REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  February 19, 2020

Officials in Attendance: Mayor Dorothy Knauss; Councilmen Payton Norvell, Ryan Sieber, Bruce Nupp, and Evan Schalock; Councilwomen Nicole Norvell, Cori Wuesthoff and Ashley Grubb

Staff Present: City Attorney Mike Waters, Clerk/Treasurer Pamela McCart

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

Audience Comments: None

Approval of/Changes to Proposed Agenda:
The Mayor added “Offer to Purchase 1002 Tamarack Lane” under New Business. Motion by Councilman Norvell to approve agenda as amended, seconded by Councilman Schalock. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

Executive Session to Discuss Ongoing Litigation, Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):
At 6:32 the Mayor announced that the Council would go into executive session for twenty minutes to discuss ongoing litigation. At 6:52 the Mayor called the meeting back to order.

Mayor Announcements/Appointments (including):
- Councilman Sieber and Councilwoman Grubb offered to serve on the Nuisance Committee along with existing Chair Councilwoman Wuesthoff.

Presentation by Tom Haggarty, E & H Engineering, Water System:
The last water update to your water system infrastructure was in the late 70’s/early 80’s with the construction of two wells and a reservoir. In 2001, your water system plan indicated the need for a new well as well as a new reservoir and those needs have continued with the new water system plan. A successful test well was drilled near the City shop. The City received a state revolving loan for the design of a new well/booster station/transmission mains -- that design has been completed – the City is still paying back on that loan. Phase II would be the reservoir. Mike and I have been looking at various funding opportunities. The best approach would be thru USDA Rural Development’s Water/Wastewater program. That program would give the City the lowest rate per connection through currently available loan/grant programs. We’re at the point where we’re looking to apply to Rural Development. There’s no formula to tell you what the rates will be. They look at various data to determine what users can afford and then anything above that is grant funded.
We would look to Rural Development to fund Phase I (construction of a drilled 2200 gallon per minute production well, pumping station, 1 to 1-1/2 miles of transmission mains, booster station to resolve pressure issues in the Pinebrook area and for future additional homes) and Phase II (construction of 2-million gallon reservoir north of that area). Approximate total cost of both Phases is $6.5 million.
Whenever the City flushes it water lines, blackish water results due to manganese that precipitates out of the water. The City is currently chlorinating its water. The chlorination rule says that once you start chlorinating, you cannot stop chlorinating. With the drilling of the new well, we’re going to stipulate a variance that the City will no longer chlorinate its water and that will greatly reduce the precipitant that causes blackish water. There is no downfall to not chlorinating.
Motion by Councilman Norvell authorizing City engineer to proceed with application to USDA Rural Development for grant/loan funding for the water project, seconded by Councilwoman Norvell. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

Committee/Commission Reports: None

Mayor's Report:
- The "Students in Government" project started today – their mock meeting will occur at 5:30 on April 1st.

City Attorney Report: None

Old Business:
- The Mayor stated that comparables were provided to Council regarding the proposed sale of the grader. Motion by Councilwoman Norvell to declare 1977 John Deere street grader as surplus and authorize sale to private buyer, seconded by Councilman Schalock. During discussion Councilman Nupp stated that the motor was replaced in 2012 with less than 500 hours on the engine and it has four newer tires. He recommended that it be sold by public sealed bid with a $10,000 minimum. Roll call vote taken with all voting against. Motion failed.
Motion by Councilman Nupp to declare 1977 John Deere street grader as surplus, disposal by sealed bid advertised to public for two weeks with a $10,000 minimum. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.
- Motion by Councilwoman Wuesthoff to pursue website development with Municode, seconded by Councilman Schalock. Roll call vote taken with Councilman Norvell voting against, remaining votes in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:
- The Mayor stated that after the house at 1002 Tamarack Lane burned down, the City abated the property and purchased it at a County sale. In January of 2019, it was declared surplus by Council. In February 2019 Council voted to put it up for sale with a realty. Currently we have a cash offer for $25,000 – it was listed for $27,500. The City's total cost into the property is $22,547. Motion by Councilwoman Norvell to accept purchase offer of $25,000 for 1002 Tamarack Lane, seconded by Councilwoman Wuesthoff. Roll call vote taken with abstentions by Councilmen Norvell and Schalock, Councilman Nupp voted against, remaining votes in favor. Motion carried.
- The Clerk read the introduction of Ordinance #943. Motion by Councilman Schalock to adopt Ordinance #943 adding a new Chapter 8.09 to the Chewelah Municipal Code Restricting Feeding of Deer Pursuant to RCW Chapter 35A, seconded by Councilman Norvell. Roll call vote taken with Councilman Nupp voting against, remaining votes in favor. Motion carried.
- The Mayor stated that in July 2017 the Council voted to place a two-year moratorium on surpling the pool property. PACA has continued to show interest in the property. Does the Council want to declare that property or part of it as surplus? Motion by Councilman Norvell to declare the pool property surplus contingent upon the City maintaining an easement at the back of the property consistent with the "Creek Runs Through It" Plan, seconded by Councilman Schalock. Roll call vote taken with Councilmembers Wuesthoff, Sieber and Nupp voting against, remaining votes in favor. Motion carried.
Executive Session to Discuss Minimum Price at which Real Estate will be Offered for Sale, Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110.(1)(c):
At 7:58 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 8:13 the Mayor called the meeting back to order.

- Motion by Councilman Norvell to obtain third party appraisal on surplused pool property, seconded by Councilwoman Wuesthoff. Roll call vote taken with abstention by Councilman Schalock, remaining votes in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment:
At 7:38 PM, motion by Councilman Norvell to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Norvell. Roll call vote taken with all votes in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Dorothy L. Knauss

Clerk/Treasurer Pamela McCart