

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 12, 2016

A. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Trulove called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Niemeier swore in Councilmember Nixon, Councilmember Hilton, Councilmember Gaard, and Councilmember Weiszmann.

B. Roll Call – Excused Absences Councilmembers present included Councilmember Overhauser, Councilmember Nixon, Councilmember Grover, Councilmember Weiszmann, Councilmember Gaard, and Councilmember Hilton. Staff members present included Mr. Schuller, Ms. Niemeier, Mr. Schwartz, Ms. MacDonald, Mr. Hensley, Mr. Ableman, Mr. Boorman, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Munoz, Mr. Dennstaedt, and Ms. Cooper. Councilmember Taves was excused. Mayor Trulove stated that Councilmember Nixon requested to be excused from the January 26 meeting. Mayor Trulove stated that he will also be gone that day and Councilmember Overhauser will be mayor pro tem. Councilmember Weiszmann moved to excuse Councilmember Nixon from the next meeting. Councilmember Grover seconded. Carried unanimously.

C. Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of December 8, 2015 were approved as distributed.

D. Claims and Vouchers nos. 130572 through 130680 and December interdepartmental utilities in the amount of \$529,663.89 for 2015 and 130491 through 130503, 130553, and 130681 through 130715 in the amount of \$197,077.27 for 2016, payroll warrants nos. 58186 through 58228 in the amount of \$19,402.91; direct deposits in the amount of \$343,848.24, claims warrants nos. 130512 through 130544 in the amount of \$403,844.81; and transfers to claims clearing fund for distribution in the amount of \$15,861.25 for a total payroll of \$782,957.21 were approved as read.

E. Claims for Damages Ms. Niemeier stated that there is one claim from Darcie Zickler for \$47.27. Councilmember Overhauser stated that the Finance Committee reviewed the claim and they feel it should be paid since it is for a small amount and it would cost more than that to investigate. Councilmember Overhauser moved to pay the claim. Councilmember Nixon 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. 16-001 – Resolution E-364 – Scheduling Hearing Date for Vacation of Street Right-of-Way for The Callaway’s Addition East, 1882 Mr. Ableman stated that this schedules the hearing date for February 9. Councilmember Overhauser moved for passage of Resolution E-364. Councilmember Nixon seconded. Carried with Councilmember Hilton abstaining.

2. 16-002 – Resolution E-365 – Cheney-Spokane Road Project – Consultant Agreement Mr. Ableman stated that this is the design engineering agreement for Cheney-Spokane Road from SR 904 to the city limits. Councilmember Nixon moved for passage of Resolution E-365. Councilmember Grover seconded. Carried unanimously.

3. 16-003 – Resolution E-366 – City Facilities Janitorial Contract Renewal for 2016 Mr. Boorman stated that this is the same amount as last year. Councilmember Weiszmann moved for approval of Resolution E-366. Councilmember Gaard seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. 16-005 – Resolution E-368 – MOU with EWU PD for ACCESS Entry Services Mr. Hensley stated that this allows the EWU Police Department to store crime data on our computers until they can remove it. We will also enter their stolen vehicles and critical missings and remove it when needed. Councilmember Nixon moved for passage of Resolution E-368. Councilmember Grover seconded. Carried unanimously.

5. 16-006 – Resolution E-367 – Acceptance of Bid: Wood Poles Mr. Boorman stated that we received two bids. McFarland Cascade was the low bidder. Councilmember Overhauser moved for passage of Resolution E-367. Councilmember Gaard seconded. Carried unanimously.

6. 16-008 – Resolution E-362 – IAFF Contract 2016-2018 Mr. Schuller stated that they worked on the wording for emergency deployments to give the firefighters more opportunity to go on wildland fires. It also sets up a fund for supply needs when they go. Article 23 covering emergency medical certifications was also changed. We want a paramedic level certification on each shift. Mr. Munoz has agreed to obtain the certification so each shift is covered. There is a 1.5% base wage increase for 2016 and CPI for 2017 and 2018 with a floor and ceiling. Councilmember Weizmann moved for passage of Resolution E-362. Councilmember Grover seconded. Carried unanimously.

7. 16-009 – Resolution E-369 – Consulting Services Contract with Jennifer Ziegler Mr. Schuller stated that Ms. Ziegler represents us in Olympia and reports to us things that may impact Cheney. Councilmember Nixon moved for passage of Resolution E-369. Councilmember Grover seconded. Carried unanimously.

8. 16-004 – Ordinance W-80 – Amending CMC Section 5.04.035, “Utility Tax Imposed” Mr. Boorman stated that this clarifies that the utility tax is assessed on the utility not the individual customer. Mr. Schwartz stated that there is case law that allows the tax to be charged to customers both inside and outside of the city limits. Councilmember Overhauser moved for the first reading of Ordinance W-80 in title and summary form only, that reading considered the second and third, and that it be placed before Council for final passage. Councilmember Weizmann seconded. Carried unanimously. Yes votes: Councilmember Overhauser, Councilmember Nixon, Councilmember Grover, Councilmember Weizmann, Councilmember Gaard, Councilmember Hilton. Ordinance W-80 passed.

9. 16-007 – Ordinance W-81 – 2016 Salary Ordinance Update Mr. Schuller stated that the update reflects that changes due to the IAFF contract approval. Councilmember Overhauser moved for the first reading of Ordinance W-81 in title and summary form only, that reading considered the second and third, and that it be placed before Council for final passage. Councilmember Nixon seconded. Carried unanimously. Yes votes: Councilmember Overhauser, Councilmember Nixon, Councilmember Grover, Councilmember Weizmann, Councilmember Gaard, Councilmember Hilton. Ordinance W-81 passed.

K. Staff Reports Mr. Hensley stated that over 30 cars have been impounded for being parked on the street and left during the snow. The officers are identifying problem cars and doing an inventory of the streets so they can determine who is using the street for storage of boats and recreational vehicles.

L. Mayor’s Report Mayor Trulove stated that they had a good meeting today with staff from EWU. EWU agreed to use their communication system to remind students not to leave their cars parked on the streets during breaks. They will also use the system to remind people to move their cars during a snowy period. We are beginning to put extra effort into economic development issues. The legislature is back in session.

M. Council Reports Councilmember Hilton thanked everyone for supporting him.

N. Executive Session None

O. Adjournment Councilmember Weizmann moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Grover seconded. Carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor