

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 24, 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 Barthels, Councilmember Hilton, and Councilmember Taves. Staff members present included Mr. Schuller, Ms. Niemeier, Mr. Schwartz, Ms. MacDonald, Mr. Ableman, Mr. Jenkins, and Mr. Marx. Councilmember Weiszmann and Councilmember Gaard were excused. Mayor Grover stated that Councilmember Schmidt requested to be excused. Councilmember Taves moved to excuse the absence. Councilmember Barthels seconded. Carried unanimously.

C. Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of September 10, 2019 were approved as distributed.

D. Claims and Vouchers nos. 150674 through 150780 in the amount of \$800,661.21 were approved as read.

E. Claims for Damages None

F. Small Contracts None

G. Information Items None

H. Appointments None

I. Citizen Comments Jessica Smith, 121 N 4th St, stated that the fire hydrant in front of her house is still broken. She stated that she does not think the Council has the right to force people to have fluoride. She feels the metering issue has to be addressed now. She asked the Council and Mayor to remove the fluoridation from the water. Cameron Smith, 121 N 4th St, stated that research shows that fluoride increases the absorption of lead in the blood. He feels the fluoride levels are not safe.

J. Action Items

1. 19-072 – Resolution E-758 – Advantage Spokane Agreement with Greater Spokane Incorporated Mr. Schuller stated that this is for inclusion in the Advantage Spokane website. It is an economic development tool to try to target site selectors. The cost is the same as Select Spokane which we participated in previously. Councilmember Hilton moved for passage of Resolution E-758. Councilmember Taves seconded. Carried unanimously.

2. 19-079 – Resolution E-764 – 2019 Arterial Lane Striping Project Appropriation Increase Mr. Ableman stated that we budgeted about \$15,000 for striping. This is a little more than what was approved previously. Councilmember Hilton moved for passage of Resolution E-764. Councilmember Taves seconded. Carried unanimously.

3. 19-080 – Resolution E-765 – 2019 Front Street Lift Station Project Appropriation Increase Mr. Ableman stated that they hit solid rock when excavating. Councilmember Taves moved for approval of Resolution E-765. Councilmember Barthels seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. 19-081 – Resolution E-766 – Terminate Combined Communications Center Interlocal Agreement Mr. Jenkins stated that a new county dispatch center has been formed. We cannot enter into a contract with the new center until we terminate the contract we are currently under. Councilmember Taves moved for passage of Resolution E-766. Councilmember Hilton seconded. Carried unanimously.

5. 19-082 – Resolution E-767 – Service Level Agreement with Spokane Regional Emergency Communication for Emergency Services Mr. Jenkins stated that the current 911 contract with Spokane dispatch is not efficient. We will not know the exact cost until we know who will be participating. Councilmember Barthels moved for approval of Resolution E-767. Councilmember Taves seconded. Carried unanimously.

6. 19-085 – Resolution E-768 – Copy Machine Lease for Cheney Police Department Mr. Schuller stated that we own a copier at the Police Department that is expensive to operate. We believe we can save costs if we enter into this new lease. Councilmember Barthels moved for passage of Resolution E-768. Councilmember Hilton seconded. Carried unanimously.

7. 19-078 – Ordinance X-72 – 1st Reading – Zoning Code Cleanup Mr. Ableman stated that a public hearing was held at Planning Commission on September 9. The two recommendations are to increase lot size maximums in R-1 and R-2 zones and to take out the per bedroom requirement for parking in the senior housing overlay zone and make it two spaces per unit. Councilmember Overhauser moved for the first reading of Ordinance X-72 in title and summary form only and to defer it to a subsequent meeting. Councilmember Barthels seconded. Carried unanimously.

8. 19-083 – Ordinance X-73 – 2019 Budget Amendment No 2 Ms. Niemeier stated that this is the second budget amendment of the year. The total amendment is \$921,800. Councilmember Barthels stated that he would abstain from voting so the item was tabled and will be brought forward at the next meeting.

9. 19-084 – Ordinance X-74 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 11.48 Entitled Parking of the Cheney Municipal Code Mr. Schuller stated that EWU decided to go to an app based parking meter system and they took out all the parking meters without consulting us. Our ordinance only allows us to have citations at mechanical meters. If this ordinance is not passed, we could be challenged on any citation given in an app parking spot. Mr. Schwartz provided information on the ordinance and the WAC. Councilmember Overhauser moved for the first reading of Ordinance X-74 in title and summary form only, that reading considered the second and third, and that it be placed before Council for final passage. Councilmember Barthels seconded. Motion failed with Councilmember Hilton and Councilmember Taves voting no.

K. Staff Reports Mr. Ableman stated that Clean Green ends October 31. Yard waste bins will be kept open as long as we can. Mr. Schuller stated that WCIA audited Public Works and we did well. He and Mr. Ableman met with the residents from 6th Street who were concerned about arterials.

L. Mayor's Report Mayor Grover attended the EWU State of the University address. He stated that EWU received their biggest ever donation of \$5 million from Jack Gillingham. On-street parking is really being looked at. We are looking for ways to enforce regulations in nondiscriminatory ways.

M. Council Reports None

N. Executive Session None

O. Adjournment Councilmember Barthels moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Hilton seconded. Carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.


City Clerk


Mayor