

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 23, 2021

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, and Ms. Snider. Mayor Grover stated that Councilmember Gaard requested to be excused from the April 13 meeting. Councilmember Taves moved to excuse the absence. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. Carried unanimously.

C. Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of March 9, 2021 were approved as distributed.

D. Claims and Vouchers nos. 156646 through 156649 in the amount of \$6,724.27 for 2020 and 156624, 156625, and 156650 through 156731 in the amount of \$835,440.97 for 2021 were approved as read.

E. Claims for Damages None

F. Small Contracts None

G. Information Items Mr. Hensley provided information on parking fines and recommended a \$45 fine for moving violations and \$60 for safety violations.

H. Appointments None

I. Citizen Comments Robert Archuleta, 1551 W 1st St, stated that he operates Cheney Self Storage. He spoke about his concern regarding self storage facilities in the industrial park.

J. Action Items

1. 21-033 – Resolution E-899 – 2021-2023 AFSCME 270-C Labor Contract Mr. Schuller stated that this is a three year contract with a 1.25% wage increase and text changes to language. Councilmember Schmidt moved for approval of Resolution E-899. Councilmember Weiszmann seconded. Carried unanimously.

2. 21-038 – Resolution E-903 – Binding Site Agreement LUA2020-010 Mr. Ableman stated that this binding site plan creates a third lot on the Rocanova property. The access to all lots is on SR904. Councilmember Barthels moved to send this to the Public Works Committee on April 1. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. Carried unanimously.

3. 21-039 – Resolution E-904 – SRTC Call for Projects Grant Application Mr. Ableman stated that the application will be for grind and overlay on Washington St from SR904 to W 6th St. Councilmember Schmidt moved for approval of Resolution E-904. Councilmember Taves seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. 21-040 – Resolution E-905 – Cheney Purple Pipe Project DOE Extension Mr. Ableman stated that the original design agreement will expire March 30. This is a three month extension. Councilmember Taves moved for approval of Resolution E-905. Councilmember Hilton seconded. Councilmember Barthels stated that he will abstain due to his involvement. Carried with Councilmember Barthels abstaining.

5. 21-027 – Ordinance X-82 – Occupancy Ordinance Second Reading Mr. Ableman stated that he has not received any comments. Councilmember Overhauser moved for the second reading of Ordinance X-82 in title and summary form only and deferral to a subsequent meeting. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. Carried unanimously.

6. 21-028 – Ordinance X-83 – Landscaping Ordinance Second Reading Mr. Ableman explained the changes to the ordinance since the last meeting. Councilmember Overhauser moved for the second reading of

Ordinance X-83 in title and summary form only and to defer it to a subsequent meeting. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. Carried unanimously.

7. 21-037 – Ordinance Y-3 – 2021 Salary Ordinance Mr. Schuller stated that this incorporates the agreed upon increase for AFSCME 270-C members. Councilmember Overhauser moved for the second reading of Ordinance Y-3 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 Y-3 passed.

8. 21-041 – Ordinance Y-4 – Net Metering Ordinance Amendment Mr. Marx provided information on net metering. Councilmember Overhauser moved for the first reading of Ordinance Y-4 in title and summary form only and to defer it to a subsequent meeting. Councilmember Taves seconded. Carried unanimously.

K. Staff Reports Mr. Ableman stated that Cheney Clean Sweep will be April 4. Large item pick up will be the week before. Yard waste bins are out. Mr. Schuller provided a COVID-19 update. We are planning for spring and summer Parks and Recreation events, including opening the pool this year.

L. Mayor’s Report Mayor Grover stated the City is a Tree City USA again. We were recognized as a Silver Champion for our CTR success. The recycling center was Enviro-certified. STA will begin construction on two new bus stops in Four Lakes the first week of April.

M. Council Reports Councilmember Overhauser thanked staff for all the work that has been done during the pandemic. Councilmember Schmidt thanked staff and reported on SRTC. Councilmember Barthels thanked staff. Councilmember Weiszmann reported on the AWC scholarship applications that were received. Councilmember Gaard stated that the EWU Men’s basketball team played in the NCAA tournament. He congratulated Coach Shantay Legans on his new coaching job. Councilmember Taves thanked staff.

N. Executive Session None

O. Adjournment Councilmember Schmidt moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Barthels seconded. Carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor