

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 13, 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 Gaard, Councilmember Hilton, and Councilmember Taves. Staff members present included Mr. Schuller, Ms. Niemeier, Mr. Schwartz, Ms. MacDonald, Mr. Ableman, and Ms. Cooper. Councilmember Weiszmann was excused.

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

D. Claims and Vouchers nos. 135823, 135824, 135861, 135862, 135981, 136116 through 136245, and August interdepartmental utilities in the amount of \$767,453.69, payroll warrants nos. 60312 through 60314 and 60356 through 60421 in the amount of \$66,040.40; direct deposits in the amount of \$335,807.36, claims warrants nos. 135357 through 135359 and 135890 through 135921 in the amount of \$413,070.88; and transfers to claims clearing fund for distribution in the amount of \$18,117.56 for a total payroll of \$833,036.20 were approved as read. Payroll warrants 60315 through 60355 were voided.

E. Claims for Damages None

F. Small Contracts The small contracts were previously approved.

G. Information Items Larry Larson, Project Engineer for the Washington State Department of Transportation, stated that there are two projects coming up. They will be doing ADA work in front of the paving work. There is a statewide emphasis on improving ADA access ramps. The paving project will start as soon as school is out in June.

H. Appointments None

I. Citizen Comments None

J. Action Items

1. 16-088 – Resolution E-433 – Ground Lease Agreement & Option Agreement to Purchase Real Property with Dow Excavating Mr. Schuller stated that this is for the old Myers Park property at 707 W 1st St. We have no intended use for the property. Mr. Schwartz explained the ground lease and option agreements. There was discussion of what Mr. Dow could do at that location after he purchases the property. Mr. Schuller stated that he could do whatever the zoning allows. He explained that Mr. Dow has a sound vision of what he wants to do with the land. Councilmember Grover moved for approval of Resolution E-433. Councilmember Gaard seconded. Carried unanimously.

2. 16-089 – Resolution E-434 – 2016 Lodging Tax Disbursement Ms. Niemeier stated that the hotel/motel tax committee reviewed an application from the Cheney Merchants Association. The committee has recommended partial funding which will pay for banners and signs only. Councilmember Nixon was not involved in the process and will abstain from voting. Councilmember Grover moved for approval of Resolution E-434. Councilmember Taves seconded. Carried with Councilmember Nixon abstaining.

K. Staff Reports Mr. Schuller stated that the budget process is ongoing. There are a lot of discretionary requests, but we cannot fund them all. There will be a budget workshop Monday, September 19 at 5:30 p.m. at the Utility Building.

L. Mayor's Report None

M. Council Reports Councilmember Nixon stated that the Cheney Merchants Association will use the hotel/motel tax funds to hang EWU Eagle banners. There will be an activity on October 7 from 6-8 p.m. for the parents that are in town. Councilmember Hilton stated that he is glad to be back. He thanked Mayor Trulove

for the flowers. Councilmember Taves thanked Mr. Ableman and his staff for removing a juniper bush that was blocking visibility.

N. Executive Session None

O. Adjournment Councilmember Nixon moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Grover seconded. Carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor