

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 8, 2022

**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, Mr. Kapaun, Ms. MacDonald, Mr. Hensley, Mr. Ableman, Mr. Marx, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Conley, and Ms. Snider. Councilmember Posthuma was excused.

**C. Minutes** of the Regular City Council meeting of February 22, 2022 were approved as distributed.

**D. Claims and Vouchers** nos. 160309, 160310, 160363 through 160441 and February interdepartmental billing in the amount of \$207,754.05, payroll warrants nos. 63825 through 63828 in the amount of \$11,569.60, direct deposits in the amount of \$489,737.68, claims warrants nos. 160324 through 160348 in the amount of \$275,536.61, and transfers to claims clearing fund for distribution of reported benefit adjustments in the amount of \$273,449.22 for a total payroll of \$1,050,293.11.

**E. Claims for Damages** Councilmember Overhauser moved to send the claim from Lori Jenkins to WCIA if needed based on additional research by Mr. Ableman. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

**G. Information Items** Mr. Schuller provided information on possible uses of ARPA funds.

**H. Appointments** None

**I. Citizen Comments** Derek Baziotis spoke about beautification of First Street.

### **J. Action Items**

**1. 22-024 – Resolution E-999 – Central Square Software Development for Meter Reading** Mr. Marx stated that this is software to integrate with Tantalus electric data. Councilmember Barthels moved for approval of Resolution E-999. Councilmember Weiszmann seconded. Carried unanimously.

**2. 22-033 – Resolution F-008 – Lodging Tax Disbursement** Mr. Schuller stated that this is for Mayfest in the amount of \$24,281. Councilmember Weiszmann moved for approval of Resolution F-008. Councilmember Hilton seconded. Carried unanimously.

**3. 22-034 – Resolution F-009 – Public Defender Agreement with Northwest Law** Mr. Schuller stated that there were three applicants. Northwest Law has the capacity to take on the workload and have experience with municipal courts. Councilmember Schmidt moved for approval of Resolution F-009. Councilmember Weiszmann seconded. Carried unanimously.

**4. 22-0035 – Resolution F-010 – Cheney Solid Waste Plan Adoption** Mr. Ableman provided information on the solid waste plan. Councilmember Hilton moved for approval of Resolution F-010. Councilmember Gaard seconded. Carried unanimously.

**5. 22-036 – Resolution F-011 – Spokane County Solid Waste Transfer & Disposal Interlocal Agreement** Mr. Ableman provided information about the disposal agreement. Councilmember Barthels moved for approval of Resolution F-011. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. Carried unanimously.

**6. 22-032 – Ordinance Y-25 – Avista Franchise Agreement** Mr. Schuller provided information on the franchise agreement. Councilmember Overhauser moved for the second reading of Ordinance Y-25 in title and summary form only and to defer it to a subsequent meeting. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. Carried unanimously.

**K. Staff Reports** Mr. Ableman stated Cheney Clean Sweep is April 23. The flushing program will start April 1 and will last 3-4 weeks. Mr. Schuller stated that hybrid Council meetings will begin on March 22. The police have been training on body worn cameras and they will be implemented soon. He provided information on the legislative session.

**L. Mayor's Report** Mayor Grover thanked Mr. Schuller and Debora Munguia for working so hard to keep Cheney in the forefront during the legislative session. He stated that Officer Enquist and Dispatcher Kate Fairbanks are Officer and Dispatcher of the Year.

**M. Council Reports** Councilmember Schmidt will be attending the Public Works Committee meeting on Thursday and the SRTC board meeting. He thanked the Mayor's Office staff for their work during the legislative session. He may not be available for the next meeting. Councilmember Barthels will attend the Planning Commission meeting on March 14. Councilmember Weizmann reported on the Historic Preservation Commission meeting. The Cheney Depot annual business meeting is March 15. She will attend the Public Safety Committee meeting next Wednesday.

**N. Executive Session** None

**O. Adjournment** Councilmember Schmidt moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Barthels seconded. Carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

  
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City Clerk

  
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Mayor