
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Eylar called the regular meeting to order at approximately 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL:

The following were:

Present: Mayor Eylar, Council Members Anita Eylar, Ruth Dalton, Tom Poplawski, Gary Carriere and Mark Nash

Also Present: Clerk Pearce, Chief Fish, Chief Tufts, Chuck and Chantel Crowe, Paul Townsend, Janet Clark, Travis Irwin, Andrea Schumaker, Linda Roberts, Karen Wright, Seth Rose, Les Schwab, attending via ZOOM Scott Hunter, Star Newspaper

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:

2. VISITOR INPUT:

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Chief Tufts reported that the department had responded to 59 calls for service since the December meeting. One patrol vehicle is currently awaiting repairs at Jess Ford.

Chief Fish gave council the final count on calls for service in 2023; ambulance 628 and fire 93. The ambulance has received 28 calls for service in 2024 and 5 fire calls.

Clerk Pearce reminded council of the training scheduled for January 24, 2024 at 5pm.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Committee: Ms. Eylar motioned to add discussion of disposal of city parcels to the agenda as Item 7.2, Ms. Dalton second, motion carried.

5. AGENDA REVISIONS:

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

6.1 Motion to approve Council Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2023.

6.2 Motion to approve Special Council Meeting minutes of December 27, 2023.

6.3 Motion to approve for Payment Vouchers, dated December 29, 2023, certified by the City Clerk/Treasurer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and expense reimbursement claims, dated December 29, 2023, certified by the City Clerk/Treasurer as required by RCW 42.24.090, voucher numbers 43454 thru 43464 and EFT items in the amount of \$74,959.72.

6.4 Motion to approve for Payment Vouchers, dated January 16, 2024, certified by the City Clerk/Treasurer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and expense reimbursement claims, dated January 16, 2024, certified by the City

Clerk/Treasurer as required by RCW 42.24.090, voucher numbers 43465 thru 43453 and EFT items in the amount of \$76,383.01

- 6.5 Motion to approve Payroll Vouchers, dated December 29, 2023, certified by the City Clerk/Treasurer as required by RCW 42.24.080, vouchers numbered 43441 through 43453 and Direct Deposit and EFTs (no sequenced numbers) as listed on the Payroll register in the total amount of \$125,373.39.

Mr. Carriere motioned to approve the consent agenda, Ms. Eylar second, motion carried. Mr. Poplawski asked the December 19, 2023 be amended, he was excused and does not believe he should have been because he did not contact anyone to say he would not be present. Mr. Nash motioned to approve Item 6.1 with the correction, Ms. Eylar second, motion carried.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- 7.1 Library MOU:** Ms. Eylar and Ms. Dalton contacted Mr. Dillman, NCW Regional Library, to request that the maintenance of the duct work be removed from the MOU for the lighting replacement. Council did receive the revised MOU. Ms. Eylar motioned to approve the MOU, Ms. Dalton second, motion carried.
- 7.2 Discussion of Surplus Property Disposal:** There was discussion as to the process of disposal; if handled by a realtor would there be a fee? When the property is declared surplus can it be sold at auction or put up for bid?

8. NEW BUSINESS:

8.1 Les Schwab Cardboard Container: Seth Rose, Les Schwab, said that Les Schwab has a cardboard bin that they have been allowing neighbors to utilize. He is asking if the City would be willing to pay a portion of the cost for the cardboard bin. Council asked that the Solid Waste Committee review this for feasibility.

8.2 Library Maintenance: Ms. Eylar let council know that the Friends of the Library are looking into a grant for the work at the library that noted in the Facility Plan provided by NCW Regional Library. Ms. Eylar suggested that Dennis review the plan, project cost of the improvements and provide the estimate to the Library Board. There was discussion about cleaning the duct work, Mr. Poplawski motioned to have the library ducts cleaned, Ms. Dalton second, motion carried.

8.3 Appointment of Mayor Pro Temp: Mr. Poplawski noted that the Mayor Pro Temp position should be re-appointed every six months. Mr. Nash motioned to appoint Ms. Dalton, Ms. Eylar second, motion carried.

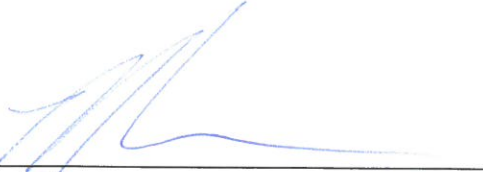
8.4 Council Committee Appointments: Mayor Eylar made committee appointments for 2024.

8.5 Discussion of Council Retreat: Mayor Eylar asked to have a council retreat prior to the regular February 20, 2024 meeting. The retreat was scheduled for February 12, 2024 at 1:00pm. The location will be the Ridge Riders club house located at 22209 Alcan Rd NE, Grand Coulee, WA. 99133.

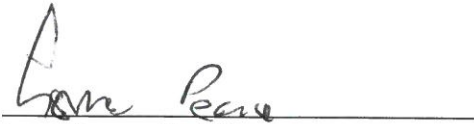
8.6 Executive Session: Potential Litigation: The executive session was cancelled due to the weather and the attorney having to travel from Wenatchee.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no objection, the mayor adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:13pm.



Michael Eylar, Mayor



Lorna Pearce, Clerk/Treasurer