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

Audience Comments:
- Robert Bellnap requested 90 day unencumbered access to the city pool in order for him to have experts review the site and prepare a report to show that the pool is reclaimable and repairable.
- James Marshall asked if the Council would reconsider allowing marijuana business within the city limits in order to take advantage of the potential tax revenue.

Announcements/Appointments, including:
- Mayor’s Youth Award – Sam Marshall
- Motion by Councilwoman Nupp to excuse absence of Councilwoman McMillin, seconded by Councilwoman Ludwig. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.
- The Mayor, along with Senator Shelly Short/Representative Jacquelin Maycumber/timber industry folks, met with Commissioner of Public Lands, Hilary Franz, who presented the three priorities for her administration as wildfire management, forest health, and rural economic development. The Mayor spoke with her afterwards about the airport and so she’s on board and we can hopefully make progress on that purchase.

Executive Session:
At 6:39 the Mayor announced that the Council would go into executive session for fifteen minutes to discuss minimum price at which real estate would be offered for sale. At 6:54 the Mayor called the meeting back to order.

Presentations:
- Evan Schalock, update on latest activities of Chamber of Commerce.
- Sky Maverick requested permission to use the park stage area/back concession stand’s power on Wednesday nights for “Movies in the Park”. At 5PM event would start with a kids Bop Play list; at 6PM host Disney’s Just Dance; a few cartoons at 7PM; start movie around 9-9:30PM to 11PM. *Concession stand selling food/drinks +Riding lawn mower and trailer for hayrides *Raffles *T-shirts to sell online. Profits will go toward movie license fees and hosting fund raisers. Will hire local teens/adults to supervise. Hoping that enough profit will be generated so that there would not be a fee to watch the movie. Would like to have first event on June 2nd. Then each week in August 2017. Will continue to raise licensing funds through the winter and have the event each week during the summer of 2018 with a teen work program. The Mayor stated that one thing that was discussed with Sky when he came into the office is that the City would eventually want some kind of agreement with him so that the city has the ability should Sky decide not to do it and somebody decides to do it and not do Disney movies -- we have the ability to say okay it’s over -- we need to reserve that right. Motion by Councilwoman Nupp approving Sky Maverick to initially start “Movies in the Park” on June 21, 2017, seconded by Councilman Wight. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.
Consent Agenda:
Motion by Councilman Norvell approving Consent Agenda consisting of:
> May 3rd Regular Minutes
> May Payroll and Claim Vouchers
Seconded by Councilman May. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

Public Hearing on Six Year Transportation Improvement Program 2018-2023:
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: We do this STIP every year. This program is identical to last year. The reason it didn’t change is because I applied for $1.7 million in grants last year and they didn’t give us any of those grant funds because we hadn’t completed the current projects that we have. I feel very comfortable that they will this year when I apply for those grants because our other projects should be finished by the end of summer. I was asked earlier about who puts this list together — I think that’s important and I haven’t discussed that in the past. For the first 20 years that this existed, Gary Nussbaum compiled it because he was the street maintenance person— I’m sure he ran it by the mayor from time to time. Since I have been city administrator, he and I have worked together on that because my input as far as what grants are available and what I think we might get decides what priority those projects land on this list. Another important thing is that this list is a wish list — it’s really nothing else. We have to do this because if we apply for grant funds the first thing they’ll do is ask if that project is on our six year TIP. So this is our wish list. We do our best to prioritize them. You’ll see that numbers 1 and 2 are the current projects that we have funded. They have to remain on that list until they’re completed. Priorities 3-5 were the ones that I applied for grants for this year and they were denied. The ones that we know we’re going to apply for the following year are always at the top of the priorities. And there are other ones you’ve seen year after year — chip sealing, resurfacing.

Public Testimony:
Tamara Bowman: I’m here on behalf of the Little League. The last project concerns a pedestrian path from the park to city hall and I’ve been given a map showing it’s to go behind our fence. There’s some concern with that because the path is about two feet wide in some areas from the creek. So I’m wondering if it’s not able to go there, where it would be proposed to go. We have concerns about the field — we don’t want it to go anywhere. We have 108 kids playing ball this year and we want to make sure it’s viable in the future.

The Mayor Closed the Public Testimony portion of the Hearing.

C/A Frizzell: I want to make it clear I did not supply the map to Tamara. I understood her concerns — she called me and I told her the best place to do this was in the public forum so everyone could hear her concerns. The pathway that she is discussing was the plan that Mr. Bristol put together twenty years ago called “A Creek Runs through it” and it proposed a pathway from the park to downtown. So the map that he shared with you is a very old map. As I stated before with the STP, it’s a wish list. And so it hasn’t been a high priority because there isn’t funding out there for paths. We kept it on there just in case something popped up. But the way the funding works is first we’ll apply for it and we’ll give a dollar value. And they’ll say ‘yeah, we like that’ and a general description of it — the first year is spent in planning. What has happened since that plan was put together is I walked along the little league field six years ago with the Department of Fish and
Wildlife and the Department of Ecology and it was a resounding “NO, we will not allow a path to go behind that fence”. So the little league field was never in jeopardy. And I can’t speak for the council but I’ve never heard anything but support from the council and there has never been a discussion about interrupting that field -- ever. So I want you to be comfortable that there are no intentions to do anything with the little league field. The last question -- where would it go -- when I brought this to Tom’s attention again -- unfortunately he was not made aware by the city administrator at the time that Ecology and Fish and Wildlife had said it couldn't go there. I explained that to him and told him I’d provide a report if he wanted. So the latest idea is that it would go between the PACA building/museum -- maybe go along the creek and then cut between the buildings and go up to the park. That’s about the only route unless it hits Third Street before that. The answer is we don’t have any idea. That would be decided the first year of planning – there’d probably be a lot of public meetings about what’s the best path.

**Committee/Commission Reports:** None

**City Administrator Report:**
- When we do a project we have an estimate from the engineer about what the project will cost – that’s the number we use for the funding agency so we know whether we can afford the low bidder or not. The estimate for HWY 395 sidewalk project – Boone to King was $209,000 so we were pleasantly surprised when it came in at $187,000. Motion by Councilman Norvell to approve low bid of $187,270.50 for sidewalk construction to Baumann Bros. Construction, seconded by Councilman May. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.
- The next item is regarding the water system improvement project which you approved to raise the water rates by $4 so that we could prepare a $400,000 plan in order to have a shovel ready project to request grant funds for. On that list was $10,000 for the possibility of a cultural resources survey -- so you’ve already approved the funding but I wanted to run it by you so you knew where the project was and that we got the survey for less than what was proposed in the estimate. The letter from E&H Engineering shows that Columbia Historical Consulting came in with a low bid of $4,611.00. The Mayor noted that the letter indicated that “the area of the project was relatively sensitive to cultural artifacts, so additional requirements may need to be followed such as discovery plans, archeologist inspections, or archeologist monitoring of parts of the construction…”

**City Attorney Report:** None

**Old Business:**
- Discussion regarding city pool site/whether to declare surplus:
  - Mayor: You’ve heard Bob’s request so I’ll open it up for discussion.
  - Councilwoman Nupp: What were the previous findings . . . when we had it inspected to see the outcome of whether it was savable or not . . .
  - Mayor: I chaired that committee. I was actually on the city council at that time and Mayor Bauman asked me to chair a city advisory committee and Debbie Akers, Tom Bristol, Kevin Herda . . . there were about five or six of us -- Jarod was on it. So we looked at it -- we had city staff take us through the pool. We called Pool World in Spokane. They came out and did a thorough investigation (and YMCA came out) and looked at it. Their suggested cost to repair the pool was right around $400,000 -- that would not make the pool ADA compliant. The further thing that the council decided at that point was that it cost us anywhere from $40,000 to $50,000 a year to operate it. The last two years we operated it, the city did not have the money and if you remember about that time the city got an audit finding because it was
transferring surplus money from the electric fund to the current expense fund that was helping fund the pool. That’s not illegal because I asked for an Attorney General opinion on it and we were right in that we can do that but the previous folks before me had gotten that amount up to $250,000 a year transferred from the electric fund to the current expense fund and they were not doing it in the proper order so there was an audit finding. So the city does not transfer surplus funds into the current expense fund anymore so there is no money to operate the pool. The last two years I think the chamber gave us $25,000 one year or some amount like that to operate the pool but the equipment is old -- the pumps are old -- they take a lot of electricity. We buy our electricity at cost so we weren’t paying someone else electricity to heat the pool. The cost to repair coupled with the cost to operate it made the council decide not to continue with the pool. That’s the background.

*Councilwoman Nupp:* What happened with the idea of it going to a non-profit?

*Mayor:* For somebody to take it over? We had a person who was initially interested and thought he could come take it over for us. That all fell through. It never really came to fruition. At that same time we discussed that maybe we should go out for a bond issue for a year round pool we could share with the hospital for their physical therapy, with the school for swim meets/physical education. A new year round pool is $3 - $4 million. The council at that time, myself being a part of it, felt that this community would not pass a bond issue of that magnitude for a swimming pool. We did city surveys three years in a row -- since I’ve become Mayor we’ve done city surveys up until this year -- the pool did not rate real high on the list of priorities for what people wanted -- they want police protection, the streets repaired, good water and sewer and so the pool didn’t rate real high. So with all of that the decision was made not to reopen it. That’s the background so please discuss and make your own decision.

*Councilman Norvell* Assuming it were functioning enough to repair, is the ADA compliance an issue now?

*C/A:* It isn’t requiring it. I don’t know how much leeway they would give us. The one thing they wouldn’t give us leeway on – usually when you remodel a structure like that you have to bring it up to ADA compliance. The exception to that was the pool lift where they said it doesn’t matter, you’re going to do it right now. The tribe donated that pool lift to us and it’s still sitting in the original box over there because it was the same year it was decided to shut it down. It is an issue and I can’t say that will always be the case – that they will wait for a remodel. I think that maybe if we choose to spend $400,000 and redo the pool it might come at that point -- it would depend on what they decide at the time. One of the things that Dorothy said, because it is part of the conversation -- that $400,000 wasn’t to upgrade the buildings at all or the bathrooms -- it would basically look exactly as it does right now. And there are sections, especially the north end of that building, that have settled 2 to 3 inches -- you can see complete separation of the blocks which is most likely what we’re going to find is the primary source of the leakage in the pressure pipes underneath. We don’t know until it’s dug up. There’s a myriad of issues beyond the leaky pipes.

*Councilman May:* Your honor, the discussion about whether or not we should declare this surplus – if we declare this surplus then are we not saying we don’t want it anymore and let’s see how much money we can get for it . . .

*M ayor:* If we offer it for sale, that’s what would happen.

*Councilman May:* And if we declared it surplus isn’t that what we’d do?

*M ayor:* Right. I would assume that. There’d be no other reason to declare it surplus unless you wanted to sell it. So what are some of the other councilmember’s . . .

*Councilman May:* I don’t think we want to fix it.
Councilwoman Nupp: I do remember part of the discussion when we did have it inspected – part of the concern was that the leaks themselves couldn’t be fixed because it had to do with -- the set of the pool has to be one set time -- it can’t be filled in or it would just continue to leak underneath and that’s was where a lot of the cost came in because the entire slab would have to be poured at the same time, correct?

Mayor: One of the concerns, I think if I remember correctly -- they said that actually the shell of the pool was in fairly decent shape but the water pipes they thought might be under the concrete and so we didn’t know . . . -- for those of you who weren’t here, the pool was leaking 2500 gallons of treated water per day so that’s when we shut it down.

Councilman May: And we had no idea where the leak was. All we knew was this much water was going in and this much water had to be replaced every day.

C/A: It’s been a while since I’ve reviewed that report.

Councilman May: And if it was leaking out there in the dirt then it’s just a matter of taking a backhoe and digging it up and fixing it but if it’s leaking underneath the pool then you have to knock out the whole bottom of the pool and you have to find it and nobody knows where the pipes are.

C/A: Here’s what I know. When you turn the pumps on to fill the pool -- when it was empty water would come out in cracks across the entire shallow end that it was not supposed to be coming out of. That tells me -- and I walked the council through that at that time -- that means that the water pressure from the treated water from the pumps that’s supposed to fill the pool (because it blows in the bottom of the pool and then it overflows and gets recirculated through that pump) -- the water that was feeding the pool was leaking before it got into the pool -- under the slab or within the slab -- either way it was not coming out of the holes where it was supposed to. It was coming out sections under tile and in different places in the concrete. In answer to your question -- like I said it’s been a while since I reviewed it but I think their intention was to cut trenches in the floor of that and replace with new pipes, not the entire bottom.

Councilman May: What if we declare it surplus and it ends up having to be removed -- then we would own that property and would have it for sale so I suggest that we do not declare it surplus.

Mayor: Do not declare the property surplus? And keep it. And do what with it?

Councilman May: Yeah . . . and do whatever we have to do to get rid of the pool and fix it now -- I think we should fix it.

Councilwoman Ludwig: I’d be more inclined to declare it surplus and offer it “as is” for someone to purchase that would like to see if they . . .

Mayor: Are you suggesting that maybe a private person could buy it, fix it, and operate it themselves?

Councilwoman Ludwig: Yes.

Robert Belknap: Point of order. May I speak?

Mayor: I’m sorry, no. The public does not have the right to enter the conversation.

Belknap: I was just concerned with the fact that the part that you’re not talking about is my part. It’s like you totally . . .

Mayor: I’m sorry, you’re out of order. We did hear what you said. You asked for 90 days. It’s the Council’s decision whether they want to deny that or accept it. I started the discussion by saying “you’ve heard Bob’s request and now it’s time for discussion”. So continue discussing and bring into it Bob’s request if you’d like to.
Councilman Norvell: If we did honor Bob’s request 90 days is a bit much. I think someone who knew about pools would know right away whether or not it was fixable. I think 30 days would be adequate. If he has someone ready to come look at it I think they could tell . . .

Mayor: Let me ask the council this since you’re in charge of budgeting. If the pool were fixed -- if somebody popped out of the air and gave us money to fix the pool – how would you operate the pool?

Councilman May: We can’t, your Honor.

Mayor: We have no money in the current expense.

Councilwoman Nupp: We funded it. It didn’t fund itself. That was part of the issue.

Mayor: It takes in about -- at the prices we were charging -- we opened it usually in June and closed it right about Labor Day or right before -- we’d take in about $10,000 and we’d pay $40,000 to $50,000 to operate it.

Councilman Norvell: Why weren’t we charging enough I guess is the real question.

C/A: The last year we raised them.

Councilwoman Nupp: We raised them to try to compensate but it didn’t come anywhere near what it cost to operate the pool. We brought in a bunch of play equipment. Miss Akers came in and did a phenomenal job running it and doing what she could to bring some life/revenue into it but it still didn’t come anywhere near what we needed to run. I do want to raise the question just because I know there are rumors floating around out there that the only reason we are trying to surplus it is to make it a parking lot for the Performing Arts Center. Can we address whether that has been . . .

Mayor: You know if the City decided to surplus and sell that lot it would be sold to the highest bidder. That might be PACA and it might not.

Councilwoman Ludwig: At this point PACA doesn’t have that kind of money. We would love to purchase it. We don’t have that kind of money.

Councilman Wight: Could we set this aside for 30 days and let him take his shot at having someone look at fixing the . . . we still don’t have the money to run it . . .

Mayor: At the time that we did this citizen advisory committee, we also suggested to several people “if you really want this pool start a foundation”. I called up the City of Chehalis whose pool was built in 1968 (ours was built in 1969) -- their citizens did a foundation and raised $4 million to not only renovate their pool but to landscape it and do everything. So I suggested if the citizens really want a pool here somebody start a foundation -- raise some money and get going and nobody wanted to do that -- or nobody stepped up to do that I should say.

Councilwoman Nupp: With the recent discussion of the pool going to surplus, have you had any interested parties stepping up to that measure?

C/A: This is the initial discussion.

Mayor: We haven’t had any discussions with anyone.

Councilwoman Nupp: I think it would probably be in our best interest, since this hasn’t been introduced to our public, to maybe table it until next month and see if there are interested parties who are willing to step in or have an interest in stepping in.

C/A: One thing that is important that we haven’t discussed yet -- to maintain that pool for years and I did it when I first came on the water and sewer. First it was Ted who did it every year and that got passed onto me for a few years. Part of that pool is underground. Anything in this valley that is built below ground level is going to be floated to the surface by the ground water. We all saw it this spring -- ground water was intense. Pressure from that water will push massive amounts of concrete up to the surface. In order to prevent that, you have a couple of options. Our treatment plant has aerators out there that have valves that will open...
one way — if there’s more pressure outside that tank than inside those valves open up and equalize the ground water level — that stops the concrete vault. They can be as big as this building and they will still float — but that prevents them from floating. The way we dealt with the pool was we filled it every year and we ran aeration lines in it so that it wouldn’t freeze because then the ice if it freezes will bridge and it will bust it apart. So we kept it full every year so it wouldn’t float and we kept air in it so that it wouldn’t freeze and bust apart. That has not been the case for the last three years. It has had almost no water in it — only what has seeped in and if you’ll look at it in the deep end there is some water that has seeped in there. But my point is we knew what the condition was when Pool World did a detailed report on that. That condition could be far worse at this point. We have no way of knowing.

Mayor: That was in 2013, I believe — when I was on the City Council that they did that study.

Councilwoman Nupp: I don’t really see us under a time that this has to be done so if we have a party who is — I don’t know where their background is but it sounded like they may have a background in the pool — it’s not going to hurt us as a city to entertain the idea of giving it 30 days — tabling it to next month — so I’d like to make that motion that we wait until next month and give that opportunity to him to work with the city and see if there is some other option out there.

Councilman May: We’ve already had two organizations who specialize, whose business is maintaining, operating and repairing pools examine that pool and those folks have said this is what it’s going to cost and that was four or five years ago and I don’t think it’s going to be any cheaper today.

Councilwoman Nupp: I understand that. I’m just trying to be respectful.

Councilman Norvell: I second the motion.

Mayor: We have a motion to give 30 days for interested parties to look at the pool and make an assessment.

C/A: One thing I’d like to be part of in the discussion . . . to go through and re-inspect all the electrical equipment and the boxes and everything to fire it up — because at this point being shut down so long, that’s a requirement and it could be hazardous. I would have to know if that’s how far we’re going to go with this — to have somebody inspect it or are we just talking about a physical inspection because it’s going to take a lot longer than 30 days if we have to re-inspect all the equipment to do that.

Councilman Norvell and Councilwoman Nupp: Just a physical inspection.

Roll call vote taken with Councilman May voting against, remaining votes in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor: And then the council needs to consider, if the report comes back favorably, where’s the money going to come from and how are we going to operate it. So the Finance Committee should be able to take a look at that just in case.

New Business:

- The clerk read introduction of Resolution 17-03. Motion by Councilwoman Ludwig to adopt Resolution #17-03 Adopting Six Year Transportation Improvement Program 2018-2023, seconded by Councilman May. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

- The clerk read introduction of Ordinance #913. City Attorney Waters stated that the council had previously adopted an ordinance dealing with this and the realization was that there were potentially some holes where people could be confused as to what constitutes getting a payment in on time. Motion by Councilwoman Ludwig to adopt Ordinance #913 Amending Section 13.04.030(C) of the Chewelah Municipal Code regarding utility payments (clarifies “due date”), seconded by Councilman Wight. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.
• With regard to Mr. Marshall’s request to re-address marijuana business in city limits, the Mayor tasked each councilmember with researching it, thinking about it so that they would be prepared for a full council discussion in July.

• The Mayor stated that last night she had met with folks who want to restart the Chewelah Historical Society. They will re-incorporate/file by-laws and articles of incorporation with the state. At some point in time when they get that done they will apply for non-profit status. Then we will probably ask our attorney to draft some kind of agreement for them to manage our museum – just manage it for us. In the meanwhile, Bonnie Rail has agreed to coordinate the volunteers for the summer so the museum can be open.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:58 PM.

[Signatures]

Mayor Dorothy L. Knauss

Clerk/Treasurer Pamela McCart