

ELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 4, 2015

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Dave Osgood called the May 4, 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, Tom Boling, David Blackett, Pat Miller, Charlie Butterfield and Debbie Thurman present.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING SEWER CONNECTIONS (#1141):

Council members discussed the draft ordinance regarding sewer connections. Council decided to set the distance within 200 feet of the property (in paragraph B and C) by way of public right-of-way or easement as a requirement to hook up to the City sewer system if a septic fails and allow a waiver of the requirement of connection for a period of up to 6 months if approved by the Director of Public Works and the County Department of Health. **Motion made by Debbie Thurman and seconded by Pat Miller to approve Ordinance #1141 regarding sewer connection. Diana Easton called roll with Debbie Thurman, Charlie Butterfield, Tom Boling, David Blackett and Pat Miller voted in favor. Motion carried.**

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS TO AUTHORIZE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MORE ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT (#610):

Council members discussed the draft resolution directing submission to the voters to authorize funds for the purpose of more adequate funding for the Police Department. Councilperson Blackett suggested changing the wording in the title to reflect that funds will only be collected for one year, 2016 only. **Motion made by David Blackett and seconded by Tom Boling to approve Resolution #610 with the condition that the wording in the title be changed to "Levy to partially fund Police Department services for 2016". Charlie Butterfield, Tom Boling, David Blackett and Pat Miller voting in favor. Debbie Thurman voted against. Motion carried.**

REQUEST TO SET PUBLIC HEARING-SIX YEAR STREET PLAN-JUNE 15, 2015:

Jim Starks requested permission to set a Public Hearing for the Six Year Street Plan for June 15, 2015. **Motion made by Debbie Thurman and seconded by Pat Miller to set a Public Hearing for June 15, 2015 for the Six Year Street Plan. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE-REQUEST LODGING TAX FUNDING FOR HEAT ON THE STREET:

Debbie Adolphsen addressed Council members with a request for Lodging Tax funds for "Heat on the Street". **Motion made by David Blackett and seconded by Tom Boling to approve \$13,000 for "Heat on the Street" from the Lodging Tax funds. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE-REQUEST RE-ALLOCATION OF BUCKAROO FUNDING TO "HEAT ON THE STREET", ELMA VETERANS DAY MEMORIAL, AND CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE DAYS:

Debbie Adolphsen addressed Council members with a request to re-allocate "Buckaroo Days" funding to "Heat on the Street", "Elma Veterans Day Memorial" and "City Wide Garage Sale Days". **Motion made by David Blackett and seconded by Tom Boling to approve the re-allocation of funds from "Buckaroo Days" to "Heat on the Street", "Elma Veterans Day Memorial" and "City Wide Garage Sale Days". All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE-REQUEST TRANSFER OF THE FUNDS FROM PRINT TO RADIO ADVERTISING-WINTER WINE FESTIVAL:

Debbie Adolphsen addressed Council members with a request to transfer funds from print to radio advertising for the Winter Wine Festival budget. **Motion made by David Blackett and seconded by Debbie Thurman to approve the request to transfer funds from print to radio advertising for the Winter Wine Festival. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

REQUEST BY MARTIN FAMILY TO EXEMPT FARM (FIELDS) FROM ANNEXATION:

Mayor Osgood commented on the request by the Martin Family to exempt their farm and fields from annexation. According to Attorney Glenn's memorandum, the property can be included in the annexation and be protected and rezoned. Attorney Glenn was not in attendance the meeting to address the request.

REQUEST TO G.H.C – GARDEN HILL RD. PRE-LEVEL PROJECT:

Jim Starks addressed Council members with a request to move forward with the request to Grays Harbor County to begin the Garden Hill Road Pre-Level project. **Motion made by Tom Boling and seconded by Charlie Butterfield to allow Jim Starks to move forward with the request to Grays Harbor County to begin the Garden Hill Road Pre-Level project. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

PROCLAMATION-IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION-MAY 4TH – 10TH, 2015:

Chief Shultz read a proclamation regarding Impaired Driving Prevention for May 4-10, 2015 and requested Council approval. **Motion made by Debbie Thurman and seconded by Tom Boling to approve the proclamation regarding Impaired Driving Prevention for May 4-10, 2015. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried**

DISCUSSION/DECISION ON FOUL/ANIMALS:

Joe Chrystal was not in attendance at the meeting so Council held over the issue due to lack of new information.

CHEHALIS TRIBAL JAIL CONTRACT DISCUSSION:

Attorney Glenn was not in attendance at the meeting so Council held over the issue due to lack of new information.

CITIZEN COMMENT/ STEPHANIE RANGLE:

Stephanie Rangle addressed Council members with her concerns regarding the foul/animal issues. Ms. Rangle expressed her concerns regarding feral chickens and the problems they have caused in a small town outside of Sacramento, CA where she is from.

STAFF REPORT/ JIM STARKS:

Jim Starks updated Council members on the lien payoff the City received for 506 N. 11th Street and informed Council members of an opportunity to apply for a grant with Grays Harbor County regarding a FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan. **Motion made by Tom Boling and seconded by Pat Miller to allow Jim Starks to move forward with applying for the FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan grant with the condition that the issue is brought back before Council if there is a cost to the City. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

STAFF REPORT/ SUSAN SHULTZ:

Chief Shultz gave a brief update on recent Police activity.

COUNCIL REPORT/ DAVID BLACKETT:

David Blackett questioned the status of some of the abandoned property around town.

COUNCIL REPORT/ CHARLIE BUTTERFIELD:

Charlie Butterfield thanked Jim Starks for moving forward with the Garden Hill Road Pre-Level project.

COUNCIL REPORT/ DEBBIE THURMAN:

Debbie Thurman thanked Chief Shultz for the keeping Council informed on issues relating to the Police Department and the community.

MAYOR'S REPORT/ DAVE OSGOOD:

Mayor Osgood gave a brief report on the Police Department remodel project.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

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



David C. Osgood – Mayor



Diana Easton – Clerk-Treasurer