Record of Proceedings Town of Elmer City December 14, 2023

The Town of Elmer City Council met in regular session at 505 Seaton Ave, Elmer City, Washington on the 14th of December, 2023. Mayor Jesse Tillman, City Councilmembers Michael Humiston, William Dunlap, Clara Carson, Flora Long, Terje Berg, and Maintenance/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.

Approval of Regular Minutes:

Michael moved to approve <u>November 9, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes</u> as presented. Bill seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Michael moved to approve <u>November 30, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes</u> with corrections. Terje seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Public Hearing – Increasing Utility Rates:

Jesse opened the public hearing at 5:45.

Jesse explained about increasing the monthly water and sewer rates by 1.5%, the public in attendance had no comments.

Bill moved to approve <u>Ordinance No. 378</u>, Increasing Monthly Utility Rates for Water Service and Sewerage System. Clara seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Jesse closed the public hearing at 5:50 p.m.

Mayor Report:

Jesse thanked Michael for stepping in for him at the RBOM budget meeting. Jesse explained there were no huge budget increases.

After some discussion Flora moved to approve resolution No. 2023-17 approving and adopting the budget of the Regional Board of Mayors for 2024. Michael seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Old Business: No old business was discussed

New Business:.

Michael moved to approve <u>Ordinance No. 379</u>, Adopting 2024 Town of Elmer City Budget. Flora seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Michael moved to approve the contract with <u>Gray & Osborne for Park Planning Support.</u> Bill seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

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Maintenance/Water Specialist Report:

ROSS, Clerk/Treasurer

Jimmer reported construction of the new Fire Hall is almost complete and Gray and Osborne will be here on the 21st for a final walk through.

Clerk\Treasurer Report:

Kelly reported the town did not receive any funds for the .09 tax, but we did receive a rating, which will help with grants.

Approval of Claims:

Clara moved to approve the **Dec 2023** claims/vouchers in the amount of \$460364.09 warrant number 10045 to 10064, and the **Nov 2023** payroll in the amount of \$11,257.72. Terje seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Clara moved to adjourn the meeting at 7 p.m. Michael seconded the motion, all were in favor,

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motion carried.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF ELMER CITY ELMER CITY, WASHINGTON

JESSE O. TILLMAN, Mayor