

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 1, 2022

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

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

Staff Absent: City Administrator Jim Caruso

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

Audience Comments:

Mike Bentz, Chewelah Creative District; Thanked the City for the Lodging Tax Award for marketing. The majority of the funding for projects comes mainly from 3 sources; WA State Arts Commission Grants, Innovia Foundation Grants, and local donations & memberships. Mr. Bentz gave an update of the last 2+ years of all the projects that have been completed, projects in the works and upcoming projects.

Approval of/Changes to Proposed Agenda: Mayor McCunn proposed a change to the agenda with last minute updates to Table Resolution 22-06 Adopting Revised Fee Schedule for Building Code Ordinance, until the next meeting. Motion by Councilman Norvell to Adopt the Agenda as Presented with the exception of excluding Resolution 22-06, seconded by Councilwoman McGee. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

Announcements/Appointments: *None*

Presentations: *None*

Mayors Report (including):

- **Business/Economic Development**
 - Through Retail Strategies, we have received a Citywide Input Survey with an electronic link and QR code that will be circulated throughout the City.
 - Park Pavilion restoration by City churches and Council Committee Members with some Public Works involvement.
- **Enforcement**
 - The proposed new position of Operational Support Technician will have some involvement along with the Police Department with enforcement.
- **Celebrations**
 - New Life Church is hosting an event "Worship in the Park" on June 10th, open to the public.
 - Chewelah's first Summer Festival will be held June 11th, hosted by the Regional Hanggliders and our ORV club, the Trail Twisters. There will be lots of hang gliders, music and a beer garden.
- **Youth**
 - Parks and Recreation feasibility study is slated to begin this fall
 - The Bowling Alley has closed for the summer, it has not been determined if it will re-open in September.
- **Communications**
 - The investigation is ongoing regarding the paid administrative leave of the Police Chief and there will be no further details to share. Our intent is and has been to maintain discretion with regard to communication during an internal employee investigation out of fairness to any employee. Today there have been no disciplinary actions taken, nor decisions made in that regard, as the investigation is ongoing. The City will communicate any additional information when and if appropriate.
 - I would like to set the record straight publicly; our City Administrator's compensation is less than the average of other cities this size in WA State.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Councilman Norvell approving Consent Agenda consisting of:

- *May Payroll and Claim Vouchers*
- *May 4th & 18th Regular Minutes*
- *May 12th Special Minutes*

Seconded by Councilman Schalock. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

Public Hearing Regarding Six Year TIP 2023-2028

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing.

Staff Report: Mike Frizzell, Public Works Director gave a staff report reviewing each item on the Six Year TIP.

There was no written testimony.

There was no Public Testimony.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

Committee/Commission Reports:

- Councilman Norvell, Finance Committee report
- Councilman Norvell, Airport Committee report (including);
 - Grass was planted in the dirt areas.
 - The fuel tanks should be filled in 2-3 weeks, it will probably be a month before we can get fuel in the first airplane.
 - The runway will be getting re-sealed, and all the cracks fixed sometime in early July.
 - The new mower will be discussed in tonight's meeting.
 - The pilots lounge repairs are almost complete.
- Councilwoman McGee, Parks & Recreation Committee report included Councilwoman Ling taking the lead in the park remodel, she will be the Artistic Consultant.

Old Business:

- Discussion regarding Wage Adjustments for Non-Union Permanent Employees was discussed and tabled until the next Council meeting when the wage information will be available.
- *Motion by Councilman Norvell to Approve Using \$8070 from the General Fund for the Purchase of a Mower for Use at the Airport, seconded by Councilman Schalock. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.*
- *Motion by Councilman Schalock to Adopt the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan Program for 2023 to 2028, seconded by Councilman Norvell. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.*

Discussion regarding the Proposed New Position; Operational Support Technician. This item has been tabled until the next meeting

New Business:

Adjournment:

At 7:30 pm, motion by Councilman Nupp to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Ling. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor M. Gregory McCunn

Deputy Clerk Catherine Konzal