

**City of Deer Park
City Council Minutes
September 1, 2021**

Councilmembers were not physically present at this Special September 1st meeting per the current version of Governor Proclamation 20-28 Amending Proclamation 20-05. Access to the Meeting was by Phone.

At 7:00 P.M. Mayor Verzal conducted a roll call to document telephone attendance.

Councilmember Cragun – Present
Councilmember Babb – Present
Councilmember Schut – Present
Councilmember Stapp – Present
Councilmember Scholz – Present
City Attorney Chuck Zimmerman – Present
Community Services Director Roger Krieger – Present
Street Supervisor Brad Wainwright – Present

Present with Mayor Verzal at City Hall and observing social distancing was City Clerk/Treasurer Deby Cragun, City Airport Manager Darold Schultz, and Pastor Tim White.

Mayor Verzal stated this Council meeting of the City is being conducted via telephone conference call pursuant to Governor Inslee's Proclamations and recent social distancing recommendations and mask mandates. The challenges associated with conducting the Council meeting with in person attendance by Council Members and staff is scheduled for discussion at this Council Meeting under item 5B as New Business. Because the agenda for the meeting this evening was a light agenda, rather than face the prospect of having to reconvene the meeting because of inadequate ability to socially distance in the Council chambers, Mayor Verzal elected to convene this meeting via telephone conference call.

2. Invocation

The Invocation for tonight's meeting was led by Pastor Tim White.

3. Approval of Agenda

IT WAS MOVED BY CRAGUN, SECONDED BY BABB; MOTION CARRIED (5-0) TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

4. Approval of August 18, 2021, regular council meeting minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY CRAGUN, SECONDED BY BABB; MOTION CARRIED (5-0) TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 18, 2021, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

5. New Business

- A. Ratifying the Mayor's Signature on the Spokane Regional Transportation Council Grant Award Conditions and Confirming the intent to complete the E. Crawford Preservation Project 2022.

IT WAS MOVED BY CRAGUN, SECONDED BY BABB, TO APPROVE RATIFYING THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE ON THE SPOKANE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL GRANT AWARD CONDITIONS AND CONFIRMING THE INTENT TO COMPLETE THE E. CRAWFORD PRESERVATION PROJECT 2022.

Roger Krieger reviewed the Spokane Regional Transportation Council Grant Award.

Following discussion,

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

B. Council discussion and possible action regarding future Council Meetings.

Mayor Verzal stated he placed this item on the agenda for Council consideration and possible action for how the City should consider conducting future Council meetings.

Councilmember Cragun stated she would prefer in person meetings, but understands public health and safety are important.

Councilmember Babb stated she concurred with Councilmember Cragun.

Councilmember Schut stated he prefers in person meetings or use of Zoom for meetings and getting tablets or laptops for the Councilmembers.

Councilmember Stapp stated he concurred with both Councilmember's Cragun and Schut. He feels the City should move forward with a Video Conferencing System and Zoom or an equivalent platform.

Councilmember Scholz stated he agrees with all regarding in person meetings. He also stated he is not adverse to the phone conferencing while the pandemic continues.

Mayor Verzal offered to contact the Fire District to see if the September 15 Council Meeting could be held there.

All Councilmembers encouraged Mayor Verzal to contact the Fire District so that an in person meeting could be held.

6. Resolutions

There were no Resolutions.

7. Ordinances

There were no Ordinances.

8. Consent Agenda

Items listed below were distributed to Council Members in advance for study and were enacted with one motion.

IT WAS MOVED BY CRAGUN, SECONDED BY BABB; MOTION CARRIED (5-0) TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA as follows:

- A. Approval of Voucher Claim Check Nos. 39641 through 39667 in the amount of \$319,352.73 for Second Half of August 2021.**
- B. Approval of Payroll Check Nos. 14295 through 14350 including EFT Debits PMFL, 941 Taxes and Health Benefits in the amount of \$157,889.03 for the month of August 2021.**
- C. Short Plat Request # 2021-1 Hope Meadows Habitat for Humanity ~ Spokane**

D. Short Plat Request # 2021-2 Tri-County Christian Center

9. Report of Departments *

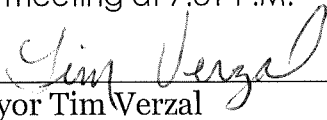
City Street Supervisor Brad Wainwright stated the Street Preservation Project for this year is underway. Notices were delivered to homes that will be affected by the street repairs.

City Community Services Director Roger Krieger stated this week is ^{he} in on the west side of the state attending a Water Conference. He also updated the Mayor and Council on the two street projects that are ongoing.

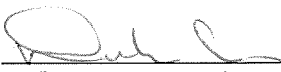
City Airport Manager Darold Schultz stated today is the first day since June that no aircraft was deployed to an area fire. He also stated the Airport has sold more fuel this year than any other year.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Verzal adjourned the meeting at 7:31 P.M.



Mayor Tim Verzal



Deby Cragun, City Clerk/Treasurer

***Mayors Note:**

The Agenda contained the "Report of Officers" as item 9, but the outline for the meeting he was following identified item 9 incorrectly as "Report of Departments." This was discovered by the Mayor following adjournment. Therefore, the Agenda for the next Council Meeting will contain the "Report of Officers" as an agenda item.