

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

November 4, 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.

Announcements/Appointments, including:

- Mayor's Youth Award to Justin Lester.

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Audience Comments:

- Chewelah area residents *Robert Belknap, Mick Childress, Diane Dorrance and Frank Long* expressed their concerns with the City's position in regard to the property boundary dispute between it and Tim/Patti Kaiser (property on which City's electric utility switch station is situated near the end of South Stevens Street). The City became aware that it owned land that extended beyond the station's fence line after a land survey was conducted. The Kaisers have improved and maintained that property since purchasing the adjoining mobile home park, believing they owned the land up to the fence line.

Presentations:

- *Alex Panagotacos Mueller, Community Engagement Manager with Rural Resources Victim Services*, thanked the City for its support of the programs which help the victims of domestic violence and other abuse. She requested that the City continue its financial support of \$4,500 in 2016.
- *Del Barber Jr. and Kelley Robertson* presented their concept of "Flags Over Chewelah" in which American flags would be displayed from early morning to late afternoon on ten holidays every year as a way of honoring our Veterans. The 3' X 5' flags would be on poles set in PVC lined holes in the sidewalks along Main Street. The holes would be capped when not in use. The project would be funded by donations and flag sponsorship so it would be at no "cost" to the City but, if approved, Mr. Barber asked if the City crew could assist with its vector truck for extracting dirt and with ensuring that their placement is ADA compliant. Motion by Councilwoman Nupp allowing Mr. Barber to proceed with "Flags Over Chewelah" project, seconded by Councilman Wight. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Councilwoman Ludwig approving Consent Agenda consisting of:

- >October 7th Regular Minutes
- >October Payroll and Claim Vouchers

Seconded by Councilman Norvell. Roll call vote taken with all votes in favor. Motion carried.

Public Hearing on Revenue Sources for Fiscal Year 2016:

The Mayor opened the public hearing and set forth the format that would be followed. There were no objections to the Mayor participating as chairman. There were no objections to any Councilperson's participating in the proceedings. No Councilperson acknowledged any communications outside of this hearing and no Councilperson acknowledged any gain or interest with regard to this matter.

STAFF REPORT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR MIKE FRIZZELL stated that the preliminary budget includes

- a 1% increase in property taxes
- a garbage rate increase of \$.50/toter – this scheduled increase was adopted in 2014
- a mandatory \$1/month recycling fee. The City plans to provide recycling services starting early spring at the WWTP for Chewelah residents.
- \$1 sewer base rate increase (for next 4 years to offset recurring deficit in the fund – will be revisited in 2019 for 2020)
- \$1 electric base rate increase and a small increase in KWH charges. Every two years BPA increases its wholesale rate to the City. This past October that increase was over 9%. The increase two years ago was not passed on to City customers.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY:

There was no written or oral public testimony.
THE MAYOR CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

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Committee/Commission Reports: None

City Administrator Report, including:

- Concrete slab floor for the new shop building was poured yesterday. Started forming walls today.
- Regarding written complaint from a resident that Councilmembers received regarding neighbor's chimney smoke – that was brought to my attention a year ago. The City does not have any control over air quality issues – I put that person in touch with Department of Ecology. I just wanted to let you know we followed through the best we could.

City Attorney Report: None

Old Business: None

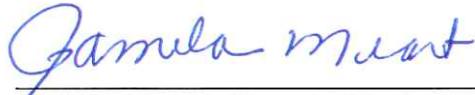
New Business:

- The Clerk read introduction of Ordinance #893. Motion by Councilwoman Ludwig to Adopt Ordinance #893 Setting 2016 Property Tax Levy, seconded by Councilwoman McMillin. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.
- The Clerk read introduction of Ordinance #894. Motion by Councilman May to Adopt Ordinance #894 regarding Utility Services for Residential and Commercial or Retail/Business Customers, seconded by Councilman Wight. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.
- The Clerk read Resolution #15-10. Motion by Councilwoman Ludwig to Adopt Resolution #15-10 Adopting An Amended Flexible Benefit Plan, seconded by Councilwoman McGee. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.
- The Clerk read Resolution #15-11. Motion by Councilman May to Adopt Resolution #15-11 Setting Utility Rates, seconded by Councilman Norvell. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.
- The Clerk read Resolution #15-12. The C/A stated the only change was the addition of an hourly rate for a side sewer rodder. Motion by Councilman Norvell to Adopt Resolution #15-12 Establishing Rental Rates for Equipment/Hourly Rates for Labor, seconded by Councilman May. Roll call vote taken with all ion favor. Motion carried.
- The Clerk read Agreement. Motion by Councilwoman Nupp to approve 2016 Agreement with Rural Resources Community Action for Rural Resources Victim Services, seconded by Councilwoman McMillin. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

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Mayor Dorothy L. Knauss

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Clerk/Treasurer Pamela McCart