

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**September 7, 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 Administrator Jim Caruso, City Attorney Mike Waters, Clerk/Treasurer Pam McCart, Deputy Clerk Catherine Konzal, Public Works Director Mike Frizzell

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

**Audience Comments:** Debbie Akers, Chamber of Commerce President, presented a \$10,000 check to the City in partnership of the Downtown Retail Strategies.

**Approval of/Changes to Proposed Agenda:** Mayor McCunn proposed a change to the agenda under New Business with the addition of the Park Security System Budget Amendment. *Motion by Councilman Norvell to Adopt the Agenda as Amended, seconded by Councilman Schalock. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.*

**Announcements/Appointments:** City Attorney Mike Waters Administered the Oath of Office to Officer Alexander Lever. Officer Lever gave a brief history of his Law Enforcement career and previous experience, including his service in the Marines and as an officer at the City of Everett.

**Presentations:** None

### **Mayor's Report (including):**

- Thanked the Chamber for the check and partnership with the City in the Downtown Retail Strategies
- The Code Enforcement Committee along with Interim Chief Watts and Office Glover have made substantial progress with the dangerous dog ordinance development.
- Chewelah's first Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The RCO Grant was presented to the Washington State Board for the Splash Pad and the Walking Trail. We are waiting for word on the award.
- The City Park Pavilion is being power washed in preparation of painting.

### **City Administrator's Report (including):**

- Airport fuel sales update
- The Airport will be closed on Friday for the second layer of paint on the numbers.
- Stevens County will be painting the taxiways and will possibly be painting a yellow stripe down the middle of the taxiway.

### **Consent Agenda:**

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

- *August Payroll and Claim Vouchers*
- *August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Regular Minutes*

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

### **Committee/Commission Reports:**

- Councilwoman McGee, Code Enforcement - presented an update on the Potentially Dangerous Dog Ordinance development.
- Councilwoman Ling, Homelessness ad hoc Committee - presented an update on how the Committee is working with the Chewelah Police Department, Colville's Mayor Smith, a few of Chewelah's homeless and the Chewelah residents that want to be involved.
- Councilman Kabosky, Parks & Recreation Committee - the Committee is working on Phase I; Painting the Park Pavilion. Phase II has been shelved until Spring when we will take another look at resurfacing the stage.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- City Administrator Jim Caruso presented an estimate for cameras and locks at the City Park. *Motion by Councilman Norvell Approving the City Park Security System for up to \$6500 from the ARPA Funds, seconded by Councilwoman Ling. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.*
- City Administrator Jim Caruso explained the change (increase) in vacation accrual for new employees in the first 4 years of employment, years 5 and up will not change. *Motion by Councilman Schalock, to Adopt Resolution 22-09 Amending Personnel Policy (vacation leave) With Year One Going From 40 Hours per Year to 96 Hours, and Years Two Through Four Going From 80 Hours per Year to 96, seconded by Councilman Nupp. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.*
- Public Works Director Mike Frizzell provided background to the Council on the Stevens County Solid Waste Management Plan and how it enforces cities and counties to reduce the amount of trash and increase the amount of recycling. *Motion by Councilman Schalock, to Adopt Resolution 22-10, 2021 Stevens County Solid Waste Management Plan Update, seconded by Councilman Kabosky. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.*
- *Motion by Councilwoman McGee, to Adopt Resolution 22-11 Adopting Retail Strategies 5-Year Plan, seconded by Councilman Schalock.* Discussion regarding the meaning of the word "timebound" in the contract and that adopting this resolution does not mean the City is funding it every year for 5 years. *Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.*
- City Administrator Jim Caruso presented a request for the airport lounge to be upgraded with a bathroom and shower, inexpensive furniture and replacing the old aluminum single pane windows with vinyl double pane. *Motion by Councilman Norvell, Approving up to \$12,000 for the upgrading of the Pilots Lounge from the ARPA Funds, seconded by Councilman Schalock. Roll call vote taken with Councilman Kabosky opposing, all remaining votes in favor. Motion carried.*
- Clerk Treasurer McCart read Ordinance 970. *Motion by Councilman Norvell, Approving Ordinance 970 Amending the 2022 Budget, seconded by Councilwoman Ling. Roll call vote taken with Councilman Nupp abstaining, all remaining votes in favor. Motion carried.*

**Adjournment:**

At 7:59 pm, *motion by Councilwoman Ling to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Norvell. 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