

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

**May 4, 2016**

**Officials in Attendance:** Councilmen John May, Payton Norvell and Councilman John Wight; Councilwomen Sharon Ludwig (Mayor Pro Tem), Carra Nupp, Dee Henderson and Roberta McMillin.

**Absent:** Mayor Dorothy Knauss

**Staff Present:** City Attorney Charles Schuerman, Clerk/Treasurer Pamela McCart

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

### **Audience Comments**

#### **Announcements/Appointments, including:**

- Mayor's Youth Award to Samantha Trudeau
- Proclamation May 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> as National Small Business Week
- Proclamation May 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> as National Police Week

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#### **Presentation:**

- *Bob Bond, Spokane County Sheriff's Office*, discussed the use of drug or patrol dogs. Drug dogs are trained to identify illegal odors. They are able to discern individual scents even when the scents are combined or masked by other odors. They also have the ability to detect drug odors when they are tightly sealed or deeply hidden. Sniffer dogs can be used to detect drugs on individuals, in buildings, open areas and vehicles. Police Chief Burrows stated that he hoped to resurrect the drug dog program that the City had in place about fifteen years ago. Officer Bond recommended that should the City decide to move forward with a canine program, that it utilize a "passive alert" dog as opposed to an "aggressive alert" dog to ensure that drug odors can be detected without causing damage to personal or business property.

#### **Consent Agenda:**

Motion by Councilwoman Nupp approving Consent Agenda consisting of:

- >April 6th Regular Minutes
- >April Payroll and Claim Vouchers

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

#### **Committee/Commission Reports:**

- *Finance, Councilwoman Ludwig:* Discussed upcoming resolution.
- *Park/Cemetery, Councilwoman Ludwig:* Flower baskets have been placed around town, including two at City Hall.

**City Administrator and City Attorney Reports:** None

**Old Business:** None

#### **New Business:**

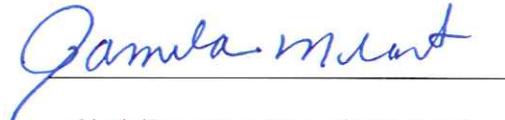
- The Clerk read Resolution #16-05. As Finance Committee Chairperson, Councilwoman Ludwig stated that Wilbert Vault currently performs all opening/closings (casket and

cremains, except for niches) - they have been charging a very high fee for the opening/closings for cremains which is not fair to our customers. The rates proposed in this resolution for the City to perform these services are in line with other local rates. This resolution also reduces the percentage being diverted to reserves from lot sales in order to more accurately offset operating costs. Motion by Councilwoman McMillin to adopt Resolution #16-05 Revising Cemetery Rates/Policies, seconded by Councilman Wight. Under discussion, Councilman May did not agree charging the same rate of \$250 for both cemeteries when the Pioneer Cemetery is not perpetual care. Councilwoman McMillin withdrew her motion and Councilman Wight withdrew his second. Matter to be brought back to City Administrator/committee.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:31 PM.



Mayor Dorothy L. Knauss



Clerk/Treasurer Pamela McCart