# Record of Proceedings Town of Elmer City January 12, 2023

The Town of Elmer City Council met in regular session at 505 Seaton Ave, Elmer City, Washington on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2023. Mayor Jesse Tillman, City Councilmembers Michael Humiston, William Dunlap, Clara Carson, and Terje Berg, and Maintenance Superintendent/Water Specialist Jimmer Tillman and Clerk/Treasurer Kelly Ross were in attendance or present via zoom.

Mayor Jesse Tillman opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

<u>Public in Attendance:</u> Rachel McClure, district representative for Congressman Dan Newhouse and public member Carina Thornton were present, (see sign in sheet).

Rachel introduced herself and gave a brief prestation of her job as district representative.

## **Approval of Regular Minutes:**

Michael moved to approve the December 1, 2022 public hearing meeting minutes and December 8, 2022 regular minutes as presented. Terje seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

### 6 p.m. Public Hearing

Jesse opened the Public Hearing, Increasing Monthly Utility Rates and Fees for Water Service and Sewerage System. Jesse asked council if there were any questions or concerns, council stated there are no concerns.

### Public Comment Period per RCW 42.30:

Carina Thornton asked, "why is the City increasing rates?" Kelly replied, the cost of operation for the City has tremendously increased, for example the liability insurance increased 56% for 2023. Jesse stated it was a hard decision, but we need to be good steward of the town. Corina told council she understood and thanked everyone for the information.

#### **Old Business:**

Kelly reported the dump truck was awarded to Down Town Cody Brown, LLC for \$1111.11, as this was the highest bid. She stated there were three bids, she and Jimmer were present when the bids were opened.

#### **New Business:**

Michael moved to approve <u>Ordinance No. 368:</u> Increasing Monthly Utility Rates and Fees. Terje seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Terje moved to approve <u>Resolution R1-2023:</u> Dispersing Increased Revenue. Clara seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

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Clara moved to approve <u>Amendment #5:</u> Gray & Osborne Engineering Services, Force Main Assessment Faculty Plan. Terje seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Jimmer explained the residential zone setbacks for the new fire station are closer than code allows, and council may need to approve a variance.

## Maintenance Superintendent /Water Specialist Report:

Jimmer reported city hall roof had a small leak, which he fixed, the transfer case on the new snowplow truck had to be replaced and the new tribal homes are starting to become occupied.

## Clerk\Treasurer Report:

Kelly reported the new handheld credit card reader is installed and now folks can use their card in the office or they can call in the card number.

Approval of Claims: Michael moved to approve the January 2023 claims/vouchers in the amount of \$25,898.43 warrant number 9782 to 9803. 4th Quarter EFT in the amount of \$806.02. December 2022 payroll in the amount of \$7,884.80. Terje second the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Clara moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Michael seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF ELMER CITY ELMER CITY, WASHINGTON

KELLY ROSS, Clerk/Treasurer

JESSE O. TILLMAN, Mayor

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