

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 14, 2023

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 Posthuma. Staff members present included Mr. Schuller, Ms. Niemeier, Mr. Kapaun, Ms. MacDonald, Mr. Beghtol, Mr. Ableman, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Marx, Ms. Cooper, Ms. Furfaro, Ms. Bassen, Mr. Hanni, Ms. Walters, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Curley, and Mr. Conley.

C. Citizen Comments Corinna Donnerberg, 2220 Annie Pl, spoke about Sergeant Chad Eastep. Carin Blair-Hooper, 411 Presley Dr, spoke about Sergeant Chad Eastep.

D. Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of January 24, 2023 were approved as distributed.

E. Claims and Vouchers nos. 164102 through 164126 in the amount of \$.114,403.72 for 2022, 164127 through 164240 and January interdepartmental billing in the amount of \$665,364.51 for 2023, direct deposits in the amount of \$484,970.84, claims warrants nos. 164054 through 164078 in the amount of \$267,266.99, and transfers to claims clearing fund for distribution of reported benefit adjustments in the amount of \$282,325.81 for a total payroll of \$1,034,563.64 were approved.

F. Claims for Damages Councilmember Overhauser stated that the Finance Committee reviewed the claim from Damian Vargas and she moved to send this to insurance. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. Carried unanimously.

G. Small Contracts The small contracts were previously approved.

H. Information Items Mr. Beghtol spoke about Dispatcher of the Year Kate Fairbanks and Police Officer of the Year Cheyanne Walters. Mr. Schuller stated that the next Coffee with a Cop is March 12th at 9 a.m. at Starbucks. Ms. Cooper spoke about community court.

I. Appointments None

J. Action Items

1. 23-022 Ordinance Y-39 – Alley Vacation Public Hearing Mayor Grover opened the public hearing at 6:28 p.m. Mr. Ableman provided information on the alley vacation and stated that we have not received any public comment. Carin Blair-Hooper, 411 Presley Dr, stated that she applauds the application and that we need the expansion. Dr. Charles Hough spoke about the building and the purpose of the application. Mayor Grover closed the public hearing at 6:38 p.m. Councilmember Overhauser moved for the first reading of Ordinance Y-39 in title and summary form only, that reading considered the second and third, and that it be placed before council for final passage. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. Carried unanimously. Yes vote: Councilmember Overhauser, Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Barthels, Councilmember Weiszmann, Councilmember Gaard, Councilmember Hilton, Councilmember Posthuma. Ordinance Y-39 passed.

2. 23-012 – Resolution F-119 – LUA2022-011 Golden Hills 6th Additional Replat Mr. Ableman presented information on the replat. Councilmember Barthels moved for passage of Resolution F-119 with an amendment to add language about drainage. Councilmember Overhauser seconded. Carried unanimously.

3. 23-019 – Resolution F-125 – Golden Hills 6th Addition Final Plat Mr. Ableman presented information on the final plat. Councilmember Barthels moved for approval of Resolution F-125 with an amendment to add language about drainage. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. 23-021 – Resolution F-127 – 2023 Public Works Surplus Mr. Ableman provided information on the equipment. Councilmember Schmidt moved for passage of Resolution F-125. Councilmember Barthels seconded. Carried unanimously.

5. 23-023 – Resolution F-129 – Clay Street & 6th Street Preservation Project Contract Award Mr. Ableman stated that Shamrock was the low bidder. Councilmember Weiszmann moved for approval of Resolution F-129. Councilmember Barthels seconded. Carried unanimously.

6. 23-024 – Resolution F-130 – Motor Control Center Installation Contract Award Mr. Ableman provided information on the motor control center. Councilmember Schmidt moved for passage of Resolution F-130. Councilmember Hilton seconded. Carried unanimously.

7. 23-026 – Resolution F-132 – Lodging Tax Ms. Niemeier presented information on the lodging tax applications. Councilmember Barthels moved for approval of Resolution F-132. Councilmember Posthuma seconded. Carried unanimously.

8. 23-018 – Ordinance Y-38 – Medical Clinics in Multi-Family Zones Mr. Ableman stated that this is a text amendment. Councilmember Overhauser moved for the first reading of Ordinance Y-38 amended to include related uses in title and summary form only, that reading considered the second and 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 Posthuma. Ordinance Y-38 passed.

9. 23-020 – Ordinance Y-40 – Emergency Ordinance Amending Section 9A.03.010 of the Cheney Municipal Code Mr. Schuller provided information on the ordinance and the reason for the amendment. Councilmember Overhauser moved for the first reading of Ordinance Y-40 in title and summary form only, that reading considered the second and 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 Posthuma. Ordinance Y-40 passed.

K. Staff Reports Ms. Niemeier provided a recap of the audit exit conference. Mr. Ableman provided information on a water main break on First Street. Mr. Schuller spoke about EWU men’s basketball.

L. Mayor’s Report Mayor Grover provided a legislative update.

M. Council Reports Councilmember Overhauser asked that we add an additional item to the executive session to discuss the performance of a public employee and potential litigation. Councilmember Schmidt explained how claims work in an insurance pool. Councilmember Barthels will be attending Public Works and Public Safety committee meetings. Councilmember Weiszmann attended the Hotel Motel tax committee meeting, Planning Commission, and Historic Preservation. She spoke about the Cheney Depot. Councilmember Gaard spoke about the Cheney Depot and EWU men’s basketball. Councilmember Hilton will attend the Public Works Committee meeting on Thursday.

N. Executive Session Mayor Grover recessed the meeting at 7:54 p.m. for executive session as per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase and RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) potential litigation. He stated that it would last 15 minutes and he asked Mr. Schuller, Mr. Kapaun, Mr. Ableman, and Ms. Niemeier to stay. The executive session was extended for 5 minutes at 8:09 p.m.

O. Conclusion of Meeting Councilmember Gaard moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Councilmember Barthels seconded. Carried unanimously.

City Clerk

Mayor