

ELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015  
6:00 P.M.

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

Dave Osgood called the September 8, 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, David Blackett, Tom Boling, Charlie Butterfield and Debbie Thurman present.

**MOTION TO EXCUSE:**

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Motion made by Debbie Thurman and seconded by David Blackett to approve the minutes from August 17, 2015. All Council Members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ZONING – ANIMALS AND LIVESTOCK LIMITATIONS WITHIN CITY LIMITS:**

Attorney Glenn commented that a change needed to be made on page 7 of the draft ordinance making the housing of livestock and/or animals no closer than 25 feet to any property line instead of 50 feet and also going with Alternative #2 on page 6. Motion made by David Blackett and seconded by Tom Boling to adopt Ordinance #1142 relating to zoning – animals and livestock limitations within City limits. Diana Easton called roll with David Blackett, Tom Boling and Charlie Butterfield voting in favor. Debbie Thurman voted against. Motion carried.

**FIRE MOUNTAIN PAY REQUEST:**

Jim Starks commented on the status of the biosolids removal project and requested that Council members approve pay request to Fire Mountain Farms in the amount of \$39,693.92. Motion made by Tom Boling and seconded by David Blackett to approve pay request to Fire Mountain Farms in the amount of \$39,693.92. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

**RODERICK – GRAHAM PROPERTY – GARDEN HILL:**

Jim Starks requested to have the issue held over to the September 21, 2015 Council meeting to allow for additional time to gather information. Council members agreed.

**LETTER FROM LOUIS ROSS REGARDING REMOVAL OF HORSE CHESTNUT TREES:**

Council members discussed Louis Ross' request for the removal of the horse chestnut trees that are along Main Street. Jim Starks commented that the roots of the trees are causing issues with the sidewalk. Mr. Starks agreed to consult Mr. Hiner, City Forester for the City of Montesano and return to Council with a recommendation.

**REQUEST BY DANA SMITH TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH G.H. FIRE DISTRICT #5 FOR EQUIPMENT USE:**

Dana Smith requested that Council consider entering into an Interlocal Agreement with G.H. Fire District #5 for equipment use. Chief Smith requested permission to borrow a gurney and brackets from Fire District #5 and also a computerized device to test the fit of the SCDA masks. Council members discussed the requests. Attorney Glenn suggested granting permission for Mayor Osgood to approve the contract subject to the Mayor's approval of the draft agreement regarding the allocation of fees in relation to the annual recalibration of the device. **Motion made by Tom Boling and seconded by David Blackett to accept the Interlocal Agreement with G.H. Fire District #5 with the accepted changes recommended by Dana Smith and Attorney Glenn. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**EXTENDING AN ASPECT OF THE POLICE CHIEF CONTRACT:**

Council members took action on an issue discussed during an Executive Session at the August 17, 2015 Council meeting. **Motion made by Debbie Thurman and seconded by Tom Boling to extend an aspect of the Police Chief's contract in regards to paying for RV space until December 2015. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**STAFF REPORTS/ JIM STARKS:**

Jim Starks commented on the status of the Dow Chemical lift station project and provided Council with an estimate for a new blower for the Waste Water Treatment Plant and requested permission to purchase the blower. **Motion made by Tom Boling and seconded by David Blackett to allow the purchase of a new blower for the Waste Water Treatment Plant, not to exceed \$9877 (with an overage of 10%) plus WSST. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**STAFF REPORT/ DIANA EASTON:**

Diana Easton informed Council that WCIA will be giving a presentation on "Anti-Harassment" and all City employees are required to either attend or view it on the internet.

**STAFF REPORT/ SUE SCHULTZ:**

Chief Schultz commented on the "Nuisance Abatements" recently issued by Joe Chrystal, Code Enforcement and the Police Department to properties around the City that needed to be cleaned up. Chief also commented on the activity of the Police Department for the month of August.

**STAFF REPORT/ JOE CHRYSTAL:**

Joe Chrystal thanked Council members for not changing the Ordinance regarding sandwich board signs.

**COUNCIL REPORT/ TOM BOLING:**

Tom Boling questioned the status of the contract with the Chehalis Tribe for jail services. Attorney Glenn stated the contract is still being negotiated.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

Motion made by David Blackett 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