

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**November 1, 2023**

Officials in Attendance: Mayor Greg McCunn; Councilwomen Tracy Ling, Jolene McGee; Councilmen Aaron Alvarado, Ron McCoy, Bruce Nupp, Evan Schalock, and John Kabosky.

Staff Present: City Administrator Jim Caruso, City Attorney Mike Waters, Clerk Treasurer Jordan Roberts, Operational Support Tech Julie Culverwell, and Deputy Clerk Catherine Konzal

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

Audience Comments: Shane Cody Fairweather, Chewelah Resident – Endorsed council wage increase and commented on his intended roll if voted in as councilman in current election.

Approval of/Changes to Proposed Agenda: Mayor McCunn proposed a change to the agenda by removing under Old Business, Public Works Committee Update. *Motion by Councilman McCoy to Accept the Agenda as Amended, seconded by Councilwoman Ling. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.*

Announcements/Appointments: None

Presentations:

- Larry Fetter, Parks & Rec Consultant – Program Update & Youth Sports Complex

Mayor's Report:

- Skate Park Interest and Money Pledged
- Current Opening for Civil Service Position
- BooFest – Attended by over 800 People
- 2024 Winterfest Will be Held February 3, 2024

City Administrator's Report:

- Keller Group Associates to visit Chewelah on 11/14/2023

Consent Agenda:

*Motion by Councilman Nupp approving Consent Agenda consisting of:*

- *October Payroll and Claim Vouchers*
- *September 28<sup>th</sup> & October 9<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting Minutes*
- *October 4<sup>th</sup> & October 18<sup>th</sup> Regular Minutes*

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

Public Hearing on Preliminary 2024 Budget

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing

No written Public Testimony

No Public Comment

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing

Public Hearing on Revenue Source

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing

No written Public Testimony

No Public Comment

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing

Committee/Commission Reports: None

Old Business:

- Councilwoman McGee recently spoke with Aaron Qualls, City Planner with SCJ Alliance, regarding the ad hoc Moratorium Committee. Aaron Qualls is working on draft language, and we will be trying to get that put together by the end of this month.
- City Administrator Caruso read Ordinance 988. *Motion by Councilman Nupp to Approve Ordinance 988, Council Wage Increase, seconded by Councilman Kabosky. Discussion by Councilwoman McGee regarding the Mayors salary as not being included in this Ordinance. Roll call vote taken with Councilmembers McGee and Schalock abstaining, remaining votes in favor. Motion carried*
- *Discussion by Councilman Schalock asking about the Lodging Tax Committee; what is the balance, and if someone wants to apply for it, what is the process.*

New Business:

- *Motion by Councilwoman McGee to Vote on Resolution 23-10 by Title Only, seconded by Councilwoman Ling. Roll call vote with Councilman Nupp voting against, all others in favor. Motion carried.*  
*Motion by Councilwoman McGee to Approve Resolution 23-10 to Increase Utility Rates (garbage, water, electric), seconded by Councilwoman Ling. Roll call vote taken with Councilmen McCoy and Nupp voting against, all remaining votes in favor. Motion carried.*
- *Motion by Councilwoman McGee to Vote on Resolution 23-11 by Title Only, seconded by Councilwoman Ling. Roll call vote with Councilman McCoy voting against, all others in favor. Motion carried.*  
*Motion by Councilwoman Ling to Adopt Resolution 23-11 Establishing Method of Annual Base Wage Salary Adjustment for Non-Union Permanent Full-Time Employees, seconded by Councilman Nupp. Roll call vote taken with Councilman McCoy voting against, all remaining votes in favor. Motion carried.*
- *Deputy Clerk Konzal read Ordinance 986 Fixing the Property Tax Levy for Fiscal Year Ending 12/31/2024. Motion by Councilwoman McGee to Adopt Ordinance 986, seconded by Councilwoman Ling. Discussion by Councilman Nupp stating this was not discussed in a budget meeting and he is 100% against. McGee stated this is the time to discuss it, as well as the increase of \$4756.96 is spread out over all of the city's population, not per household. Mayor McCunn stated it is not a 1% absolute increase in property tax, it's a 1% portion of our portion of property tax, which is a re-direct of property taxes that will go to the County for our Municipality. Roll call vote taken with Councilmen McCoy and Nupp voting against, all other votes in favor. Motion carried.*



- Deputy Clerk Konzal read Ordinance 987. Motion by Councilwoman Ling to Adopt Ordinance 987 Amending the 2023 budget, seconded by Councilman Kabosky. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

At 7:29 pm, motion by Councilwoman Ling to adjourn, seconded by Councilman McCoy. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

  
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Mayor M. Gregory McCunn

  
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Deputy Clerk Catherine Konzal