

**ELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MARCH 7, 2016**

**6:00 P.M.**

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

Jim Sorensen called the March 7, 2016 Elma Council Meeting to order. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:**

Diana Easton called roll with Jim Sorensen, Jim Taylor, Charlie Butterfield, Tom Boling, David Blackett, Pat Miller and Attorney Dan Glenn present.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**Motion by David Blackett and seconded by Jim Taylor to approve the minutes from February 16, 2016. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**OUTSIDE WATER CONNECTION – ELVIN DOTSON, JR. – 28 SALVAGGI LANE:**

Jim Starks recommended that Council members approve the outside water application submitted by Elvin Dotson, Jr. for 28 Salvaggi Lane. **Motion made by Tom Boling and seconded by David Blackett to approve the outside water application for 28 Salvaggi Lane. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**OUTSIDE WATER CONNECTION – MARK LENSEGRAV – 51 SALVAGGI LANE:**

Jim Starks recommended that Council members approve the outside water application submitted by Mark Lensegrav for 51 Salvaggi Lane. **Motion made by Tom Boling and seconded by David Blackett to approve the outside water application for 51 Salvaggi Lane. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**G.H. POSSE – REQUESTS \$2000 FROM LODGING FOR KIDS RODEO:**

The G.H. Posse requested \$2000 from the Lodging Tax Fund for the Kids Rodeo. **Motion made by David Blackett and seconded by Tom Boling to approve the request for \$2000 from the Lodging Tax Fund for the kids rodeo. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**FIRE DEPT. ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY WHICH INCLUDES RETIRE/REHIRE:**

Council members discussed the proposed Fire Department Administrative Policy. Councilperson Taylor had additional questions regarding the policy and asked to have the issue tabled to allow time to meet with Chief Boling and Councilperson Miller. The issue was held over to allow time for the Public Safety Committee to meet with Chief Boling regarding the policy.

**APPROVAL OF ELMA POLICE POLICIES & PROCEDURES:**

Council members discussed the proposed Police Policies & Procedures manual. **Motion made by Pat Miller and seconded by Jim Taylor to approve the Elma Police Policies & Procedures manual. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**FIRE DISTRICT #5 REQUESTS CITY PHASE OUT DISTRICT #5 PROPERTY TAX REVENUE WHEN ANNEXATION TAKES PLACE:**

Council members discussed Fire District #5 request to phase out property tax revenue from the City when annexation takes place. Council clarified that over a three (3) year period, the percentage would start at 100% and decrease by 25% each year until zero by year four (4). **Motion made by Jim Taylor and seconded by Tom Boling to accept Fire District #5 proposal for the City to phase out District #5 property tax revenue when annexation takes place. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**STAFF REPORTS/ JIM STARKS:**

Jim Starks informed Council that the Public Works committee will be meeting the following week to discuss an issue involving Bayview Redi-Mix and residents hooked up to that water line.

**STAFF REPORTS/ DAN GLENN:**

Attorney Glenn commented that the Police Policies & Procedures manual just passed by Council will have to be confirmed by the FOP and also commented on the Bayview Redi-Mix water issue, stating that a leak has been detected but the whereabouts has not yet been determined. Later in the meeting Attorney Glenn suggested that Council members send a letter to the Senate requesting to continue funding the Municipal Research and Service Center. **Motion made by Jim Taylor and seconded by David Blackett to allow Mayor Sorensen to send a letter in support of keeping the MRSC. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**STAFF REPORTS/ SUSAN SCHULTZ:**

Chief Shultz commented on the PD monthly activity report and informed Council that she obtained a generator from the Federal surplus for the Emergency Command Center. The generator was free to the City and the only cost incurred will be to put it into service.

**STAFF REPORT/ TYSON BOLING:**

Chief Boling informed Council members of a meeting he had with Chief Prater. In this meeting Chief Boling and Chief Prater discussed possibly stationing the Battalion Chief, Adam Fulbright, from Fire District #5 at either the Fire Hall or setting up an office in City Hall. The benefit to the City would be having a quicker response time from a paramedic during an ALS call. Attorney Glenn suggested that Chief Prater submit a memo to Chief Boling and the Public Safety Committee describing exactly what he would like to do. Chief Boling agreed to pass on that request. Chief Boling also requested approval to obtain bids for repairing the heating/cooling system in the Fire Department building. Council members agreed.

**CITIZEN COMMENT/ JESSICA LAWRENCE:**

Jessica Lawrence, 30 Landberg Lane, addressed Council members with a request to improve 10<sup>th</sup> Street Park. Ms. Lawrence would like to see the dugouts upgraded and then locked while the park is not in use.

**COUNCIL REPORT/ JIM TAYLOR:**

Councilperson Taylor commented on the memo Jim Starks included in the Council packets from the G.H Sexual Assault Resource Center, Beyond Survival. The Center requested permission to attach ribbons to City street light poles during the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. **Motion made by Jim Taylor and seconded by Tom Boling to allow the G.H. Sexual Assault Resource Center to attach ribbons to City street light poles (and remove them) during the month of April in support of Sexual Assault Awareness month. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**COUNCIL REPORT/ TOM BOLING:**

Tom Boling questioned Attorney Glenn on the retire/rehire issue involving volunteer firefighters and if there was any type of agreement that the City could draft to renounce liability if a retired firefighter was rehired. Attorney Glenn commented that he is currently researching that issue.

**COUNCIL REPORT/ DAVID BLACKETT:**

Councilperson Blackett questioned Jim Starks on the status of the water rights issue. Mr. Starks commented that the issue has been resolved and the City will not have to revisit the issue for another 20-40 years.

**COUNCIL REPORT/ PAT MILLER:**

Councilperson Miller requested an update on the E. Main Street extension project. Mr. Starks commented that the project will be started in the summer.

**MAYOR'S REPORT/ JIM SORENSEN:**

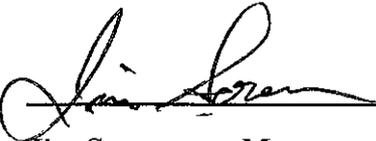
Mayor Sorensen commented on the recent storm and thanked Public Works and the Police Department for handling the roof issue at the Maranatha Church on Young Street.

**CITIZEN COMMENT/ TROY BUCY:**

Troy Bucy, Elma Little League, requested that Council members consider matching \$1500 in donations from the community to replace dugouts at the 10<sup>th</sup> St park. Mayor Sorensen requested that the issue be put to the Public Works committee and they return with a recommendation.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

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

  
Jim Sorensen – Mayor

  
Diana Easton – Clerk-Treasurer