

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING****June 23, 2020**

**A. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance** Mayor Pro Tem Overhauser called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**B. Roll Call – Excused Absences** Councilmembers present included Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Barthels, Councilmember Weiszmann, Councilmember Gaard, Councilmember Hilton, and Councilmember Taves. Staff members present included Mr. Schuller, Ms. Niemeier, Ms. MacDonald, Mr. Beghtol, Mr. Ableman, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Marx, Ms. Snider, Ms. Fell, and Ms. Cooper.

**C. Minutes** of the Regular City Council meeting of June 9, 2020 were approved as distributed.

**D. Claims and Vouchers** nos. 153358 through 153432 in the amount of \$587,903.45 were approved as read.

**E. Claims for Damages** None

**F. Small Contracts** None

**G. Information Items** Mr. Beghtol provided information on registered sex offenders and how the police department deals with them.

**H. Appointments** None

**I. Citizen Comments** Ms. Niemeier stated that we received comments from Jessica Boyer, Carin Blair-Hooper, Trisha Brash, and Marilyn Dreis regarding sex offenders in Cheney. Carin Blair-Hooper, 411 Presley Dr, spoke about a high-level sex offender that currently lives in the City.

**J. Action Items**

**1. 20-044 – Resolution E-831 – 2021-2026 Transportation Improvement Plan** Mayor Pro Tem Overhauser opened the public hearing at 6:23 p.m. Mr. Ableman presented the transportation improvement plan. There were no public comments. Mayor Pro Tem Overhauser closed the public hearing at 6:26 p.m. Councilmember Weiszmann moved for approval of Resolution E-831. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. Carried unanimously.

**2. 20-041 – Resolution E-829 – CARES Funding** Ms. Niemeier explained CARES funding and how the City Council is considering spending it. Councilmember Schmidt moved for approval of Resolution E-829. Councilmember Taves seconded. Carried unanimously.

**3. 20-043 – Resolution E-830 – EWU Athletic Agreement** Mr. Marx stated that this is a one year agreement for EWU Athletics advertising. It is funded from the BPA conservation program. Councilmember Schmidt moved to approve Resolution E-830. Councilmember Gaard seconded. Carried unanimously.

**4. 20-045 – Resolution E-832 – First Amendment to Ripplinger Professional Service Agreement** Mr. Marx stated that this is an amendment to the agreement for engineering services. The cost is \$16,250 plus taxes. Councilmember Barthels moved for approval of Resolution E-832. Councilmember Weiszmann seconded. Carried unanimously.

**5. 20-042 – Ordinance X-85 – Establish COVID-19 Fund** Ms. Niemeier stated that this fund is for all COVID-19 expenses. CARES funding will be brought in as revenue. The fund will provide transparency for our expenditures. Councilmember Schmidt moved for the first reading of Ordinance X-85 in title and summary form only, that reading considered the second and third, and that it be placed before Council for final passage. Councilmember Taves seconded. Carried unanimously. Yes votes: Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Barthels, Councilmember Weiszmann, Councilmember Gaard, Councilmember Hilton, Councilmember Taves. Ordinance X-85 passed.

**K. Staff Reports** Mr. Schuller provided COVID-19 and recreation program updates.

**L. Mayor's Report** Mayor Pro Tem Overhauser thanked Mr. Ableman and his crew for painting a curb cut at a citizen's home.

**M. Council Reports** Councilmember Taves stated that the depot move was successful. Councilmember Hilton commended Councilmember Taves on his hard work on the depot move. Councilmember Gaard stated that he is now on the SOS board. Councilmember Weizmann stated that she took the photos of the depot move. The AWC conference began online today. Councilmember Barthels stated that small businesses can get PPE if needed. Councilmember Schmidt thanked Councilmember Taves for his work on the depot move. He stated that he is in Illinois right now and everyone is wearing masks.

**N. Executive Session** None

**O. Adjournment** Councilmember Weizmann moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Barthels seconded. Carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

  
City Clerk

  
Mayor