

ELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 17, 2015  
6:00 P.M.

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

Dave Osgood called the February 17, 2015 Elma City Council Meeting to order. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

Diana Easton called roll with Attorney Chris Coker, Dave Osgood, Pat Miller, David Blackett, Charlie Butterfield and Debbie Thurman present.

**MOTION TO EXCUSE:**

Motion made by David Blackett and seconded by Pat Miller to excuse Tom Boling from the Elma City Council meeting. All Council members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

**INTRODUCTION AND SWEARING IN OF NEW POLICE CHIEF:**

Mayor Osgood introduced the Elma City Council to Susan Shultz, the new Police Chief for the Elma Police Department and swore her in.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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

**A RESOLUTION RELATING TO INCREASE OF EMS FEE:**

Councilperson Thurman commented briefly on the options her and the Clerk-Treasurer, Diana Easton, came up with for increasing the EMS fee. Motion made by Pat Miller and seconded by David Blackett to adopt Resolution #608 with option #1 which allows for an increase up to \$12.00 a month from \$11.09 for the 3 year term of the contract with Fire District #5. All Council members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

**POLICE RESERVE JOE MUNRO-REQUEST TO BE PART OF THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF RETIREMENT:**

Council members discussed the request by Reserve Officer Joe Munro to be part of the Washington State Department of Retirement. Councilperson Thurman interjected that currently, the Municipal Code states any Reserve Officers are not entitled to the benefits of any State pension fund and the code would need to be changed if Council grants the request. Councilperson Miller agreed that Mr. Munro should be entitled to some benefit. It was agreed that Councilperson Miller and Councilperson Boling would meet with Chief Shultz to discuss Mr. Munro's request and return to Council with a recommendation.

**REQUEST BY ELMA LIBRARY TO APPOINT NANCY JENSEN TO THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD:**

**Motion made by David Blackett and seconded by Pat Miller to appoint Nancy Jensen to the Library Advisory Board. All Council members present voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT; POLICE CHIEF:**

Council members discussed the employment agreement drafted by Attorney Glenn for the Police Chief position. Council members noted a discrepancy in the monthly salary and requested Section III be changed to \$6,500/ month. Council members also requested that a limit be put on the number of month the City will pay for an RV space. **Motion made by Pat Miller and seconded by David Blackett to allow the Mayor to sign the employment agreement with Susan Shultz for the Police Chief position with the changes discussed. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**STAFF REPORT/ DANA SMITH:**

Dana Smith informed Council members of the interaction with the City of Cosmopolis regarding the use of Engine #8804 and possible sale for an amount of \$18,000. **Motion made by David Blackett and seconded by Debbie Thurman to approve the agreement to allow the use of Engine #8804 by the City of Cosmopolis for the duration of four (4) weeks. All Council members present voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**STAFF REPORT/ JOE CHRYSAL:**

Joe Chrystal informed Council members on the binding site plan submitted by the developer who purchased the property at the east end of Elma and what type of businesses the developer plans to put on that site. Mr. Chrystal also discussed a request by a group who is seeking permission to set up in the City right-of-way in front of the Post Office to display religious information. According to City ordinances, it is permissible. Mr. Chrystal recommended that the group apply for a Conditional Use Permit.

**COUNCIL REPORT/ PAT MILLER:**

Pat Miller requested an update from the Public Works committee regarding a sidewalk in front of Summit Pacific Medical Center. Charlie Butterfield commented that the Public Works committee found it unnecessary because there are already two existing crosswalks in that area.

**COUNCIL REPORT/DEBBIE THURMAN:**

Debbie Thurman stated she thought the City was going to continue the process of hiring a Police Chief and Susan Shultz was an Interim Police Chief. Councilperson Thurman was surprised of the news "Interim" was removed from Chief Shultz job title.

**CITIZEN COMMENT/ DAVE SPALDING:**

Dave Spalding requested permission from Council members to move the garage on the property owned by the City on 12<sup>th</sup> Street to Kolby Kesler's residence. Council members granted permission.

**MAYOR'S REPORT/ DAVE OSGOOD:**

Mayor Osgood gave an update on the annexation project and commented on the budget review per department.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

**Motion made by David Blackett and seconded by Pat Miller to adjourn the Elma City Council meeting. All Council members present voted in favor. Motion carried.**



**David C. Osgood – Mayor**



**Diana Easton – Clerk-Treasurer**