperson Blackett questioned running a levy instead of including the tax on the utility bill. Attorney Glenn clarified that type of tax cannot be levied for.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Motion made by Tom Boling and seconded by David Blackett to adjourn the Elma City Council meeting. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried.



David C. Osgood – Mayor



Diana Easton – Clerk-Treasurer