



STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday January 26, 2021

1. Call to Order Time:6:02pm

2. Old Business

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

This was a two-year contract and Council wanted to make this a one-year contract and look into other options. Jami explained that this was tabled pending a meeting with YCTS and more information. She explained further that staff was unable to set up a meeting with YCTS and it would remain tabled until which time we were able to get the information together.

B. Discussion of the Mayor's Wages

The mayor did some research on this topic with MRSC and found that the RCW may not reflect the change that was made. The mayor provided some information to the council and asked them to research this information on their own time. Note: there was only one council member present at the Study Session. The discussion was left for a time when there was more council present so that we could have a more interactive discussion. City Attorney James Carmody explained that he had reviewed the information the mayor provided him and has talked with Linda Gallagher of MRSC to review the decisions made on this matter. The mayor explained that she wants everyone to do their due diligence; both on this matter and every matter, to ensure that the city is doing what they should.

3. New Business

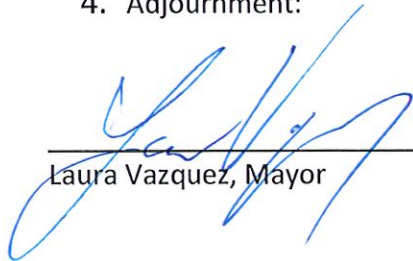
A. Discussion of Graffiti Abatement Program

This is something that we have done in the past. Reference Ordinance No. 730 the Graffiti Abatement Program was established before our time but had gone to the wayside for quite some time. City staff brought this back to the attention of the mayor that we should put this back into practice because they believe it would be as helpful now as it was then. What this program does is have the landowner sign a waiver and this allows the city to go an clean up for

them at times when there are many sites that are tagged with graffiti at once. Vera did comment that she thought that it was the property owners responsibility to take care of their own property. Jami explained that this is not intended to be for every situation; it is still in our ordinance that property owners to take care of it themselves but, it will help keep the town looking cleaner if they are not available. Vera also said that this is something that they had used in the past and it worked well.

4. Adjournment:

Time:6:17pm



Laura Vazquez, Mayor



Joshua Roberson, Deputy City Clerk