

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 8, 2016

A. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Pro Tem Overhauser 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, Mr. Schwartz, Ms. MacDonald, Mr. Hensley, Mr. Ableman, Mr. Winters, Mr. Boorman, and Mr. Ybarra.

C. Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of February 23, 2016 were approved as distributed.

D. Claims and Vouchers nos. 131216 through 131320 and February interdepartmental utilities in the amount of \$394,249.48, payroll warrants nos. 58271 through 58320 in the amount of \$23,635.18; direct deposits in the amount of \$338,877.79, claims warrants nos. 131177 through 131209 in the amount of \$403,705.15; and transfers to claims clearing fund for distribution in the amount of \$16,212.42 for a total payroll of \$782,430.54 were approved as read.

E. Claims for Damages Councilmember Nixon moved to send the claim from Kyle Lance to our insurance. Councilmember Grover seconded. Carried unanimously.

F. Small Contracts The small contracts were previously approved.

G. Information Items Mr. Schwartz stated that the City passed an ordinance in December to have the utility tax paid by people in the city passed on to people outside of the city. Mr. Schwartz explained the utility tax and the legal research he did on this.

H. Appointments None

I. Citizen Comments Linda Heiydt, Murphy Road, stated that the City did this 20 years ago and had to give the money back because it is illegal since they are not residents. This is taxation without representation. She feels the parks and recreation and residential street taxes are unfair. David Rawson, 14309 S SR 904, stated that Ordinance W-80 states that a vote will be held for an increase in taxes. He cannot vote for the increases or the council. He cannot see how the taxes can be applied to him other than the court case Mr. Schwartz referred to. He questioned if he can get the resident discount for parks and recreation activities since he has to pay the tax. Mr. Schuller stated that we did not do a good job of communicating this to the public. We will do a better job of communicating in the future. Keith Walker, 605 Irene Pl, stated that the citizens were told that the money collected from the tax increase passed in November would go toward police and fire. He questioned what the plans are and what we are getting with the money. Mayor Pro Tem Overhauser stated that we will not get any money until later because of when property taxes are collected. Mr. Schuller stated that we are hiring an additional police officer beginning April 1. We will also be addressing some capital needs. Mr. Walker asked to have a plan put in the Cheney Free Press when we determine how the money will be spent.

J. Action Items

1. 16-028 – Resolution E -386 – 2015 Well 1 & 2 Rehabilitation Project – Change Order One Mr. Ableman stated that the pump columns are over 15 years old and they cannot be repaired. Councilmember Weiszmann moved for approval of Resolution E-386. Councilmember Grover seconded. Carried unanimously.

2. 16-030 – Resolution E-385 – Lease Agreement for Copy Machines Mr. Hensley stated that this is for two copy machines for the Police Department. It is a \$12 increase per month. Councilmember Taves moved for passage of Resolution E-385. Councilmember Weiszmann seconded. Carried unanimously

K. Staff Reports Mr. Ableman stated that Cheney Clean Sweep is April 16. We will take computers this year. Mr. Schuller stated that the yard waste bins are open.

L. Mayor’s Report None

M. Council Reports Councilmember Taves stated that there was an article in the Spokesman Review on quiet zones. He and the Mayor spoke with the reporter. There was an article in The Easterner regarding the Cheney depot exhibit. The display in the library will be there through the end of March.

N. Executive Session None

O. Adjournment Councilmember Grover moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Taves seconded. Carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor