

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 11, 2020

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, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Nilles, and Mr. Wahl. Mayor Grover stated that Councilmember Overhauser requested to be excused from the March 24 meeting. Councilmember Schmidt moved to excuse the absence. Councilmember Barthels seconded. Carried unanimously.

C. Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of January 28, 2020 were approved as distributed.

D. Claims and Vouchers nos. voucher nos. 152030, 152059, and 152094 through 152103 in the amount of \$136,835.88 for 2019; 152073, 152104 through 152193, and January interdepartmental billing in the amount of \$455,603.45 for 2020; payroll warrants nos. 63101 through 63158 in the amount of \$26,777.70, direct deposits in the amount of \$404,421.47, claims warrants nos. 151938, 151939, 152029 through 152058, 152072, and 152091 through 152093 in the amount of \$538,629.58, and transfers to claims clearing fund for distribution of previously expensed and reported benefit adjustments in the amount of (\$37,163.14), for a total payroll of \$932,665.61 were approved as read.

E. Claims for Damages None

F. Small Contracts The small contracts were previously approved.

G. Information Items Ms. Niemeier stated the Craig Wahl is the ETC for the City. Mr. Wahl presented the award the City received at the CommuteSmart Northwest awards banquet.

H. Appointments None

I. Citizen Comments Mohammed Abdulwahid, General Manager at the Holiday Inn, spoke about quiet zones.

J. Action Items

1. 20-008 – Resolution E-799 – AE Cheney Land Memorandum of Correction Mr. Ableman stated that the conditions of the EDA grant caused a covenant on all of the parcels of land. They also included Allpak which should not have been included. This is a deed of correction to remove them. Councilmember Taves moved for approval of Resolution E-799. Councilmember Hilton seconded. Carried unanimously.

2. 20-009 – Resolution E-800 – Columbia Rural Electric Association Safety Training Service Agreement Mr. Marx stated that they like to switch trainers every couple years to keep the information fresh and get a different perspective. This cost is \$1,750 per month. Councilmember Gaard moved for approval of Resolution E-800. Councilmember Hilton seconded. Carried unanimously.

3. 20-011 – Resolution E-802 – Covered Storage Building Roof Replacement Contract Mr. Ableman provided information on the building and stated that this will remedy all of the defects and get us the certificate of occupancy and warranty. Councilmember Schmidt moved for passage of Resolution E-802. Councilmember Barthels seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. 20-012 – Resolution E-803 – United Casualty and Surety Agreement Mr. Ableman stated that we settled with the bond company. Councilmember Weiszmann moved for approval of Resolution E-803. Councilmember Gaard seconded. Carried unanimously.

K. Staff Reports Mr. Schwartz provided an update on lawsuits regarding the court commissioner process. Mr. Schuller provided a legislative update.

L. Mayor's Report Mayor Grover stated that there will be an STA open house at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday at Wren Pierson. He thanked Mr. Schuller and Councilmember Weizmann for representing Cheney well in Olympia.

M. Council Reports Councilmember Overhauser spoke about the curling event at EWU. Councilmember Schmidt stated that the Public Works Committee meeting will be February 27 at 2 p.m. Councilmember Barthels reported on the Planning Commission meeting. Councilmember Weizmann attended AWC City Action Days and the CommuteSmart Northwest banquet. She stated that Mr. Wahl also received two personal awards in addition to the one presented to the City. Councilmember Gaard stated that he has seen a lot of coverage on EWU and Cheney due to curling. Councilmember Hilton has received a lot of positive feedback from the curling events. Councilmember Taves reported on the Cheney Depot Society and thanked Councilmember Weizmann for taking photos.

N. Executive Session None

O. Adjournment Councilmember Barthels moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Weizmann seconded. Carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor