

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

October 6, 2021

Officials in Attendance: Mayor Dorothy Knauss; Councilwomen Nicole Norvell, Ashley Ludwick, Jolene McGee; Councilmen Payton Norvell, Adam Cares, Bruce Nupp, Evan Schalock

Staff Present: City Administrator Jim Caruso, City Attorney Mike Waters, Clerk/Treasurer Pam McCart, Deputy Clerk Catherine Konzal

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

Audience Comments: Comments by Chewelah City resident Lucy Montgomery regarding Ridge Street, a one block, unpaved dead end on the northwest side of town.

Approval of/Changes to Proposed Agenda: Motion by Councilman Norvell to approve the Agenda, seconded by Councilwoman McGee. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Announcements/Appointments(including):

- The Casino broke ground on their new hotel yesterday.
- The Forest Service is giving day tours of their A-Z Program the 20th & 21st.
- We have the Bid Opening tomorrow for the Airport Fuel Tanks. I need to call a Special Meeting for Monday evening at 6 pm by Zoom. It will be a short meeting to award the bid.
- I have appointed an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee for the Cemetery Grant to determine what the priorities would be if we were to receive the grant money.

Presentations: None

Executive Session to Consider Minimum Price at Which Surplus Real Estate will be Offered for Sale: At 6:40 the Mayor announced that the Council would go into executive session for fifteen minutes. At 6:55 the Mayor called the meeting back to order.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Councilman Norvell approving Consent Agenda consisting of:

- *September 1st & 15th Regular Minutes*
- *September 14th & 27th Special Minutes*
- *September Payroll and Claim Vouchers*

Seconded by Councilwoman Norvell. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

Committee/Commission Reports:

- *Airport, Councilman Norvell:* On September 24th we had a productive and encouraging meeting with WSDOT reps as we toured the Airport and observed the cracks in the runway. As a result, it looks like we will be receiving the grant for crack sealing the runway.

City Administrators Report (including):

- Reinland Auction of Post Falls does the auctions for Spokane City and Spokane County. They auction patrol vehicles, heavy equipment, property room evidence, found property, bicycles, computers, anything. They will come out and pick up the items, usually it's \$50 per load or per vehicle, and auction for a fee on a sliding scale. They process the vehicle title transfer and all the paperwork, then send us a check. If it doesn't sell, they dispose of it.
- I have given the Council the requested list of the Chewelah Police Department calls from 2017 to present.
- I would like to set up a meeting with Mike Frizzell and the Finance Committee regarding increased money for hookups.
- We sent in an application for the Walking Trail, which is a surface transportation block grant with a zero match.

- We will be sending in the Historic Cemetery Preservation Grant application for preservation of veteran headstones at the Pioneer Cemetery.
- Officer Miller will be returning to the Police Department on light duty this month.
- We have finished the IBEW Union negotiations. Later this month we start the Teamsters negotiations.
- The City Christmas Tree Lighting will be on Friday, December 3rd.

Old Business: None

New Business:


- Clerk Treasurer McCart read the Introduction of Ordinance #962 Amending the Fiscal Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021. A Budget Workshop via Zoom was set up for Monday 10/11/21 at 6:30 pm.
- Deputy Clerk Konzal read Resolution 21-11. Motion by Councilman Norvell to Adopt Resolution 21-11 Adopting Stipends to be Paid to Volunteer Firefighters for Specific Services, seconded by Councilwoman Ludwick. Roll call vote taken with Councilman Schalock abstaining. Remaining votes in favor. Motion carried.
- A Special Council Meeting to Award the Airport Fuel Tank Footing Bid via Zoom has been scheduled for Monday 10/11/2021 for 6 pm.

Adjournment:

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



Mayor Dorothy L. Knauss



Deputy Clerk Catherine Konzal