

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 25, 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, Ms. MacDonald, Mr. Hensley, Mr. Ableman, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Marx, Ms. Cooper, Ms. Snider, Mr. Bailey, and Mr. Conley.

C. Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of May 11, 2021 were approved as distributed.

D. Claims and Vouchers nos. 157188 through 157270 in the amount of \$643,972.31 were approved as read.

Councilmember Overhauser moved to add Resolution E-920 Lodging Tax Approval as item 2 under resolutions. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. Carried unanimously.

E. Claims for Damages None

F. Small Contracts None

G. Information Items Mr. Jenkins presented information on fire safety. Mr. Schuller and Mr. Hensley presented information on police body cameras.

H. Appointments Mayor Grover stated that he would like to appoint Jackie Randall and Savannah Youmans to the Park Board. Councilmember Schmidt moved to confirm the appointments. Councilmember Weiszmann seconded. Carried unanimously.

I. Citizen Comments Mayor Grover stated that Scott Enright provided comment that he would like us to get back to having in-person meetings and questioned the mask policy for the City. Mr. Schuller stated that we are working on a plan to get back to in-person meetings as soon as possible and we are following state guidelines and the local health district regarding masks.

J. Action Items

1. 21-056 – Resolution E-919 – 2021 Well Six Pump Replacement Project Contract Award Mr. Ableman stated that Specialty Pump Services submitted the lowest quote. Councilmember Taves moved for approval of Resolution E-919. Councilmember Hilton seconded. Carried unanimously.

2. Resolution E-920 – Lodging Tax Approval Ms. Niemeier stated that we received two lodging tax applications earlier in the year. The Lodging Tax Committee recommended funding \$5,300 for the Cheney Rodeo insurance payment and \$2,512.50 for the Civil War Association. The total is \$7,812.50 for both. Councilmember Weiszmann moved for approval of Resolution E-920 for the Cheney Rodeo Association. Councilmember Taves seconded. Carried unanimously. Councilmember Taves moved for approval of Resolution E-921 for the Civil War Association. Councilmember Weiszmann seconded. Carried with Councilmember Overhauser voting nay.

3. 21-053 – Ordinance Y-6 – Unlicensed Vehicle Parking Violation Mr. Hensley stated that he has not received any comments. Councilmember Schmidt moved for the seconded reading of Ordinance Y-6 in title and summary form only, that reading considered the third, and that it be placed before Council for final passage. Councilmember Barthels seconded. Carried unanimously. Yes votes: Councilmember Overhauser, Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Barthels, Councilmember Weiszmann, Councilmember Gaard, Councilmember Hilton, Councilmember Taves. Ordinance Y-6 passed.

K. Staff Reports Mr. Schuller stated that we are putting a plan together to get back to in-person meetings. He provided a COVID-19 update.

L. Mayor's Report Mayor Grover stated that the CDC provides national guidelines regarding COVID-19, the State provides them for the state, but the local health district can be more restrictive. We are under more restriction because of positive cases. City Hall will open on June 1. There will be a Memorial Day ceremony at 11 am on May 31. He will be attending a Department of Commerce meeting for the Purple Pipe Project. He will be on the EWU President search committee.

M. Council Reports Councilmember Schmidt provided an update on the search for a new SRTC director. Councilmember Weismann thanked both chiefs for their hard work. Councilmember Taves stated that he will miss the June 22 meeting due to a medical procedure.

N. Executive Session None

O. Adjournment Councilmember Schmidt moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Barthels seconded. Carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor