

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING****July 14, 2020**

**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 Weismann, Councilmember Gaard, Councilmember Hilton, and Councilmember Taves. Staff members present included Mr. Schuller, Ms. Niemeier, Mr. Schwartz, Ms. MacDonald, Mr. Hensley, Mr. Ableman, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Marx, and Ms. Snider.

**C. Minutes** of the Regular City Council meeting of June 23, 2020 were approved as distributed.

**D. Claims and Vouchers** nos. 153782 through 153912 and June interdepartmental billing in the amount of \$404,802.41; payroll warrants nos. 63320 through 633459 in the amount of \$18,858.54, direct deposits in the amount of \$375,397.52, claims warrants nos. 153483 through 153512 in the amount of \$452,963.54, and transfers to claims clearing fund for distribution of previously expensed and reported benefit adjustments in the amount of \$21,876.86, for a total payroll of \$869,096.46 were approved as read.

**E. Claims for Damages** Ms. Niemeier stated that we have a claim from Ben Jordan in the amount of \$25,000. Councilmember Overhauser moved to deny the claim. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. Carried unanimously.

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

**G. Information Items** None

**H. Appointments** None

**I. Citizen Comments** None

**J. Action Items**

**1. 20-046 – Resolution E-833 – View Acres 5<sup>th</sup> Addition – Phase I** Mr. Ableman stated that Gary Geschke has 16 lots ready to go. We still need a few more documents for the project certifications. Councilmember Schmidt moved to defer this to the next meeting. Councilmember Overhauser seconded. Carried unanimously.

**2. 20-047 – Resolution E-834 – Fire Dept PPE Extractor and Dryer Purchase** Mr. Jenkins stated that this is for a washer and dryer for PPE. Councilmember Weismann moved for approval of Resolution E-834. Councilmember Gaard seconded. Carried unanimously.

**3. 20-048 – Resolution E-835 – CARES Utility Assistance Program** Ms. Niemeier stated that this takes \$25,000 of CARES funding to put toward utility assistance for residents. Cheney Outreach can administer this. She explained the program. Councilmember Schmidt moved for approval of Resolution E-829. Councilmember Taves seconded. Carried unanimously.

**4. 20-049 – Resolution E-836 – Asphalt Repair Contract Appropriation Increase** Mr. Ableman stated that this contract was passed in April, but there are a couple of open areas we still need to take care of. The additional cost is \$5,300. Councilmember Barthels moved for approval of Resolution E-836. Councilmember Taves seconded. Carried unanimously.

**5. 20-050 – Resolution E-837 – Pedestrian and Bicycle Route Safety Project Federal Aid Prospectus** Mr. Ableman stated that we received just under \$600,000 for this project. Councilmember Taves moved for approval of Resolution E-837. Councilmember Hilton seconded. Carried unanimously.

**6. 20-051 – Resolution E-838 – Pedestrian and Bicycle Route Safety Project Local Agency Agreement** Mr. Ableman stated that we are about \$50,000 under the engineer's estimate. Councilmember Hilton moved for approval of Resolution E-838. Councilmember Weismann seconded. Carried unanimously.

**7. 20-052 – Resolution E-839 – Fire Department Roof Repair Project** Mr. Jenkins stated that this is an agreement with Perrenoud Roofing for a new roof at the fire station. Councilmember Weiszmann moved for approval of Resolution E-839. Councilmember Taves seconded. Carried unanimously.

**K. Staff Reports** Mr. Jenkins provided information on an award that was received. Mr. Schuller provided a COVID-19 update. He stated that Rick Campbell started code enforcement on July 1. He provided a code enforcement update. We will be putting information on the website regarding sex offenders along with a link to the Spokane County website. The pool will not be opening this year due to COVID-19.

**L. Mayor's Report** Mayor Grover thanked Councilmember Overhauser for filling in at the last meeting. He stated that he is continually impressed by City staff and the work they do for citizens. He thanked the Council for their support on the City's mandatory mask and social distancing policies.

**M. Council Reports** Councilmember Overhauser stated that there was a small Black Lives Matter march in Cheney. They were all wearing masks. She thanked staff for helping them with the march. Chief Hensley drove an escort vehicle. It was important for people in the community that wanted to do that. She thanked staff for their efforts on the COVID-19 response. Councilmember Schmidt stated that he received two form letters arguing why masks should not be mandatory and that it infringed on their rights. He does not agree with that argument. He appreciates staff and the City's response to keep us safe. Councilmember Barthels stated that there is a Public Safety Committee meeting tomorrow and a Public Works Committee meeting on Thursday. He was impressed with how quickly first responders arrived at an accident he called 911 for. Councilmember Weiszmann stated that we have a great city and great staff. She participated in the AWC annual conference on Zoom. Councilmember Gaard thanked Council and staff. Councilmember Hilton also thanked staff and stated that he will be attending council committee meetings. Councilmember Taves echoed the comments of other councilmembers. He thanked Mr. Schuller for all the work he has done in setting up the Zoom meetings. Mr. Schuller stated that he was impressed with the collaboration of EWU PD and Cheney PD on the Black Lives Matter march.

**N. Executive Session** None

**O. Adjournment** Councilmember Schmidt moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Weiszmann seconded. Carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

  
City Clerk

  
Mayor