

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 28, 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. Ableman, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Holling, Ms. Snider, Mr. Birrenkott, Mr. Fraley, Mr. Hoppe, Mr. Conley, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Lathrop, Mr. Billigmeier, and Mr. Roy.

C. Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of December 14, 2021 were approved as corrected.

D. Claims and Vouchers nos. 159713 and 159736 through 159812 in the amount of \$605,605.04 were approved as read.

E. Claims for Damages None

F. Small Contracts None

G. Information Items Mr. Schuller presented the proposed IAFF contract.

H. Appointments None

Councilmember Barthels moved to not take any action on Resolution E-959 and to establish a January 10, 2022 special meeting at 6 p.m. to make a decision on the COVID-19 vaccination policy. Councilmember Hilton seconded. Carried with Councilmember Overhauser, Councilmember Schmidt, and Councilmember Taves voting nay.

I. Citizen Comments Mayor Grover stated that we have received comments from the public. Rachel Buck, Nicole Aguilera, Heather Woller, Scott Woller, Stacy Ashcroft, and Ruthie Hanford spoke against a COVID-19 vaccination mandate. Mark Posthuma spoke about the IAFF contract.

Discussion Item

21-110 – Resolution E-959 – City Employee COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination Policy Approval Mr. Schuller presented information on the OSHA ETS and the policy.

J. Action Items

1. 21-125 – Resolution E-972 – 2022 Line Clearance Contract Renewal Mr. Schuller stated that this is a renewal of the line clearance contract. Councilmember Schmidt moved for approval of Resolution E-972. Councilmember Hilton seconded. Carried unanimously.

2. 21-132 – Resolution E-979 – TransAlta WWTP Solar Array Grant Application Mr. Ableman stated that he would like to apply for this grant. Councilmember Barthels moved for passage of Resolution E-979. Councilmember Weiszmann seconded. Carried unanimously.

3. 21-132 – Resolution E-980 – Wetland Mitigation Letter of Intent Mr. Ableman stated that this is a non-binding letter of intent to work with the West Plains Airport. Councilmember Taves moved for approval of Resolution E-980. Councilmember Gaard seconded. Carried with Councilmember Barthels abstaining.

K. Staff Reports Mr. Schuller spoke about the book Taking Flight

L. Mayor’s Report Mayor Grover recognized Councilmember Taves for his service to the citizens of Cheney. Mr. Jenkins made a plaque that will be presented to Councilmember Taves.

M. Council Reports Councilmember Schmidt thanked Councilmember Taves for his years of service to the community. Councilmember Barthels thanked Councilmember Taves. He also thanked staff for helping them

work through the OSHA ETS. Councilmember Weiszmann thanked Councilmember Taves. Councilmember Gaard stated that he appreciates the hard work from Councilmember Taves. He also stated that his coworkers that commute from Spokane think the plowing here is done well. He commended the plowing personnel. Councilmember Hilton thanked Councilmember Taves for everything he has done for the Council. Councilmember Taves stated that he appreciated the kind words and thoughts.

N. Executive Session

O. Adjournment Councilmember Taves moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Weiszmann seconded. Carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor