REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  March 7, 2018

Officials in Attendance: Councilmen: Payton Norvell as Mayor Pro Tem, John May and Evan Schalock; Councilwomen Nicole Norvell, Cori Wuesthoff and Carra Nupp
Officials Absent: Mayor Dorothy Knauss, Councilman John Wight
Staff Present: City Administrator Mike Frizzell, City Attorney Mike Waters, Clerk/Treasurer Pamela McCart
The Mayor Pro Tem called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Mayor’s Youth Award – Jayden Ludeman

Motion by Councilwoman Nupp to excuse absence of Councilman Wight, seconded by Councilman May. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

Audience Comments:
- Christine Johnson, regarding her concern for City’s appearance due to accumulation of junk cars on the front lot of God Fearing Bros. at east end of Main Street.
- John Grumbach for Chamber Board of Commerce, regarding concerns for the future of the City-owned property where the swimming pool currently sits. Chamber is willing to partner with the City in order to keep it as some kind of community facility instead of selling it to a private party with unknown intent – Chamber has $30,000 to use toward that effort.

Approval of/Changes to Proposed Agenda:
Motion by Councilwoman Nupp to approve proposed agenda, seconded by Councilman May. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Announcements/Appointments: None

Presentations: None

Consent Agenda:
Motion by Councilwoman Nupp approving Consent Agenda consisting of:
> February 7th and February 21st Regular Minutes
> February Payroll and Claim Vouchers
Seconded by Councilwoman Norvell. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

Committee/Commission Reports: None

City Administrator Report, including:
- Motion by Councilman Schalock to approve Amendment #1 to Professional Services Agreement with Studio Cascade, seconded by Councilwoman Nupp. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried. The C/A explained that this reflects an increase of up to $10,000 for the RCO grant application process ($8,500 fixed fee plus up to $2,500 for travel and related expenses). This portion of the contract can be applied toward City match for that grant. Bill Grimes sat on the RCO Board so he has a lot of expertise with regard to these grants.
- We were initially told that the disc golf would not cost us anything and we’ve had some discussions about it. We know that a porta-potty could cost $700-$800/year if we put one there. The land use fees at this point -- we said we could help them out with the shoreline application (for the foot walking bridge across Peye Creek) which triggers a site use review which is a type II review which would go to the Hearing Examiner. The
average Hearing Examiner fees are $700-$1800 so even if we use an average of $1000 that is a fee that either we require of the people wanting to do the project or we assume. I wanted you to be aware of and make a decision regarding those fees before I turn that application in. An option is that we can tell them that they are responsible for those costs but that they can move forward with the first 9 holes which do not require a shoreline permit. The shoreline permit is for a foot walking bridge across Peyle Creek. This option would allow them to start the project, gauge the amount of activity generated and then decide whether to move forward. I can still help them put together the application but they need to understand the costs associated with the Hearing Examiner process. There are also application fees which we may be able to waive since it’s City property. If the Lodging Tax Committee authorizes their request, it would make the project a lot easier. Councilmembers Wuesthoff and May expressed approval of this option – no opposition from remaining councilmembers.

- The civic center walk-in cooler project is complete.
- I testified in front of the DNR Board in Olympia this past Monday. Afterwards the board voted to sell the airport property to us for $259,000 by resolution. We’ve signed the purchase/sale agreement -- DNR signed it after that resolution was passed so now we’re just working out the rest of the details. I’ll have to work on new lease agreements. We’re meeting with our airport engineer and our planner next week to discuss the best application process to get more funding from WSDOT-Aviation for planning and other funds associated with planning for putting this together over the next 2 years.

City Attorney Report: None

Police Chief Report, including: Department has been issuing a lot of speeding tickets on East Main – if City could think of fix for that in the future – maybe larger signage.

Fire Chief Report, including: Watts keeps finding crazy deals on fire trucks. He has found a ladder truck for $10,000 plus $3,600 delivery – a town in Illinois came across a budget windfall and so they’re purchasing new equipment. After this we would still have about $31,000 in reserve. The purpose of this reserve is for vehicle purchases and to cover any catastrophic failure of anything we have right now. I’m hoping that with the truck we just purchased, this ladder truck and the new fire station we can get our fire rating down to a 4 which is unheard of for a volunteer fire department. Motion by Councilwoman Norvell authorizing the use of $13,600 from fire reserves for the purchase/delivery of a ladder truck, seconded by Councilman May. During discussion Chief DeVea said he would need some funds to put lettering on the truck. Councilwoman Wuesthoff said she would like it approved for more in case the initial offer wasn’t accepted. Roll call vote taken with Councilman May voting in favor, remaining votes against. Motion failed.

Motion Councilwoman Norvell authorizing the use of $15,000 from fire reserves for the purchase/delivery of a ladder truck, seconded by Councilman Schalock. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Motion by Councilman May to demolish the pool/level to ground. The Mayor Pro Tem asked for a second to the motion three times. Motion failed for lack of second.

Councilman Norvell stated that the Finance Committee would like to see the pool declared surplus. This step could be the start of something bigger – to ever head in that direction we have to move away from where we are. In response to Councilman May's comment that the Chamber could get it done cheaper, the C/A stressed that if a dime of Chamber funds goes to the City then it has to be done by City standards – prevailing wages, bid out properly, etc. -- so it’s either a complete agreement to demolish it without any ties to the City or anything running through the City or understand that any money...
given to the City has to be done to our standards. Councilman Norvell suggested demolishing the pool ourselves and then leasing the ground on a long-term basis. Councilwoman Ncrvell added if the City demolished the pool and an interest in leasing did not exist, then the site could be sold. Motion by Councilman May authorizing the C/A to advertise for bids to demolish the pool and level the property, seconded by Councilman Norvell. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:
- The Clerk read Resolution 18-06. Motion by Councilwoman Norvell to Adopt Resolution 18-06 Correcting Legal Description of Land Previously Authorized for Sale, seconded by Councilman May. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.
- Motion by Councilwoman Nupp to read Resolution 18-07 by title, seconded by Councilman May. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried. The Clerk read Resolution 18-07 by title. Motion by Councilman May to Adopt Resolution 18-07 Authorization for Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Grant, seconded by Councilman Schalock. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried. The City Attorney stated this was a standard agreement but noted inclusion of indemnification/venue clauses – in his opinion potential liability is low on the probability scale with a grant.
- The Clerk read License Agreement. Motion by Councilman May to Approve Interlocal License Agreement with Department of Corrections for Use of Police Department Facilities, seconded by Councilwoman Norvell. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment:
At 7:51 PM, motion by Councilman May to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Schalock. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Dorothy L. Knauss

Clerk/Treasurer Pamela McCart