



**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday March 8, 2022**

**Present:** Mayor Rachel Ruelas, Council Member Diana Castaneda, Andy Carrasco, Vera Zavala, Arturo De La Fuente, City Treasurer Josh, City Clerk Sylvia Sanchez and Deputy City Clerk Maricela Galvez, Fire Chief Luke Cussins

**Absent:** Mary Alvarado

1. Call to Order Time: 7:00pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence and Roll Call

There was a motion by Andy to excuse council member Mary Alvarado and a second by Diana. Motion approved 4-0.

3. Vote on the Meeting Agenda

There was a motion by Andy and a second by Diana to approve the Meeting Agenda. Motion approved 4-0.

4. Visitor Comments (At the discretion of the presiding Chair, Visitor Comments may be accepted on individual business items only and will be limited to 2 to 5 minutes.)

5. Consent Agenda (The following will be enacted by one motion. There will be no discussion separate of these items unless a Council Member requests separate discussion. The item will be removed from the Consent agenda and added to New Business.)

There was a motion by Andy and a second by Diana to approve the consent agenda. Motion approved 4-0.

A. Approve Study Session Minutes for Tuesday February 22,2022

B. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes for Tuesday February 22,2022

C. Approve Payroll Warrant Register March 8,2022, Numbers #12732 in the amount of \$26,736.43.

D. Approve Claim Voucher/Payment March 8,2022, Numbers #1233 through 12752 and electronic transfers totaling \$102,726.18.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

A. Approval of **Resolution 2022-4 Authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement for Professional Services between the City of Mabton and the law Firm of William Edelblute Attorney at law PLLC for City Attorney service.**

We heard from the attorney William Edelblute who was asked if he previously had represented any other cities, Mr. Edelblute confirmed he had not but has had 38 years of experience. Mr. Edelblute explained he had litigation experience, experience with zoning issues, litigation under growth management act, public records act, familiar with the court claim process, issues that come from the municipal codes and local governing.

There was a motion by Andy and a second Diana to approve Resolution 2022-4 Authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement for Professional Services between the City of Mabton and the Law Firm of William Edelblute at law PLLC for City Attorney services. Motion approved 4-0.

B. Approval of **Resolution 2022-5 Apollo Solutions Group Energy Savings Performance Contract**

There was a motion by Andy and a second by Diana to approve the Resolution 2022-5 Apollo Solutions Group Energy Savings Performance Contract. Motion approved 4-0.

C. Approval of **Resolution 2022-6 Yakima Valley Office of Emergency Management Agreement**

There was a motion by Andy and a second by Diana to approve Resolution 2022-6 Yakima Valley Office of Emergency Management Agreement. Motion approved 4-0.

8. Staff Reports

We heard from Fire Chief Luke who reports department has started to slow down compared to the first couple of months of this year. Department is already over 30% of its call volume than last year. Volunteers have been busy with structure fires and medical calls. Fire Chief is hoping this will slow down to preserve budget.

9. Mayor's Report

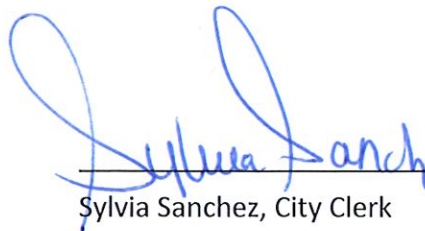
Mayor reports she got quotes on tree trimming services for the City. Mayor will have the quotes on the next council packets.

10. Adjournment:

Time: 7:16pm



Rachel Ruelas, Mayor



Sylvia Sanchez, City Clerk