

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 25, 2016

**A. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance** Mayor Trulove called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**B. Roll Call – Excused Absences** Councilmembers present included Councilmember Nixon, Councilmember Grover, Councilmember Weiszmann, Councilmember Gaard, Councilmember Hilton, and Councilmember Taves. Staff members present included Mr. Schuller, Ms. Niemeier, Mr. Schwartz, Ms. MacDonald, Mr. Hensley, and Mr. Ableman. Councilmember Nixon moved to excuse Councilmember Overhauser. Councilmember Taves seconded. Carried unanimously.

**C. Minutes** of the Regular City Council meeting of October 11, 2016 were approved as distributed.

**D. Claims and Vouchers** nos. 136705, 136720 through 136725, 136734 through 136823, and interdepartmental billing for October in the amount of \$697,027.05 were approved as read.

**E. Claims for Damages** None

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

**G. Information Items** Alice Hanley, Project Leader for the Inland Northwest National Wildlife Refuge Complex, provided information about Turnbull and the rest of the complex.

**H. Appointments** None

**I. Citizen Comments** None

### **J. Action Items**

**1. 16-102 – 2017 Budget – Public Hearing – General Property and EMS Tax Levy** Mayor Trulove opened the public hearing at 6:16 p.m. Ms. Niemeier stated that we will be discussing individual department budgets at the next two meetings. She explained the levy lift and the uses of the levy lift funds. Assessed valuation increased over \$34,000,000. The proposed tax levy for 2017 remains at \$3.10 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The EMS levy will increase 1% if the council passes a substantial need ordinance. There was no public comment. Mayor Trulove closed the public hearing at 6:29 p.m.

**2. 16-103 – Ordinance W-96 – 2017 Budget – Substantial Need for EMS Levy** Mayor Trulove stated that this establishes substantial need for the EMS levy increase. Ms. Niemeier stated that the difference between 1% and .953% is a very small amount. Councilmember Grover moved for the first reading of Ordinance W-96 in title and summary form only, that reading considered the second and third, and that it be placed before Council for final passage. Councilmember Gaard seconded. Carried unanimously. Yes votes: Councilmember Nixon, Councilmember Grover, Councilmember Weiszmann, Councilmember Gaard, Councilmember Hilton, Councilmember Taves. Ordinance W-96 passed.

**3. 16-107 – Ordinance W-97 – 2017 Budget – EMS Tax Levy** Ms. Niemeier stated that the tax will increase 1% since the substantial need ordinance was passed. Councilmember Grover moved for the first reading of Ordinance W-97 in title and summary form only and to defer it to the next meeting. Councilmember Taves seconded. Carried unanimously.

**4. 16-106 – Ordinance W-95 – 2017 Budget – General Property Tax Levy** Ms. Niemeier stated that this sets the general property tax at \$3.10 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Councilmember Grover moved for the first reading of Ordinance W-95 in title and summary form only and to defer it to the next meeting. Councilmember Nixon seconded. Carried unanimously.

**5. 16-104 – 2017 Budget – Public Hearing – Governmental Revenues** Mayor Trulove opened the public hearing at 6:34 p.m. Ms. Niemeier stated that budgeted revenues are just over \$10,000,000. She explained the types of revenue and what the revenue will pay for. There was no public comment. Mayor Trulove closed the public hearing at 6:50 p.m.

**6. 16-114 – Resolution E-449 – EWU Fire Contract** Mr. Schuller stated that the initial contract amount is \$568, 216 and that will be adjusted each year based on the fiscal growth factor set by the state. EWU will also provide \$40,000 per year for Fire Department equipment. It is a five year contract which will automatically renew for two year terms. Councilmember Nixon moved for passage of Resolution E-449. Councilmember Weiszmann seconded. Carried unanimously.

**7. 16-115 – Resolution E-450 – Spokane County Animal Control Services** Mr. Hensley stated that this is a three year contract with SCRAPS. The cost for 2017 is \$17,259.08. There is an annual increase based on CPI. We are pleased with their services. Councilmember Weiszmann moved for approval of Resolution E-450. Councilmember Grover seconded. Carried unanimously.

**K. Staff Reports** Mr. Ableman stated that the EWU PUB is under construction. Haakon is also expanding. Our new building inspector, Terry Morning, will start on October 31. Ms. Niemeier stated that we will receive 36% more sales tax this October than last year.

**L. Mayor’s Report** Mayor Trulove stated that there will be a budget workshop on November 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be discussion about discretionary requests. He also stated that they are working on other economic development ideas.

**M. Council Reports** Councilmember Nixon thanked Mr. Schuller, Ms. Niemeier, and Mayor Trulove for their hard work on the budget. Councilmember Gaard stated that it is exciting to be part of things right now. Councilmember Hilton stated that it is good to see how happy everyone is.

**N. Executive Session** None

**O. Adjournment** Councilmember Weiszmann moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Taves seconded. Carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Mayor