

ELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2015
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Dave Osgood called the November 16, 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, Debbie Thurman and Charlie Butterfield present.

MOTION TO EXCUSE:

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

FINAL HEARING ON PRELIMINARY 2016 BUDGET:

Mayor Osgood closed the Elma City Council meeting for a Final Public Hearing regarding the preliminary 2016 Budget. There was no public comment.

ELMA COUNCIL MEETING RECONVENED:

Mayor Osgood reconvened the Elma City Council meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion made by Debbie Thurman and seconded by David Blackett to approve the Claims Warrants from #50523, #50591 to #50685, totaling \$359,929.22, and Payroll Warrants from # 40079 to #40140, IRS totaling \$155,953.63. All Council Members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

RECONSIDER TO CLARIFY AD VALOREM (PROPERTY TAX) ORDINANCE #1145:

Attorney Glenn requested that Council reconsider Ordinance #1145 to clarify Ad Valorem (property tax). Grays Harbor County did not like the wording in Ordinance #1145 and requested the word "approximate" be removed. **Motion made by David Blackett and seconded by Tom Boling to reconsider the modified version "D" of Ordinance #1145. Diana Easton called roll with Debbie Thurman, Tom Boling, David Blackett and Charlie Butterfield voting in favor. Motion carried.** Attorney Glenn suggested passing version "E". **Motion made by David Blackett and seconded by Tom Boling to pass version "E" of Ordinance #1145. Diana Easton called roll with Debbie Thurman, Tom Boling, David Blackett and Charlie Butterfield voting in favor. Motion carried.**

INTRODUCTION OF 2015 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET:

Diana Easton introduced the Supplemental Budget for 2015.

CITIZEN COMMENT/ BRENT SCHILLER:

Brent Schiller from the City of McCleary approached Council members with the request to open discussions between the two cities regarding shared Police services. The City of McCleary would like to see negotiations begin for the City of Elma to take over policing McCleary. **Motion made by Tom Boling and seconded by Charlie Butterfield to allow Pat Miller, David Blackett and Chief Shultz to open negotiations with the City of McCleary for Police services. All Council members present voted in favor. Motion carried.**

OUTSIDE WATER APPLICATION – CHRIS PICKENS AT 904 GARDEN HILL RD:

Jim Starks requested permission from Council members to approve an outside water application for Chris Pickens at 904 Garden Hill Rd. **Motion made by David Blackett and seconded by Tom Boling to approve the outside water application for Chris Pickens at 904 Garden Hill Rd. All Council members present approved. Motion carried.**

PAY ESTIMATE #2 – ROGNLIN’S VERTELLUS LIFT STATION PROJECT:

Jim Starks requested that Council members approve pay estimate #2 to Rognlin’s for the Vertellus Lift Station Project in the amount of \$66,150. **Motion made by Tom Boling and seconded by David Blackett to approve pay estimate #2 to Rognlin’s Inc in the amount of \$66,150. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

SCOTT SNYDER – CITY LABOR ATTORNEY – PROPOSES \$250 AN HOUR FOR 2016:

Council members discussed a proposal by Scott Snyder, City Labor Attorney, to pay \$250 an hour in 2016. Debbie Thurman suggested holding the issue over until the Finance Committee had an opportunity to review the request and return to Council with a recommendation. Council members agreed and the issue was held over.

STAFF REPORT/ SUSAN SCHULTZ:

Chief Shultz commented on a meeting she held with local business owners to heighten awareness of overserving during the holiday season.

STAFF REPORT/ SARAH OGDEN:

Sarah Ogden, Librarian, discussed plans to apply for a grant from the G.H Community Foundation for \$10,000 and hopes the City will partner with Timberland Library to replace the carpet in that building.

COUNCIL REPORT/ DAVID BLACKETT:

David Blackett questioned Attorney Glenn on the status of the “Use Agreement” with the Chamber of Commerce. Attorney Glenn agreed to move forward with drafting an agreement.

COUNCIL REPORT/ TOM BOLING:

Tom Boling questioned Attorney Glenn on the status of the draft agreement with CCAP. Attorney Glenn commented that CCAP had not yet responded.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Motion made by David Blackett and seconded by Tom Boling to adjourn the Elma City Council meeting. David Blackett, Tom Boling and Charlie Butterfield voted in favor. Debbie Thurman voted against. Motion carried.



David C. Osgood – Mayor



Diana Easton – Clerk-Treasurer