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

**Audience Comments**

**Approval of/Changes to Proposed Agenda:**
Councilman Norvell requested addition of presentation by the Gold Hill Group. Councilwoman Wuesthoff requested the addition of discussion of Nuisances under Old 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:**
- The clerk read Mayor's Proclamation of 5-3-18 as National Day of Prayer.
- The clerk read Mayor's Proclamation of 5-15-18 as Peace Officer's Memorial Day and the week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week.

**Presentation:** Jake Wilson and Ryan Sieber, stated that they were approached by a Portland based non-profit organization, The Gold Hill Group, regarding the purchase of 408 acres out by the Golf Course. We are applying for a federal grant from USDA-Community Forest Program for the potential purchase of this land with the intent of ultimately developing trails for non-motorized recreational use. At this time, we are requesting a letter of support from the City to accompany our grant application. The acreage is owned by Hancock Forest Management – there is no official agreement but Hancock is fine with people currently using the property for recreational purposes like hiking/biking but Hancock is also willing to potentially sell the land to a non-profit or the like. We are in the process of forming a 501(C)3 entity which will mostly likely be made up of our board members – we're still establishing that. The deadline for the first round of grant applications is June 29th – if we are not successful with that, we will re-apply in October. The 501(C)3 status may not be totally approved when we submit our application, but we can apply as long as we have an EIN.

The 408 acres is comprised of four parcels and currently Hancock is selling a 10-acre parcel situated along the Golf Course road – this 10-acre parcel has the only access to the rest of the property. Hancock Forest Management has verbally said that they will put the sale of the 10-acre parcel on hold until we get our ducks in a row. There are provisions in the grant to handle transitional ownership/holders in title. Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will work with us regarding the development of a trail plan/network which will utilize existing logging roads and expand them. Evergreen has a local chapter to help with liability insurance, maintaining and working on trails, etc. – it has an outstanding amount of resources.

The USDA grant requires a 50% match but the group we are working with, Sustainable Northwest, is legitimate and deep pocketed. They have access to funds and they will cover up to $12,000 for a mandatory forest inventory analysis to move the project along. We are not limited to this one grant as we are exploring other opportunities as well. *Motion by Councilman Schalock directing Mayor to issue letter of support for the Gold Hill Project, seconded by Councilman Norvell. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.*
Consent Agenda:
Motion by Councilman Norvell approving Consent Agenda consisting of:
  >April 4th and April 18th Regular Minutes
  >April Payroll and Claim Vouchers
Seconded by Councilwoman Nupp. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

Committee/Commission Reports:
- Park, Councilman Schalock: Reviewed the potential splash pad location and discussed the installation of the teeter-totter.

City Administrator Report, including:
- Chamber representative Sherry Lindstrom has been inquiring about the installation of new handrails on the southwest and northeast corners of Webster on HWY 395 – the Chamber has a $15,000 budget for the installation but since it is along the highway, I had to check with WSDOT. WSDOT has determined that because it is a box culvert and not a bridge that the installation is totally up to the City. Chamber is currently requesting quotes and the City engineer will make sure it is mounted correctly.
- Met regarding administrative issues on the Ehorn/Lincoln project followed by a pre-construction meeting with the engineer and contractors followed by a neighborhood meeting whereby residents could ask questions as to how the project would affect them. The project should start next week with mobilization and is expected to be completed by the end of July. This is a complete rebuild of Ehorn Lane; installation of drainage swales of the east side; new sidewalk on the west side; (Outside the scope of the project, the City is installing 10 pedestrian lights). And then all new sidewalks where we haven’t already received grant funds for them down Lincoln all the way up to Stevens Street and new ADA ramps.
- Application for the splash pad has been turned in for $500,000. This includes complete renovation of restrooms on the south end, paved path from bathroom to splash pad, shelter for parents to sit under, signs/kiosk, benches/bike racks/trash receptacles, landscaping, site preparation, actual spray park facility, utility connections, permits, and architectural/engineering services. Some of those costs will be provided by City match.
- GC Fire Station foundation is complete.
- Pool Fire Station process has started and should be completed by June 1st.

City Attorney Report: None
Police Chief Report
Fire Chief Report

Old Business:
- Councilwoman Wuesthoff talked about her thoughts regarding the possible creation of a code compliance committee to address citizens’ written nuisance complaints/issues/concerns on a one-by-one basis – members could visually inspect the complaint, determine if it falls within the scope, and determine what needed to be done next. She gave a slideshow presentation on the nuisance regulations of similarly sized cities. The C/A stated that the current City code defines nuisances and provides for fines – the issue is collecting them -- if a committee was formed a good starting point would probably be to review what is already in place – understand what was changed and why -- we could go through some of the challenges and then talk about enforcement. If we add anything more to it, we’d have to look at the creation of a code enforcement officer and how to fund the position as well as how to fund the enforcement of it – taking these issues to a judge to get an order to enforce the fines and taking care of the garbage.
The Mayor stated that she didn’t see a committee having enforcement authority but a committee could certainly look at a situation and come back to Council to authorize funds to go to court. Administration will look into appointments for such a committee.

**New Business:** None

**Adjournment:**
At 7:25 PM, motion by Councilwoman Nupp to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Wight. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Dorothy L. Knauss

Clerk/Treasurer Pamela McCart