



## STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday January 12, 2021

1. Call to Order Time: 6:01pm

2. Old Business

A. Discussion of **Resolution 2020-19** Contract with NWCodePros for Building Inspection Services;

It was explained that this was the same company that we have used for quite some time. Mark asked if this contract was a big increase from the contract we had previous. Jamison explained that Sylvia and Josh went through the contract in detail and the changes were minor but that there were some increases in their prices; it was the first increase that they have had in 5 years. Sophia asked if there was a reason that we did not go with someone more local. The mayor explained that this is how it was established when she got here and she had not heard any major complaints in that time. Arturo wanted to know why we used them instead of the County; he also wanted to know what the other towns in the area were doing. Arturo's main concern was that it takes too much time for one of their guys to get to the customer Jamison explained that many of the cities in our area were now using NWCodePros services. Grandview and Sunnyside to have someone in house to handle these things but that Mabton is simply not big enough to bring a person on to handle this full time. NWCodePros is in town 3 days a week.

3. New Business

A. Appointing YVCOG Representative and Alternate

It was decided that Sophia would be the main representative and Arturo would be the alternate. YVCOG is now also asking for a Planning Commission member to be on the panel; this is the first year that this has been requested so it will be brought before the Planning Commission at the next meeting.

B. Discussion of **Selection of Mayor Pro Tem** For the Calendar Year 2021

It was agreed that Vera would be nominated at the regular meeting.

C. Discussion of **Resolution 2021-01** Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Contract with Yakima County Technology Services (YCTS) for Technological Services.

There was a discussion about the bandwidth that is currently provided with YCTS; in doing some research it was found that we can have much better service for cheaper elsewhere. The main concerns were brought up were from the Police Department who uses YCTS for much more than just email and internet. It was agreed that they would table this at the meeting and then bring some more research into the details at the next meeting.

D. Discussion of **Resolution 2021-02** Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Contract Award of the Guaranteed Energy Saving Contract to Apollo Solutions Group

Apollo was the only applicant so there was some brief discussion about the project itself and what it might look like. The Resolution will be passed officially at the meeting.

E. Discussion of District Court Costs for 2021

This was a fairly short discussion. In going over the numbers it was found that the cost has actually gone down for the upcoming year. Chief Marks thinks that it was in part because of the COVID Pandemic but he said that their case load actually went up but many of the cases ended up in Superior Court rather than District Court. It seemed actually very fair and reasonable.

Jamin Ankney of Gray & Osborne gave us a brief update since there was time remaining. He stated that the design for Washington Street is getting pretty close to being finished and it will be able to go out for bid in the spring. He explained that this is only for the chip seal mostly and repairing curb ramps etc. that need fixed.

Sophia asked when we are going to be able to open the doors to city hall. It was explained that we are still moved back into Phase 1 with the Governor's order and that most business is able to be conducted through our new drive/walk up window. Sophia just felt like everyone should not be standing out in the cold. Jamison explained that most people do not even have to get out of their cars but that we would open the door as soon as we are able.

Arturo once again brought up the streetlights that do not work on B St. Jamison did explain that the we have been in contact with PPL and that they got PW Lead Gordon's number. He has waited two weeks and received no follow up call.

Diana asked the Police Chief about the shop running across the highway. He stated that in being in contact with them they claim that it is not in business; the chief said that he has to go at it at many different angles. His first plan of attack will be to address the parking issue; business or not they cannot block the city roadway and this is an issue that needs to be cleaned up. He said

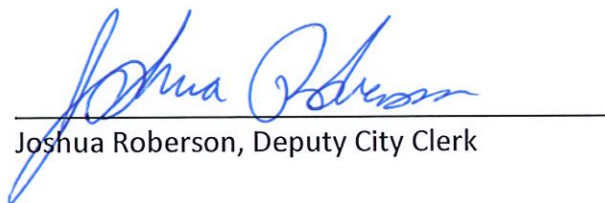
that overall junk cars have been a big focus in the past couple weeks, and they have made a lot of progress.

4. Adjournment:

Time: 6:56pm



Laura Vazquez, Mayor



Joshua Roberson, Deputy City Clerk