

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 13, 2019

A. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Grover called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call – Excused Absences Councilmembers present included Councilmember Overhauser, Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Barthels, Councilmember Weiszmann, Councilmember Gaard, and Councilmember Hilton. Staff members present included Mr. Schuller, Ms. Niemeier, Mr. Schwartz, Ms. MacDonald, Mr. Hensley, Mr. Ableman, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Marx, and Ms. Cooper. Mayor Grover stated that Councilmember Taves requested to be excused. Councilmember Schmidt moved to excuse the absence. Councilmember Hilton seconded. Carried unanimously.

Councilmember Overhauser moved to drop Item 4, Resolution E-758. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. Carried unanimously.

C. Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of July 23, 2019 were approved as distributed.

D. Claims and Vouchers nos. 149573, 149616, 149709, 149829 through 149966 and July interdepartmental billing in the amount of \$1,067,182.90; payroll warrants nos. 62683 through 62768 in the amount of \$68,797.33, direct deposits in the amount of \$388,713.40, claims warrants nos. 149307 and 149512 through 149539 in the amount of \$419,844.49 and 149574 through 149578 in the amount of \$113,748.57, and transfers to claims clearing fund for distribution of previously expensed and reported benefit adjustments in the amount of -\$33,817.72 for a total payroll of \$957,286.07 were approved as read.

E. Claims for Damages None

F. Small Contracts None

G. Information Items None

H. Appointments None

I. Citizen Comments Jessica Smith, 121 N 4th, stated that she is concerned about the water rates. She feels the increase is excessive. She also has issues with clean water. She has a double filtration system and they still get sick to their stomach. Cheney's water system is fluoridated and she does not think it should be. She grows vegetables and there are noticeable white spots where there has been water.

J. Action Items

1. 19-060 – Resolution E-748 – Lease with the Option to Purchase Agreement with MVP Property LLC Mr. Schuller explained the agreements and stated that they have a great vision for the space. Mr. Schwartz stated that each agreement has an option to purchase that must be exercised by the end of the term or he loses the option. Councilmember Weiszmann moved for approval of Resolution E-748. Councilmember Barthels seconded. Carried unanimously.

2. 19-069 – Resolution E-756 – EWU Football Games Emergency Medical Service Standby Agreement Mr. Jenkins stated that this is an annual agreement with EWU. It is for \$66 per hour for home football games. That will cover the cost of overtime for the firefighters. Councilmember Hilton moved for approval of Resolution E-756. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. Carried unanimously.

3. 19-071 – Resolution E-757 – Memorandum of Understanding with the Cheney School District for Providing the EDGE After School Program Mr. Schuller stated that EDGE is a replacement for Trailblazers. Cheney School District lost the grant for that program. This is targeted for at-risk children. The school district will provide the space, a custodian, and 10 scholarships. It can accommodate 30 children and there are 15 already registered. Councilmember Schmidt moved for approval of Resolution E-757. Councilmember Hilton seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. 19-072 – Resolution E-758 – Advantage Spokane Agreement with Greater Spokane Incorporated
Removed from agenda

5. 19-073 – Resolution E-759 – FCS Group Agreement Amendment One Mr. Ableman stated that the original agreement was approved in May. This amendment is for the full rate study looking at commercial development, operations and maintenance, and future connects. We hope to have results toward the end of the year. Councilmember Barthels stated that he will abstain because of a conflict. Councilmember Schmidt moved for approval of Resolution E-759. Councilmember Gaard seconded. Carried with Councilmember Barthels abstaining.

6. 19-074 – Resolution E-760 – 2019 CDBG Project Award Mr. Ableman stated that we received five bids with Red Diamond Construction submitting the low bid. Red Diamond did the first phase. This is a fully funded CDBG project. Councilmember Barthels moved for approval of Resolution E-760. Councilmember Weizmann seconded. Carried unanimously.

7. 19-061 – Ordinance X-69 – Cheney Care Center Rezone 2nd Reading Mr. Ableman stated that he has not received any comments on the ordinance. Councilmember Overhauser moved for the second reading of Ordinance X-69 in title and summary form only and deferral to the next meeting. Councilmember Weizmann seconded. Carried unanimously.

8. 19-070 – Ordinance X-70 and X-71 – Senior Housing Overlay 1st Reading Mr. Ableman stated that with the rezone to R-2, it was recognized that the proposal for senior housing is not just R-2. This identifies an overlay zone. Mr. Schwartz explained the ordinance. Councilmember Overhauser moved for the first reading of Ordinance X-70 in title and summary form only and to defer it to a subsequent meeting. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. Carried unanimously. Councilmember Overhauser moved for the first reading of Ordinance X-71 in title and summary form only and deferral to a subsequent meeting. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. Carried unanimously.

K. Staff Reports Mr. Schuller showed a picture of our new fire truck on Roos field. Mr. Ableman stated that well three was started July 30 and we are only running one well right now. We will be starting a full city flush soon. That will take approximately 8-10 weeks. We will put an ad in the paper and on the website.

L. Mayor’s Report Mayor Grover stated that we received a certificate of appreciation from the NE Washington Interagency Management Team. He thanked Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Ableman and their teams for providing support to them.

M. Executive Session Mayor Grover recessed the meeting at 6:36 p.m. as per RCW 2.30.110(1)(i) regarding matters of potential litigation. He stated that it will last 15 minutes with no action to follow. He asked Mr. Schuller, Mr. Schwartz, Ms. Niemeier, and Ms. Cooper to stay. Mayor Grover reconvened the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

N. Council Reports Councilmember Weizmann stated that Dana from Creative Cath Photography assisted with the photo of the fire truck. Councilmember Gaard stated that he enjoyed working on the photo.

O. Adjournment Councilmember Schmidt moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Barthels seconded. Carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor