REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  February 1, 2017

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

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.

Motion by Councilman May to excuse prior absence on January 4th Regular Meeting of Councilwoman Henderson, seconded by Councilwoman Ludwig. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

Audience Comments: None

Announcements/Appointments, including:

- Mayor’s Youth Award – Avnet Sahota.
- Last week the Mayor, School Superintendent Rick Linehan and Stevens County Commissioner Wes McCart were summoned to Olympia by then representative Shelly Short to testify on behalf of a company which is looking at putting a new plant at the site where the currently inactive Northwest Alloys plant sits in Addy – last year that company had selected Usk as their probable site but that fell through and now they are focusing on Addy again. House Bill 1403 (companion bill is Senate Bill 5515) would allow a credit against the B&O tax for the provider of electric and/or natural gas to the company. It is imperative that these bills pass in order for this company to locate here as its chief operating officer testified that the company’s annual power cost is 30 million dollars.
- At the same time, then representative Shelly Short suggested that she set up a meeting with the new Commissioner of Public Lands, Hilary Franz, for February 16th in order to try to figure out what can be done to facilitate the purchase of the airport.
- At this time the “Students in Government” is tentatively scheduled for April 19th.

Executive Session:
At 6:40 the Mayor announced that the Council would go into executive session for ten minutes to discuss minimum price at which real estate would be offered for sale. At 6:50 the Mayor called the meeting back to order.

Presentation: None

Consent Agenda:
Motion by Councilwoman Ludwig approving Consent Agenda consisting of:
> January 4th Regular Minutes
> January Payroll and December/January Claim Vouchers
Seconded by Councilwoman Nupp. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

Committee/Commission Reports:
- Lodging Tax Advisory, Councilwoman Nupp: Applications for 2017 funding have gone out and are due 2/23.

City Administrator Report: None

City Attorney Report: None
**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**
- Motion by Councilman May declaring (County Yard) “Lots 6-9, Block 4, Wiltz’s Second Addition” as surplus, seconded by Councilman Wight. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.
- The C/A explained that the 20 acres which has been previously declared as surplus is currently listed at $72,500. An offer is currently on the table for $66,250 and the realtor is willing to drop his commission from 7% to 6%. Motion by Councilman Wight to approve sale of Parcel A of Certificate of Exemption (COE) 61-2015 (20 acres) for $66,250, seconced by Councilwoman McMillin. Roll call vote taken with Councilmen Norvell and May and Councilwoman Nupp voting against. Remaining votes in favor. Motion carried.
- Councilman Norvell stated that several people have approached him about the placement of a volleyball court in the Triangle Park. Councilwoman Nupp stated that option was looked at before and the biggest concern was the location — since that location is highly residential, depending on the type of sand used, it could become a litterbox — so maintaining it was the biggest issue. That’s why it was put on the back burner as a secondary thought for the park located by Solar Pines. Matter referred back to Park Committee.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.

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Mayor Dorothy L. Knauss

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Clerk/Treasurer Pamela McCart