

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 27, 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, Councilmember Hilton, and Councilmember Taves. Staff members present included Mr. Schuller, Ms. Niemeier, Mr. Schwartz, Ms. MacDonald, Mr. Hensley, Mr. Ableman, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Marx, Mr. Nilles, and Ms. Cooper. Mayor Grover stated that Councilmember Weiszmann requested to be excused from the September 24 meeting. Councilmember Schmidt moved to excuse the absence. Councilmember Gaard seconded. Carried unanimously. Mayor Grover stated that Councilmember Schmidt requested to be excused from the October 22 meeting. Councilmember Weiszmann moved to excuse the absence. Councilmember Gaard seconded. Carried unanimously.

**C. Minutes** of the Regular City Council meeting of August 13, 2019 were approved as distributed.

**D. Claims and Vouchers** nos. 149828 and 150075 through 150161 in the amount of \$750,672.84 were approved as read.

**E. Claims for Damages** Councilmember Overhauser stated that the Finance Committee reviewed the claim from Jon Harm and she moved to deny the claim. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. Carried unanimously.

**F. Small Contracts** None

**G. Information Items** Mayor Grover stated that Mr. Nilles received the Code Official of the Year Award from the Washington Association of Building Officials. Mayor Grover presented Mr. Nilles with the award.

**H. Appointments** None

**I. Citizen Comments** Jessica Smith, 121 N 4<sup>th</sup> St, explained that a hydrant was broken during flushing this morning. She stated that the backflow went into the system and nobody was notified. She feels the council is suffering from apathy when it comes to the water system. Fluoride toxicity causes apathy. Fluoride is hurting our kids. John Peak, 1721 6<sup>th</sup> St, stated that 6<sup>th</sup> Street was designated and striped as an arterial. He questioned why residents were not involved in the decision. Ralph Laws, 305 Buena Vista, stated that the train crossings on Mullinix Rd and Cheney-Plaza Rd are within safety compliance. He wants the City to work with the railroads to reduce train whistles. He is also concerned about entrances and exits to parking lots along First Street near Maverik. Jennifer Klein, 1614 6<sup>th</sup> St, stated that she also has questions about what is happening with 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Patrick Moore, 1805 6<sup>th</sup> St, stated that residents already use 6<sup>th</sup> St a lot and he feels that a striped, designated arterial will increase traffic even more so.

### **J. Action Items**

**1. 19-075 – Resolution E-761 – 2020-2025 TIP Amendment** Mayor Grover opened the public hearing at 6:18 p.m. Mr. Ableman stated that this makes two amendments for projects. Cheney School District received a Safe Routes to School grant which will make improvements along N 6<sup>th</sup> St. and N 8<sup>th</sup> St. It will include flashing crosswalk signs, a speed limit indicator, upgrades to ADA ramps, and bicycle paths. The second project is for intersection improvements at N 6<sup>th</sup> St. and Betz Rd. No public comments were received. Mayor Grover closed the public hearing at 6:21 p.m. Councilmember Barthels moved for approval of Resolution E-761. Councilmember Weiszmann seconded. Carried unanimously.

**2. 19-061 – Ordinance X-69 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Cheney Care Center Rezone** Mr. Ableman stated that this is the recommendation from the Planning Commission. It rezones the property by the Care Center to R-2. No comments were received. Councilmember Overhauser moved for the third reading of Ordinance X-69 in title and summary form only and that it be placed before Council for final passage. Councilmember Taves seconded. Carried unanimously. Yes votes: Councilmember Overhauser, Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Barthels, Councilmember Weiszmann, Councilmember Gaard, Councilmember Hilton, Councilmember Taves. Ordinance X-69 passed.

**3. 19-070 – Ordinance X-70 and X-71 – 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Senior Housing Overlay** Mr. Ableman stated that this is a senior housing designation in the R-2 zone with a restricted covenant clause. No comments were received. Councilmember Overhauser moved for the second reading of Ordinance X-70 in title and summary form only, that reading considered the third, and that it be placed before Council for final passage. Councilmember Taves seconded. Carried unanimously. Yes votes: Councilmember Overhauser, Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Barthels, Councilmember Weiszmann, Councilmember Gaard, Councilmember Hilton, Councilmember Taves. Ordinance X-70 passed. Mr. Ableman provided a map that showed the zoning and stated that this amends Chapter 21. No comments were received. Councilmember Overhauser moved for the second reading of Ordinance X-71 in title and summary form only, that reading considered the third, and that it be placed before Council for final passage. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. Carried unanimously. Yes votes: Councilmember Overhauser, Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Barthels, Councilmember Weiszmann, Councilmember Gaard, Councilmember Hilton, Councilmember Taves. Ordinance X-71 passed.

**K. Staff Reports** Mr. Schuller stated that there is a lot of construction in town still. We are gearing up for the return of students. We are wrapping up a pretty successful pool season and will be working around the pool this fall.

**L. Mayor's Report** Mayor Grover stated that Gene Bloom passed away recently and we send our condolences to his family. He stated that he appreciates everyone that came to the meeting tonight. We will make a presentation at the next council regarding arterials.

**M. Council Reports** Councilmember Overhauser attend the LEOFF board meeting last week with Ms. MacDonald. Mr. Schuller stated that Cheney had the foresight to get long term care policies for LEOFF I members a long time ago. That has really paid off for us. Councilmember Schmidt reported on the Public Works Committee meeting. Councilmember Barthels reminded everyone that they need to check the high pressure relief valve on their water tank regularly. Councilmember Taves stated that the depot is coming along. He presented at the West Plains breakfast at Roos Field.

**N. Executive Session** None

**O. Adjournment** Councilmember Schmidt moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Barthels seconded. Carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Mayor