REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  

April 18, 2018

Officials in Attendance: Mayor Dorothy Knauss; Councilmen Payton Norvell, John May, Evan Schalock, and John Wight; Councilwomen Cori Wuesthoff and Carra Nupp

Officials Absent: Councilwoman Nicole Norvell

Staff Present: City Administrator Mike Frizzell, City Attorney Mike Waters

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

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

Audience Comments:

- Carl Pickens, owner of God Fearing Brothers, explained the circumstances of his business/property as they related to comments made by Christine Johnson. He discussed the nature of his business (car dealer/full-service repair shop/tow truck operator). Mr. Pickens gave a draft contract for towing services to the Mayor for consideration – the Mayor indicated she would distribute the draft to councilmembers.

Approval of/Changes to Proposed Agenda:

Councilman Norvell requested the removal of the Presentation by Studio Cascade and the removal of Ordinance #923 listed under New Business as these items would be discussed at a future May meeting. Councilwoman Nupp requested the addition of the 2018 Lodging Tax Awards under New Business. The Mayor stated that Resolution 18-08 needed to be listed under New Business as it is required to accompany a grant application for the airport master plan update. Councilwoman Wuesthoff requested discussion regarding the “Splash Pad” be added under New Business. Motion by Councilwoman Nupp to approve proposed agenda as amended, seconded by Councilman Norvell. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Announcements/Appointments, including:

- Due to the Clerk/Treasurer’s absence, the Mayor appointed Councilman Norvell as Clerk Pro Tem for this meeting as it is required that her signature on the upcoming resolution be attested to.
- The Mayor stated that she had appointed Dave Gilbert, Will Mensink and Tyrone Bryant to the Airport Board (all pilots who live at the Golf Course) – they will be joining existing members Councilmen Norvell, Wight and Schalock. The board will be reconvening due to upcoming new developments as a result of the airport purchase.
- At the April 4th meeting a presentation was made regarding Long Term Care insurance for a LEOFF I retiree. In follow-up discussions with her, things became unclear. When I was at the AWC Benefits Trust board meeting last week, I asked them to sit down with her and have her make the same presentation to them. When staff fully understands the matter, we will bring it back to Council for more discussion.

Committee/Commission Reports: None

City Administrator Report, including:

- Fire station lot has been cleared and is ready for the contractor to begin.
- Building permits are picking up at a faster pace than normal.
- Applying for an approximate $40,000 grant through WSDOT-Aviation for updating airport layout plan to incorporate the newly purchased ground (36 acres) and clearly identifying that the 36 acres in the back is the City’s to do with what the City chooses to.
has verbally confirmed that they believe that to be the case as well. This will help with that and will set up some of the planning points for future development.

- Every three years we are required to send out Requests for Qualifications (RFO’s) for engineering services – I will be sending those out in the next few weeks. The planning/design for the sidewalk project applied for last year is going to require that be accomplished.
- The C/A stated that God Fearing Brothers has been very cooperative from day 1. We responded the day after we got the report – he had already started to take action so I wanted to confirm that was the case. He has done a very good job of mowing an area that is not his. It’s been very helpful because he and Fran have had a difficult time with the swells we’ve created on the side of the road. It looks so much better when they mow that. As I explained last month, with the fast action he has been taking, I’ve barely talked to him about it. There are some agreements we still have to come to with regard to Payton’s question about what qualifies as a tow yard/what are the state requirements. We’ll work through those and we’ll find some common ground but I know he’s been working on some other options and I wanted to wait until he found out if those were feasible before we had those discussions . . . just to acknowledge that he’s been doing everything he can.

City Attorney Report: None

Old Business:
- Motion by Councilman Norvell to accept low bid of $34,139.33 by Wuesthoff Excavation for the complete removal of the pool/authorize funding, seconded by Councilman May. Roll call vote taken with abstention by Councilwoman Wuesthoff, remaining votes in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:
- Councilwoman Nupp stated that the Lodging Tax applications were reviewed and the Committee recommends the following awards/allocations: (Chamber-$2,000, Community Celebrations-$2,000, Chokes & Spokes-$300, Chewelah Arts Guild-$1,000, Chewelah Float-$2,500, Chewelah Farmers Market-$1,000, Tri-County Economic Development District-$1,000, City for 9-hole Disc Golf Course-$3,500, Balance of $214.28 to City slush for future use). Motion by Councilman Norvell to approve allocation of Hotel/Motel Tax funds for 2018 as recommended by Committee, seconded by Councilwoman Nupp. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.
- Mayor read Resolution 18-08. Motion by Councilman May to adopt Resolution 18-08 Guaranteeing Grant Match Money Availability to WSDOT – Aviation Division, seconded by Councilman Wight. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.
- In response to Councilwoman Wuesthoff’s inquiries regarding the splash park open house/survey, the C/A stated that as of this morning 77 people had taken the survey. The survey would be available a bit longer. He added that a link to the survey had been incorporated onto the City website. At this time and until a better idea is presented, it is planned that the splash pad will be situated north of the south bathroom in the park between the boy scout cabin and the fire gazebo. Councilwoman Wuesthoff asked if it had to go in the park – what about where the pool currently sits? – it has visitor action near it and would be along the creek project that the chamber is working for – would that work instead of surplussing that property? The C/A stated that the goal was to have it in a place where people driving by could see it. Focusing on the current park location makes the most sense economically – the utilities and rest rooms already exist (rehabbing the existing rest rooms are much cheaper). Parents would be able to
supervise their children’s activities in one area. You don’t want to be left with a dinky splash pad because you had to expend the funds on these other amenities.

Adjournment:
At 7:14 PM, motion by Councilman Wight to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Norvell. Roll call vote taken with Councilman May voting against, remaining votes in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Dorothy L. Knauss

Clerk/Treasurer Pamela McCart