

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 10, 2019

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. Cooper. Mayor Grover stated that Councilmember Barthels requested to be excused from the September 24 meeting. Councilmember Schmidt moved to approve the request. Councilmember Taves seconded. Carried unanimously.

C. Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of August 27, 2019 were approved as distributed.

D. Claims and Vouchers nos. 150162, 150290, 150483 through 150589, and August interdepartmental billing in the amount of \$889,502.83; payroll warrants nos. 62769 through 62852 in the amount of \$49,868.87, direct deposits in the amount of \$375,368.63, claims warrants nos. 150074, 150236 through 150264 in the amount of \$353,143.29 and 150291 through 150295 in the amount of \$123,926.31, and transfers to claims clearing fund for distribution of previously expensed and reported benefit adjustments in the amount of \$7,184.57 for a total payroll of \$909,491.67 were approved as read.

E. Claims for Damages None

F. Small Contracts The small contracts were previously approved.

G. Information Items Mr. Ableman presented information on arterials and traffic counts. He stated that additional traffic counts will be done after EWU starts.

H. Appointments None

I. Citizen Comments Mike Mulholland, 2930 Harvest Bluff Dr, asked for clarification and adjustment on his water bill. He stated that people did not have an opportunity to reduce consumption because of the effective date of the rate increase. He also stated that his grandson catches the bus at Condon and Murphy Rd. Cars speed in that area and feels the school zone should continue past the Harvest Bluff subdivision.

J. Action Items

1. 19-076 – Resolution E-762 – Bobcat Compact Track Loader Purchase Mr. Marx stated that this is off the state contract. This was a discretionary funding request that was not funded, but there are savings from not having a Light Director all year. He will come back at a future meeting for a trailer. Councilmember Barthels moved for approval of Resolution E-762. Councilmember Weismann seconded. Carried unanimously.

2. 19-077 – Resolution E-763 – 2019 Electric Off Road UTV Purchase Mr. Ableman stated that the gator is beyond repair. This is an electric UTV. It goes approximately 25 mph with a 50 mile range. It will not need a lot of maintenance. Councilmember Taves moved for approval of Resolution E-763. Councilmember Hilton seconded. Carried unanimously.

K. Staff Reports Mr. Schuller stated that there are a lot of exciting Parks and Recreation programs coming up. Mr. Ableman provided updates on water and the flushing program. Mr. Jenkins stated that the new fire truck is now in service. Mayor Grover thanked the citizens for the levy lid lift that allowed us to get a new fire truck.

L. Mayor's Report None

M. Council Reports Councilmember Overhauser attended LEOFF board meetings. Councilmember Schmidt stated that there is an SRTC board meeting this week. Councilmember Barthels attended Planning Commission last night. Councilmember Weismann attended the grand reveal of the fire truck. She thanked Creative Catch Photography for taking photos of the truck. Councilmember Gaard stated that he is continually impressed that staff responds so quickly when he has brought citizens' concerns forward. Councilmember Hilton reminded

everyone that EWU starts soon and to watch out for student drivers and pedestrians. Councilmember Taves stated that a citizen told him he called the Mayor's Office with a question and spoke with Maile Snider. Ms. Snider could not answer the question immediately, but she called him back within fifteen minutes with an answer. He also stated that a citizen asked him if there would be a crosswalk at the new Grocery Outlet store. He discussed it with Mr. Ableman and there is a plan to have a crossing at Simpson Parkway.

N. Executive Session Mayor Grover recessed the meeting at 6:39 p.m. for executive session as per RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) to discuss the sale of real estate. He stated that it would last 15 minutes with no action to follow. He asked Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Schuller, Ms. Niemeier, and Mr. Ableman to stay. Mayor Grover reconvened the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

O. Adjournment Councilmember Schmidt moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Barthels seconded. Carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.



City Clerk



Mayor