

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 25, 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, and Councilmember Hilton. Staff members present included Mr. Schuller, Ms. Niemeier, Mr. Kapaun, Ms. MacDonald, Mr. Beghtol, Mr. Ableman, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Marx, Mr. Hauenstein, Mr. McKinney, Mr. Sanchez, Mr. Cooper, and Ms. Snider. Councilmember Posthuma was excused.

Mr. Jenkins provided information on the contamination that the Department of Ecology is investigating.

C. Citizen Comments Corinna Donnerberg, 2220 Annie Pl, spoke about an environmental crisis in Cheney. Micah Bockstruck, 503 Elm St, spoke about the water supply.

D. Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of July 11, 2023 were approved as distributed.

E. Claims and Vouchers nos. 165775 through 165867 and June interdepartmental billing in the amount of \$942,914.11 were approved.

F. Claims for Damages None

G. Small Contracts None

H. Information Items Mr. Beghtol introduced new police officers Dennis Sanchez and Cody Hauenstein. Mr. Schuller provided information on the Spokane Regional Collaboration. Ms. Niemeier provided information on ESSHB 1329.

I. Appointments None

J. Action Items

1. 23-069 – Resolution F-166 – Cooperation Agreement with Spokane County for CDBG and Related Funds Mr. Schuller provided information on CDBG. Councilmember Overhauser moved for approval of Resolution F-166. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. Carried unanimously.

2. 23-070 – Resolution F-167 – Cheney Substation Expansion Geotechnical Services Mr. Marx provided information on the services. Councilmember Schmidt moved for approval of Resolution F-167. Councilmember Barthels seconded. Carried unanimously.

3. 23-071 – Resolution F-168 – UB Fence Installation Project Mr. Marx provided information about the fence. Councilmember Weiszmann moved for passage of Resolution F-168. Councilmember Gaard seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. 23-072 – Resolution F-169 – 2023 TIB Grant Application Mr. Ableman provided information about the grant application. Councilmember Barthels moved for approval of Resolution F-169. Councilmember Weiszmann seconded. Carried unanimously.

5. 23-074 – Resolution F-170 – A Resolution Authorizing City Staff to Engage in Further Discussion and Work with the Spokane Regional Collaborative on the Formation of the Spokane Regional Authority for Homelessness, Housing, Health and Safety Mr. Schuller explained the resolution. Councilmember Overhauser moved for approval of Resolution F-170. Councilmember Barthels seconded. Carried unanimously.

6. 23-073 – Ordinance Y-48 – Cheney Aquatics Facility General Obligation Bond Mr. Schuller explained the ordinance. Councilmember Overhauser moved for the first reading of Ordinance Y-48 in title and summary form only, that reading consider the second and 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. Ordinance Y-48 passed.

K. Staff Reports Mr. Schuller thanked the Department of Ecology for the immediate response and he thanked City staff for their assistance to DOE. He spoke about recreation programs and events.

L. Mayor's Report None

M. Council Reports Councilmember Schmidt spoke about our response to the fuel spill and the City's contribution to the community. Councilmember Barthels encouraged everyone to vote. Councilmember Gaard spoke about EWU events.

N. Executive Session None

O. Conclusion of Meeting Councilmember Schmidt moved to conclude the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Councilmember Barthels seconded. Carried unanimously.

City Clerk

Mayor