

ELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2015
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Dave Osgood called the September 21, 2015 Elma City Council Meeting to order. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Jim Starks called roll with Dave Osgood, Pat Miller, David Blackett, Tom Boling, Charlie Butterfield and Debbie Thurman present. No Attorney was present.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion made by Tom Boling and seconded by Debbie Thurman to approve the minutes from September 8, 2015, Claims Warrants from #50419 to #50498, and #982515 totaling \$177,092.98, and Payroll Warrants from #39955 to #40016, IRS totaling \$156,225.50. All Council Members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENT/ FRED RAPP:

Fred Rapp requested that Council members consider going with Custom Security as a security system provider for the library building. Council members agreed to review the information to possibly include in the 2016 Budget.

AMENDMENT REQUEST ON ORDINANCE #1142 RELATING TO ZONING – ANIMAL AND LIVESTOCK LIMITATIONS WITH CITY LIMITS:

Council members discussed the amendment request on Ordinance #1142 relating to zoning of animals and livestock limitations with city limits. Councilperson Boling explained the amendment request. **Motion made by Tom Boling and seconded by David Blackett to amend Ordinance #1142 to allow large livestock in G-R (General Residential) zones with one (1) acre lot limitations. Tom Boling, David Blackett, Charlie Butterfield and Pat Miller voted in favor. Debbie Thurman voted against. Motion carried.**

REQUEST BY KARRIE FRUEN TO CONSTRUCT A SPRAY PARK AT THE 10TH STREET PARK:

Council members discussed a request submitted by Karrie Fruen to construct a spray park at the 10th street park. Mayor Osgood agreed to gather information from other cities who have spray parks and return to Council.

ELMA OUTFALL GRANT AGREEMENT WITH WASHINGTON STATE REC AND CONSERVATION OFFICE “RCO”:

Jim Starks requested that Council members consider approving the Mayor to sign a grant agreement with Washington State Rec and Conservation Office for the Elma Outfall project. **Motion made by David Blackett and seconded by Tom Boling to authorize the Mayor to enter into RCO grant agreement for outfall repair/stabilization. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN ELMA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND WASHINGTON TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION:

Chief Shultz recommended Council approve the interagency agreement between Elma Police Department and Washington Traffic Safety Commission. Chief Shultz confirmed that participation will have no cost to the City. **Motion made by David Blackett and seconded by Pat Miller to accept the interagency agreement between Elma Police Department and Washington Traffic Safety Commission. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

DISCUSS PERCENTAGE OF LODGING TAX FUNDS COUNCIL FEELS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO PAY UTILITIES AND WHAT PERCENTAGE ELMA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SHOULD CONTRIBUTE:

Council members discussed what percentage of the Lodging Tax funds should be allowed to pay utilities and what percentage the Elma Chamber of Commerce should contribute. Paula Jones confirmed that the Chamber included in their annual budget a portion of utilities to be paid from the Lodging Tax fund but 100% from that fund. The Chamber will be paying anything over the budgeted amounts.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT ON “HEAT ON THE STREET” CAR SHOW AND “ELMA CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE DAYS” – PRESENTATION OF 2016 BUDGET:

Debbie Adolphsen gave a brief presentation on the “Heat on the Street” car show and the “Elma City Wide Garage Sale Days” and stated that both events were a big success. Ms. Adolphsen also presented Council members with the Chamber’s 2016 Budget with the recommendation of the Tourism Committee and pointed out a few additions along with mentioning some changes from the 2015 budget. Mayor Osgood commented on the need to have the roof replaced on the VIC. Council members agreed to accept bids on that project and factor it in during the budget process for the City. Council members took the opportunity to discuss the status of an agreement with the Chamber, Saturday hours and ideas for making the public restrooms more visible.

CITIZEN COMMENT/ TOM ROSE AND LARRY CLERGET:

Tom Rose and Larry Clerget addressed Council members with an issue regarding obtaining a conditional use permit from the City of Elma. The Hearing Examiner denied an application for a conditional use permit for a multi-residential senior living complex and Mr. Rose and Mr. Clerget requested a meeting with City officials to discuss coming to an agreement on what is needed to obtain the conditional use permit. The matter was discussed and it was made clear that the City hires the Hearing Examiner for a reason and Council members go by his recommendations, it is not up to the Council to “negotiate” an agreement that would go against the Hearing Examiners recommendations. Mr. Clerget requested that Joe Chrystal provide the specific requirements needed to further their project and make a complete application. Mr. Chrystal agreed.

STAFF REPORT/ JIM STARKS:

Jim Starks informed Council members on the bids received for the asbestos removal project at the city owned property on 11th St.

STAFF REPORT/ SUE SCHULTZ:

Chief Schultz mentioned the “National Drug Take Back” event happening on Saturday at the Elma Police Department.

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