

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

October 7, 2015

Officials in Attendance: Mayor Dorothy Knauss; Councilmen John May, Payton Norvell and John Wight; Councilwomen Sharon Ludwig, Carra Nupp, Roberta McMillin and Jolene McGee.

Staff Present: City Administrator Mike Frizzell, City Attorney Charles Schuerman, Clerk/Treasurer Pamela McCart

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Audience Comments: None

Announcements/Appointments, including:

- Mayor's Youth Award to Olive Johnson.
- Motion by Councilman May to appoint Jolene McGee to Council Seat #2, seconded by Councilman Norvell. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried. City Attorney administered Oath of Office to Councilwoman McGee.
- Mayor stated that she appointed Councilman Norvell to Krisan's seat on the Finance Committee.
- Mayor gave an overview of the results of the general city survey which was mailed to utility customers.

Presentation:

Kim Prisock, Environmental Engineer with the Department of Ecology Water Quality Division, presented and Robin Hegney accepted the Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Achievement Award for the 2014 calendar year. The City earned this award in 2010 as well. Wastewater plants are the first line of defense for protecting public health and keeping waters clean. Chewelah operates an extended aeration activated sludge treatment plant with ultraviolet disinfection discharged to the Colville River.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Councilwoman Nupp approving Consent Agenda consisting of:

- >September 2nd Regular and September 16th and 30th Special Minutes
- >September Payroll and Claim Vouchers

Seconded by Councilwoman Ludwig. Roll call vote taken with all votes in favor. Motion carried.

Committee/Commission Reports:

- Park/Councilwoman Ludwig: Asked 3rd graders what activities they would like to see in the park. Will bring back a report after reviewed in depth.
- Facility/Councilman Wight: Discussed parcel on Stevens Street. Continuing to look at assets.

City Administrator Report:

- The foundation concrete for the new shop has been poured - a few outside footings on the lean-to walls to go and they're forming up the service pit at this point. Probably start on the concrete floor slab and start to frame walls next week.

City Attorney Report: None

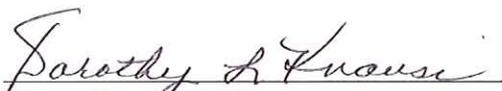
Old Business: None



New Business:

- The Clerk read maintenance agreement. Motion by Councilwoman Ludwig to Approve Reciprocal Maintenance Agreement with WSDOT from 11-12-15 to 3-31-16 (use of City loader in exchange for winter sand mix), seconded by Councilman Wight. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.
- The Clerk read Resolution 15-09. Motion by Councilwoman Nupp to Adopt Resolution #15-09 Authorizing Interfund Loans from Electric and Water Funds to the General Fund, seconded by Councilwoman McMillin. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.
- The Clerk read introduction of Ordinance #888. Motion by Councilman May to Adopt Ordinance #888 Amending the 2015 Budget, seconded by Councilwoman Ludwig. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.
- The Clerk read introduction of Ordinance #889. Motion by Councilman Norvell to Adopt Ordinance #889 Amending Section 2.24.030 of the Chewelah Municipal Code regarding the Duties of Fire Chief, seconded by Councilwoman Nupp. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.
- The Clerk read introduction of Ordinance #890. The C/A stated that the existing code is lacking in the enforcement for dealing with these issues. Motion by Councilman May to Adopt Ordinance #890 Adding Section 18.12.130 to the Chewelah Municipal Code regarding Recreational Vehicles on Personal Property, seconded by Councilwoman Ludwig. Under discussion, Councilwoman Nupp expressed concern for property owners who may be using an RV temporarily during the construction of a home if that construction lasted more than one year. Roll call vote taken with Councilwoman Nupp voting against, remaining votes in favor. Motion carried.
- The Clerk read introduction of Ordinance #891. Motion by Councilman May to Adopt Ordinance #891 Establishing a Special Fund for the Anticipated Receipt of Monies as a result of the Dissolution of the Chewelah Pioneer Cemetery Association, seconded by Councilman Norvell. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.
- The Clerk read introduction of Ordinance #892. Councilman May stated that there are spots in town where vehicles can be parked and which become a major obstruction to the view of approaching vehicles. This is an opportunity for us to give the offices an opportunity to rectify those situations. Motion by Councilman May to Adopt Ordinance #892 adding Section 10.08.065 to the Chewelah Municipal Code regarding Unauthorized Vehicles in Public Right-of-Way, seconded by Councilwoman McMillin. Under discussion, Councilwoman Nupp expressed her concern for restricting the use of a public parking area. The City Attorney clarified that the ordinance reference is not to a “parking right-of-way” but to a “public right-of-way” which is the roadway and which is not intended for dangerous parking that would impede things like snow plowing or the ability of people to see around the vehicle – it’s a safety factor. The roadway is for the passage of traffic and we’re trying to keep that safe. Roll call vote taken with Councilman Norvell and Councilwoman Nupp voting against and abstention by Councilwoman McGee, remaining votes in favor. Motion carried.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:33 PM.


Mayor Dorothy L. Knauss


Clerk/Treasurer Pamela McCart