

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 21, 2024

Officials in Attendance: Mayor Greg McCunn; Councilwoman Tracy Ling; Councilmen Aaron Alvarado, Ron McCoy, John Kabosky, Bruce Nupp.

Officials Absent: Councilman Ben Carpenter. Mayor McCunn announced that Councilman Carpenter resigned this morning from Council position #6.

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

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

Audience Comments:

- Jason DeLane, Chewelah Scout Troop Leader– Concerned about the future of the Scout Cabin in City Park.
- Cody Fairweather, Chewelah resident – In support of Candace Capoeman, prior City Councilmember.
- Payton Norvell, Chewelah resident – In support of renewing the contract with Rich LeHew as the Building Official for Chewelah.

Approval of/Changes to Proposed Agenda: Mayor McCunn proposed a change to the agenda by removing Mike Frizzell, Director of Public Works, from the Department Head report as he was unavailable, and adding Rich LeHew, Building Official to give a report on the Building Department. *Motion by Councilwoman Ling to Approve the Changes to the Agenda as Proposed, seconded by Councilman McCoy. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. **Motion carried.***

Announcements/Appointments:

- Mayor McCunn reviewed the interview process for the four candidates for the vacant At-Large Council Seat #7.
 - Each candidate will be randomly chosen to sit at the microphone and tell the Council in 3 minutes what their qualifications are for the position.
 - Holly Ayers Hungerford
 - Blake Weirs
 - Belle Dean
 - Gaylea Nolander

Executive Session #1 to evaluate the qualifications of the Candidates for Appointment to Council Seat #7 At-Large. Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(h)

At 6:57 pm the Mayor announced that the Council would go into Executive Session for fifteen minutes to discuss candidate qualifications. At 7:13 pm the Mayor called the meeting back to order.

Motion by Councilwoman Ling to nominate Holly Ayers Hungerford. Councilman Nupp nominated Gaylea Nolander. Councilman Kabosky nominated Belle Dean. Roll call vote taken for nominee Hungerford with Councilwoman Ling and Councilman Alvarado voting in favor, all other Councilmembers voting against. **Nomination failed.** Roll call vote taken for nominee Nolander with Councilmen McCoy and Nupp voting in favor, all other Councilmembers voting against. **Nomination failed.** Roll call vote taken for nominee Dean with Councilman Kabosky voting in favor, all other Councilmembers voting against. **Nomination failed.**

- Mayor McCunn stated because none of the nominees received the required minimum three votes to be appointed, the Mayor went over the options for the next step, Council may;
 - Recess to Executive Session again to continue discussing qualifications
 - Make a motion to revote on nominees
 - Make a motion to reopen nominations and add to the initial slate, once nominated, no candidate is removed from consideration unless they withdraw.
 - Make a motion to postpone the vote on nominees and solicit additional information from the applicant or nominees
 - Make any other allowable motion under Roberts Rules of Order
- *Motion by Councilwoman Ling to go back into Executive Session, seconded by Councilman McCoy. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. **Motion passed.***

Executive Session #2 to re-evaluate the qualifications of the Candidates for Appointment to Council Seat #7 At-Large. Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(h)

At 7:18 pm the Mayor announced that the Council would go back into Executive Session for ten minutes to re-evaluate the candidates qualifications. At 7:28 pm the Mayor called the meeting back to order.

*Motion by Councilwoman Ling to revote, seconded by Councilman Kabosky. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. **Motion passed.***

*Deputy Clerk Konzal read the first candidates name, Holly Ayers Hungerford, with Councilwoman Ling, Councilmen Alvarado, Kabosky, and Nupp voting in favor, Councilman McCoy voting against. **Nominee Hungerford was voted in by four votes in favor and one vote against.***

City Attorney Waters administered the Oath of Office for Council Position #7 At-Large to Holly Hungerford and Councilwoman Hungerford took his council seat.

Presentations:

- Terrah Hatch, Stevens County Public Defender’s Office –
- Aaron Qualls, City Planner with SCJ Alliance – Presented the code revisions for the Community-Based Behavioral Health Facilities.

Public Hearing on Code Revisions for Community-Based Behavioral Health Facilities

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing.

There was no written public testimony.

Public Comment;

- Cody Fairweather
- Patti Playfair
- Jared Arnold

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor's Report (including):

- Washington DC recap
- Citywide career fair at Jenkins JR/SR Highschool

City Administrator's Report (including):

- Citywide clean-up days

Department Head Report (including):

- Building Official, Rich LeHew

Committee/Commission Reports:

- Councilman McCoy, Finance Committee – Gave an update on the recent AWC conference he attended with Councilman Carpenter.
- Councilman Alvarado, Park/Rec/Cemetery Committee – Updated Council on the search for a new disc golf location in Chewelah.

Old Business:

- *Discussion regarding the adoption of Ordinance #990 as it needed further review. Motion by Councilman Nupp to table Ordinance #990 Community-based Behavioral Health Facilities, seconded by Councilwoman Ling. and Roll call vote taken with Councilwoman Ling and Councilman Kobosky voting against and Councilman Alvarado, McCoy, Nupp and Councilwoman Hungerford in favor. Motion carried.*

New Business

- *Motion by Councilman Nupp to approve the Agreement for Stevens County Office of Public Defense 2024, seconded by Councilman McCoy. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.*
- *Motion by Councilman Kobosky to approve the Memo of Understanding with Stevens County Sheriff for 2024 Patrol Coverage, seconded by Councilman Nupp. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.*
- *Motion by Councilwoman Ling to approve the Rural Resources Victim Service Agreement 2024, seconded by Councilman Nupp. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.*
- *Motion by Councilwoman Ling to approve the Agreement for Building Official Services 2024, seconded by Councilman Alvarado. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.*
- *Motion by Councilwoman Ling to approve the Agreement for 2024 General Planning Services, seconded by Councilman Alvarado. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.*

Adjournment:

At 8:38pm, motion by Councilman Nupp to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Ling. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

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