

ELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 2, 2015
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Dave Osgood called the March 2, 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 Tom Boling to approve the consent calendar. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE:

Attorney Glenn commented on the draft ordinance he provided to Council members relating to the property maintenance code. Councilperson Thurman requested additional time to review the ordinance before voting on it. Council members agreed.

A RESOLUTION REGARDING FIRE TRUCK SURPLUS:

Motion made by David Blackett and seconded by Tom Boling to approve Resolution #609, to surplus Fire Truck #8804, authorizing the Mayor to negotiate with the City of Cosmopolis. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried.

DISCUSS LEVY OPTIONS:

Attorney Glenn opened discussions on levy options. Councilperson Blackett suggested running a one-year levy to see how the voters respond. If the voters do not pass the levy, then Council members will have to make cuts in the budget. Mayor Osgood offered to sit down with anyone and look through the budget at any time. Attorney Glenn suggested getting authorization from Council members to have the City notify the School District about our plans, and meet with the Auditor to come up with dates and costs and return to Council with information. **Motion made by Tom Boling and seconded by David Blackett to authorize the city to notify the school about our levy plans, and check with the G.H.C. Auditor to come up with dates, etc. Charlie Butterfield, Tom Boling, David Blackett and Pat Miller voted in favor. Debbie Thurman voted against. Motion carried.**

STAFF REPORT/ JIM STARKS:

Jim Starks gave a brief update on the activity at the east end of Elma, stating the City is moving forward with the developers of Eagles Landing. Mr. Starks also updated Council members on a culvert issue that has resulted from the McDonald Creek project. Rerouting the creek has caused a barricade for the fish. The Chehalis River Task Force would like to set up a Salmon Recovery Board Grant project to replace the culvert and widen the road section to 34 – 36 ft. Utility relocation costs to the City are anticipated to be up to \$100,000, which help in the grant application as a participating local match. Finally, Mr. Starks requested permission to move forward with demolishing the structure owned by the City on 11th Street. It was noted that Kolbey Kesler would like to move the smaller structure (garage portion) to their property. **Motion made by David Blackett and seconded by Tom Boling to allow Kolbey Kesler to move the smaller structure on the property owned by the City on 11th Street to his property with the stipulation that the proper insurance is obtained. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

STAFF REPORT/ SUSAN SCHULTZ:

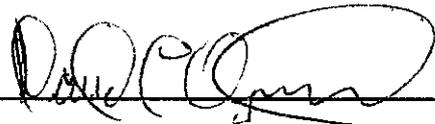
Chief Schultz commented on the report she provided to Council members regarding the Police Department activity.

COUNCIL REPORT/ PAT MILLER:

Pat Miller spoke on behalf of Joe Munro, a volunteer Reserve Officer, who is requesting to receive retirement benefits, which is not allowed under the current City Municipal Code. More information on allowing Reserve Officers to gain benefits from the BVFF Retirement will be in the next Council packet. Councilperson Miller also commented on the remodeling going on that the Police Station. Mayor Osgood confirmed the money was coming from the Real Estate Excise Tax fund. **Motion made by Tom Boling and seconded by Pat Miller to increase the budget for remodeling the Police Station by \$2,000. Tom Boling, David Blackett, Pat Miller and Charlie Butterfield voted in favor. Debbie Thurman voted against. Motion carried.**

MEETING ADJOURNED:

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



David C. Osgood – Mayor



Diana Easton – Clerk-Treasurer