

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 8, 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 Weizmann, Councilmember Gaard, Councilmember Hilton, and Councilmember Taves. Staff members present included Mr. Schuller, Ms. Niemeier, Mr. Schwartz, Ms. MacDonald, Mr. Hensley, Mr. Ableman, Mr. Marx, and Ms. Cooper.

C. Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of September 24, 2019 were approved as distributed.

D. Claims and Vouchers nos. 150854 through 150958 and September interdepartmental billing in the amount of \$215,427.25; payroll warrants nos. 62853 through 62914 in the amount of \$29,264.01, direct deposits in the amount of \$380,743.21, claims warrants nos. 150788 through 150817 in the amount of \$453,328.81, and transfers to claims clearing fund for distribution of previously expensed and reported benefit adjustments in the amount of \$20,661.31 for a total payroll of \$883,997.34 were approved as read.

E. Executive Session Mayor Grover recessed the meeting at 6:01 p.m. for executive session as per RWC 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel possible litigation. He asked Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Schuller, Ms. Niemeier, and Ms. MacDonald to stay. He stated that it would last 15 minutes. The executive session was extended for five minutes at 6:16 p.m. Mayor Grover reconvened the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

F. Claims for Damages Councilmember Overhauser moved to send the claim from Kelly Ashe to WCIA. Councilmember Weizmann seconded. Carried unanimously.

G. Small Contracts The small contracts were previously approved.

H. Information Items None

I. Appointments None

J. Citizen Comments Mikayla Beeler, 1090 W Betz Rd, stated that she is the EWU Student Legislative Affairs Representative. Patrick Moore, 1805 6th St, stated that there was a traffic study done in reference to arterial signage. His neighbors have seen an increase in traffic since the street was striped and signed. Mr. Ableman stated that he collected data on 4th, 5th, and 6th Streets, but he will be collecting additional data. Lee Beedle, 1822 6th St, stated that he met with City staff regarding arterials a couple weeks ago and he has not received any information since then.

K. Action Items

1. 19-093 – Resolution E-769 – Amendment to Intrinium Contract Ms. Niemeier stated that this is for an infrastructure audit, replacement of switches, and replacement of UPS units. The total cost of the projects is \$50,853. Councilmember Schmidt moved for approval of Resolution E-769. Councilmember Barthels seconded. Carried unanimously.

2. 19-094 – Resolution E-770 – Resolution Supporting Opposition to Initiative No. 976 Mr. Schuller stated that the impacts of this initiative are concerning to cities and the state when it comes to transportation. The total loss to the state would be \$1.9 billion. That could affect transportation projects in this area. Mayor Grover opened the floor to the citizens. There was no comment from the public. Councilmember Taves moved for approval of Resolution E-770. Councilmember Hilton seconded. Carried unanimously.

3. 19-096 – Resolution E-772 – John Deere Trailer Purchase Mr. Marx stated that this is a trailer purchase from Pape Machinery off the state contract. The cost is \$16,245.17 plus tax. This was a 2019 discretionary item that was not funded, but there are funds available from the Light Director vacancy. Councilmember Weizmann moved for approval of Resolution E-772. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. 19-097 – Resolution E-773 – Zayo Dark Fiber Agreement Mr. Marx stated that the City owns 12 fiber optic lines that go to Spotted Road. Zayo owns lines from Spotted Road to downtown. This is for four fiber optic lines at a cost of \$3,000 per month for 60 months. Councilmember Schmidt stated that he would like a termination clause if possible. Councilmember Schmidt moved for approval of Resolution E-773. Councilmember Taves seconded. Carried unanimously.

5. 19-083 – Ordinance X-73 – 2019 Budget Amendment No. 2 Ms. Niemeier explained the amendments to the budget and stated that the total amendment is \$1,051,800 total. Councilmember Overhauser moved for the first reading of Ordinance X-73 in title and summary form only, that reading considered the second and third, and that it be placed before Council for final passage. Councilmember Weiszmann seconded. Carried unanimously. Yes votes: Councilmember Overhauser, Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Weiszmann, Councilmember Gaard, Councilmember Hilton, Councilmember Taves. Councilmember Barthels abstained. Ordinance X-73 passed.

6. 19-084 – Ordinance X-74 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 11.48 of the Cheney Municipal Code Mr. Schuller stated that EWU went to app based parking and we have been working with them to replace some of the meters they removed. He will be meeting with them to talk about parking and our interlocal agreement. 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. Carried with Councilmember Hilton and Councilmember Taves voting nay. Yes votes: Councilmember Overhauser, Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Barthels, Councilmember Weiszmann, Councilmember Gaard. No votes: Councilmember Hilton, Councilmember Taves. Ordinance X-74 passed.

L. Staff Reports Mr. Ableman stated that there were 30 locations where we had to remove tree branches from the street. Clean green ends on October 31. We will try to maintain the yard waste bins through Thanksgiving, but that will depend on the weather. Mr. Schuller stated that it is homecoming week at EWU. He encouraged people to check out local restaurants for Eagle Eats.

M. Mayor's Report None

N. Council Reports Councilmember Schmidt attended his first AWC Board of Trustees meeting. He stated that there is a Public Works Committee meeting on Thursday. Councilmember Weiszmann attended EWU Neighbor Days. Councilmember Gaard stated that the EWU homecoming theme is Eagle Family Homecoming. The idea is to get the community involved.

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


City Clerk


Mayor