

1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Acting Mayor Novak at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Acting Mayor Novak, Councilmembers Berg, Timmerman and Schuenke

Members Absent: Mayor Julius

Also Present: City Administrator/Clerk Terry, Police Chief Juell, City Attorney Poehler, Deputy Clerk Jirak, City Engineer Revering, Scott County Commissioner Wolf, and Patrick Fischer

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Acting Mayor Novak led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) ADOPT/APPROVE AGENDA

MOTION by Councilmember Timmerman, second by Councilmember Berg to approve the agenda.

APIF, MOTION CARRIED

4) PRESENTATION, PROCLAMATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (PP&A)

None.

5) PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

6) CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Councilmember Timmerman, second by Councilmember Schuenke to approve the Consent Agenda.

- a. Approve January 27, 2022 Minutes of the City Council Meeting
- b. Approve Payment of Claims and Electronic Transfer of Funds
- c. Elko New Market Fire Relief Association Donation
 - i. Adopt Resolution 22-09 Accepting 2021 Cash Donation from Elko New Market Fire Relief Association
 - ii. Adopt Resolution 22-10 Accepting 2020 Cash Donation from Elko New Market Fire Relief Association
- d. Adopt Resolution 22-11 Amending the City of Elko New Market Employee Handbook

APIF, MOTION CARRIED

7) PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

8) GENERAL BUSINESS

Support of Housing and Local Decision-Making Authority

City Administrator/Clerk Terry discussed the City's position on proposed State Legislation relating to legislation supporting housing and local decision making authority.

Councilmember Berg stated that while he doesn't have concern regarding the specific language of the resolution, but he had concerns regarding the larger issue of cities requesting local authority and autonomy from the state on housing issues, then requesting funding. He expanded that he disliked broad brush commentary and preferred comments on specific legislation.

MOTION by Councilmember Schuenke, second by Councilmember Timmerman to adopt Resolution 22-12 Supporting Housing and Local Decision-Making Authority.

3 AYES, 1 NAY (BERG), MOTION CARRIED

9) REPORTS

a) Administration

Fourth Quarter Financial Reports

City Administrator/Clerk Terry provided the City Council with the Fourth Quarter Financial Report. Councilmember Timmerman asked about the Fish Rock Car Wash Special Assessment which was explained by City Administrator/Clerk Terry. Council had no further questions.

b) Public Works

January 2022 Monthly Report included in the packet.

c) Police Department

January 2022 Monthly Report included in the packet.

Police Chief Juell advised Council that 11 Permit to Purchases have been received so far this year and the processing of the permits has been going well.

d) Fire Department

No report.

e) Engineering

No report.

f) Community Development

City Administrator/Clerk Terry advised Council that permits for eight new single family homes have been received.

g) Parks Department

January 2022 Monthly Update included in Council packet.

h) Community & Civic Events Committee (CCEC)

No report.

i) Other Committee and Board Reports

i) Scott County Association for Leadership and Efficiency (SCALE)

No report.

1. Executive Committee

No report.

2. Service Delivery Committee

No report.

ii) Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA)

No report.

iii) I35 Solutions Alliance

Councilmember Schuenke updated the Council on the February I35 Solutions Alliance meeting. Schuenke discussed with the Council whether a letter could be drafted to State Legislatures suggesting use of the budget surplus on transportation spending and notating the I35 and County Road 2 interchange. After Council discussion, the Council directed Staff to draft a letter to State Legislators.

iv) Chamber of Commerce

Councilmember Timmerman advised Council on Chamber events to include:

- Voted new executive officers.
- State of the City address will be held on March 1.
- Strategic Planning of goals for Chamber of Commerce.
- Eliminate Tree Lighting Event and Candidate Forum.

Scott County Commissioner Wolf gave the Council a brief update regarding a meeting being held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 for the ½ cent transportation sales tax proposed for Scott County. Wolf also advised the Council that the State’s budget surplus could be as high as \$9 billion.

10) DISCUSSION BY COUNCIL

Acting Mayor Novak asked how many applications were received for the Planning and Parks Commission positions. City Administrator/Clerk Terry stated three applications were received for the Parks Commission positions and one application was received for the Planning Commission position to date.

11) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Councilmember Schuenke, second by Councilmember Timmerman to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

APIF, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted by

Lynda Jirak, Deputy Clerk