

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**January 12, 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, and Ms. Cooper.

**C. Minutes** of the Regular City Council meeting of December 22, 2020 were approved as distributed.

**D. Claims and Vouchers** nos. 156023 through 156094 and December interdepartmental billing in the amount of \$398,070.10 for 2020, 156095 through 156109 in the amount of \$53,153.57 for 2021, payroll warrants nos. 63553 through 63596 in the amount of \$35,150.73, direct deposits in the amount of \$398,951.98, claims warrants nos. 155839, 155840, 155972, 155973, 155990 through 156019 in the amount of \$492,597.42, and transfers to claims clearing fund for distribution of reported benefit adjustments in the amount of \$19,881.70 for a total payroll of \$946,581.83 were approved as read.

**E. Claims for Damages** None

**F. Small Contracts** The small contracts were previously approved.

**G. Information Items** Mr. Hensley presented information on body worn cameras.

**H. Appointments** None

**I. Citizen Comments** None

**J. Action Items**

**1. 21-001 – Resolution E-876 – Capitol Consulting Contract for Consulting Services** Mr. Schuller explained the contract and stated that this will allow renewal by mutual agreement instead of bringing it back each year. Councilmember Schmidt moved for approval of Resolution E-876. Councilmember Overhauser seconded. Carried unanimously.

**2. 21-002 – Resolution E-877 – 2021-2022 City of Cheney – Cheney Police Guild Labor Contract** Mr. Schuller stated that this provides a 2% cost of living increase for each year of the contract, cleans up language that needed changed due to the Janus decision, and frontloads sick leave for new employees. Councilmember Schmidt moved to defer this to the next Council meeting to give Council and the public time to review. Councilmember Overhauser seconded. Carried unanimously.

**3. 21-004 – Resolution E-878 – Interim Agreement for Indigent Defense Professional Services** Mr. Schuller stated that our public defender took a position with Spokane County. We need interim services while we search for a replacement public defender. Councilmember Weiszmann moved for approval of Resolution E-878. Councilmember Taves seconded. Carried unanimously.

**4. 21-005 – Resolution E-879 – Appropriation Increase Replacement Well 3 Pump House Project** Mr. Ableman stated that the building is finally in place. Councilmember Gaard moved for approval of Resolution E-879. Councilmember Hilton seconded. Carried unanimously.

**5. 21-006 – Resolution E-880 – BNSF Fiber Optic License Agreement** Mr. Ableman stated that this is part of the reuse project. This allows us to install fiber underneath the railway. Councilmember Schmidt moved to defer Resolution E-880 and E-881 to the next meeting. Councilmember Barthels seconded. Carried unanimously.

**6. 21-007 – Resolution E-881 – BNSF Water Main License Agreement** Deferred

**7. 21-008 – Resolution E-882 – Light Department Foreman Pickup Truck Purchase** Mr. Marx stated that the current truck is a 2004. The quote from Columbia Ford is \$57,572.32. It will be purchased from the state contract. Councilmember Overhauser moved for approval of Resolution E-882. Councilmember Weiszmann seconded. Carried unanimously.

**Executive Session** Mayor Grover recessed the meeting at 6:56 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. He stated that it will last ten minutes with action to follow. Mayor Grover reconvened the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

**8. 21-009 – Resolution E-883 – Authorization to Execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement** Mr. Schuller stated that this is for approximately 209 acres of vacant land. Councilmember Taves moved for approval of Resolution E-883. Councilmember Hilton seconded. Carried unanimously.

**9. 21-003 – Ordinance X-96 – 2021 Salary Ordinance** Mr. Schuller stated that this was solely for the Police Guild contract. Councilmember Overhauser moved for the first reading of Ordinance X-96 in title and summary form only and to defer this to the next meeting. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. Carried unanimously.

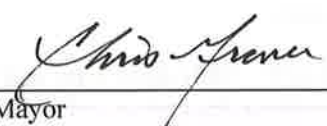
**K. Staff Reports** Mr. Schuller provided a COVID-19 update.

**L. Mayor’s Report** Mayor Grover will be attending the STA Board operations meeting on Wednesday. The city council for Airway Heights is going to appoint him to represent Airway Heights and the small cities on the STA Board. He should be filling the STA Chair role in 2022.

**M. Council Reports** Councilmember Schmidt provided an update on SRTC. He is currently the vice chair and should be chair in 2022. Councilmember Barthels reported on the Planning Commission meeting. He will attend the Public Works Committee meeting on Thursday. Councilmember Weiszmann stated that growth management has been inactive. AWC asked her to be on the scholarship committee. Councilmember Gaard gave a shout out to Councilmember Schmidt who was helping people stuck during the snow storm. Councilmember Hilton will attend the Public Works Committee meeting on Thursday. Councilmember Taves will attend the Public Safety Committee meeting next Wednesday.

**N. Adjournment** Councilmember Schmidt moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Gaard seconded. Carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

  
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City Clerk

  
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Mayor