REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 4, 2017

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

Officials Absent: Councilwomen Dee Henderson and Carra Nupp

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

Motion by Councilwoman Ludwig to excuse absence of Councilwoman Nupp, seconded by Councilwoman McMillin. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried. (Reason for Councilwoman Henderson's absence unknown at this time.)

Announcements/Appointments, including:
- Mayor’s Youth Award – Chloe Dulaney
- The Mayor stated that she and Mike Waters would be coordinating the “Students in Government” program for the March meeting – Councilwoman Ludwig volunteered to be the “go to” Councilmember for inquiries from those students participating as mock councilmembers.
- Open Forum scheduled to be held during January 18th regular meeting.
- No new committee appointments... Motion by Councilwoman Ludwig nominating Councilman Norvell as Mayor Pro Temp, seconded by Councilwoman McMillin. The Mayor inquired three times as to whether there were any other nominations. Roll call vote taken with abstention by Councilman Norvell, remaining votes in favor. Motion carried.

Presentation:
Alex Panagotacos, Community Engagement Program 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 thanked the City for its continued financial support.

Consent Agenda:
Motion by Councilman Norvell approving Consent Agenda consisting of:
  > December 7th Regular Minutes
  > December Payroll and Claim Vouchers
Seconded by Councilwoman Ludwig. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

Committee/Commission Reports: None

City Administrator Report, including:
- The Facilities Committee had previously compiled a list of City-owned properties to surplus in order for the new shop. One of the properties listed was what we call the county yard, on Second Street West, where we’ve stored transformers, poles, water pipe, etc. – we plan on building a storage facility at the new shop location for those items. Someone has expressed interest in purchasing that property so I expect an offer to come in, in which case, I’ll need the committee to meet with me again in order to discuss and make a recommendation to Council.
- A second round of police negotiations is scheduled for the 18th.
• We couldn’t see putting it in if we couldn’t afford the 20 year assurance pledge and everything that went along with it, but the Mayor and I have decided to submit an application for grant funds for the airport purchase. WSDOT-Aviation has previously said that they would not give us the full funds to purchase the airport – this is the last chance we have -- to ask WSDOT-Aviation if they will split the $329,000 price tag into two years of grant funding. So our application will be to request half this year and half the following year. The Mayor is preparing a business plan for the airport which will accompany the application.

• The Ehorn Lane/Lincoln Avenue and the 395 sidewalks/Boone to King Avenue construction projects are designed at this point and will probably go out to bid in February.

City Attorney Report: None

Old Business: None

New Business:
• Motion by Councilman May to approve public defender contracts for 2017/218 with Joshua Gilstrap (primary), Graham Stone and Michael Golden, seconded by Councilman Norvell. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

• It was the consensus of Council for the Mayor to submit a letter of support for the John Wayne Trail as requested by the Tekoa Trail and Trestle Association.

• Police Chief Burrows stated that last week an anonymous donation of $3,000 paid for the “purchase” of the drug dog. Matt and Rebel will start the patrol dog portion of the training some time in February/March at a cost of $3,000–$5,000.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:01 PM.

Mayor Dorothy L. Knauss

Clerk/Treasurer Pamela McCart