

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 7, 2023

Officials in Attendance: Mayor Greg McCunn; Councilwoman Jolene McGee; Councilmen Aaron Alvarado, John May, Bruce Nupp, Evan Schalock, and John Kabosky.

Official Absent: Councilwoman Ling

Staff Present: City Administrator Jim Caruso, City Attorney Mike Waters, Clerk Treasurer Jordan Roberts

Staff Absent: Deputy Clerk Catherine Konzal

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

A motion by Councilman Alvarado to excuse the absence of Councilwoman Ling, seconded by Councilwoman McGee. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

Audience Comments:

- City resident Kat Brooks commented on possible safety issues of placing the reader board in City Park and the possible liability to the City.
- City business owner Carl Pickens gave recognition to Mayor McCunn, City Administrator Caruso and Acting Police Chief Watts for their perseverance during the police department turmoil, and to congratulate Keith Cochran on being appointed Police Chief.

Approval of/Changes to Proposed Agenda: Mayor McCunn proposed adding a presentation by Quartzite Partners and Larry Fetter regarding the Parks, Recreation & Open Space (PROS) Master Plan progress report. *Motion by Councilwoman McGee to Accept the Agenda as Amended, seconded by Councilman Schalock. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.*

Announcements/Appointments:

- Mayor McCunn recognized Kade Middlesworth and Andrea Smith for their successful completion of the Police Academy. Both are now in the Field Training Officer (FTO) phase of the program.
- Mayor McCunn introduced the new Chief of Police, Keith Cochran.
- City Attorney Mike Waters Administered the Oath of Office to Police Chief Keith Cochran.

Presentations:

- Larry Fetter, owner of Quartzite Partners presented an update of the Parks, Recreation and Open (PRO) Space Master Plan for the City of Chewelah.

Interview of Applicant for/Appointment to Council Seat #3

Candidate Ron McCoy introduced himself and was then interviewed by the Councilmembers.

Executive Session to evaluate the qualifications of the Candidate for Appointment to Council Seat #3. Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(h)

At 7:00 the Mayor announced that the Council would go into executive session for fifteen minutes to discuss candidate qualifications. At 7:15 the Mayor called the meeting back to order.

Nomination of Ron McCoy for Council Position #3 by Councilman Nupp Nominated Ron McCoy for Council Position #3, seconded by Councilman Kabosky. Voice and Hand Vote taken with all present Councilmembers voting for Ron McCoy.

City Attorney Waters administered the Oath of Office for Council Position #3 to Ron McCoy and Councilman McCoy took his council seat.

Mayor's Report : None

City Administrator's Report (including):

- I will have a presentation at the next meeting for the Council, to consider adding drinking fountains and commercial bottle filling stations at Triangle Park, 2nd & Main by NAPA, and about 3rd or 4th & Main.
- CDBG Grant for the Civic Center has been submitted by Larry Fetter to the State, we should know sometime in August what the decision is.
- Department of Natural Resources (DNR) trailers have been set up at the Airport
- Department head reports for the department heads that can't be here;
 - The Electric department is trimming trees around powerlines.
 - The Building department currently has twelve new-builds that have applied. As of July 1st, the state mandated Energy Codes will go into effect.

Discussion by Councilmembers regarding looking into the Behavioral Health Facility and the cost to our City to have our Police Force increase to 2 Officers for 24-hour coverage every day of the week and 2 School Resource Officers (SRO).

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.

Public Hearing on Housing Action Plan (HAP)

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing.

There was no written testimony.

There was no Public Testimony.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Councilwoman McGee approving Consent Agenda consisting of:

- *May Payroll and Claim Vouchers*
- *May 3rd & May 17th Regular Minutes*

Seconded by Councilman Nupp. Roll call vote taken with Councilman McCoy abstaining, all remaining votes in favor. Motion carried.

Committee/Commission Reports: None

Old Business:

- Clerk/Treasurer Jordan Roberts read Resolution 23-02. *Motion by Councilwoman McGee to Adopt Resolution 23-02 Revising Facility Use Plan, seconded by Councilman Nupp. Roll call vote taken with Councilman McCoy abstaining, all remaining votes in favor. Motion carried.*

- Clerk/Treasurer Jordan Roberts read Resolution 23-05. *Motion by Councilwoman McGee to Adopt Resolution 23-05 Adopting Housing Action Plan, seconded by Councilman Kabosky. Roll call vote taken with Councilman Schalock abstaining, all remaining votes in favor.* Motion carried.
- Clerk/Treasurer Jordan Roberts read Ordinance 980. Attorney Waters asked City Planner Aaron Qualls if there were different exhibits. Planner Qualls determined it was a typo in section 2. In section 2, the exhibit 1 should be changed to exhibit A to match section 3. *Motion by Councilman Schalock to Approve Ordinance 980 Adopting Master Shoreline Program (SMP) with recommended changes, seconded by Councilwoman McGee. Roll call vote taken with Councilmen McCoy and Nupp abstaining, all remaining votes in favor.* Motion carried.
- *Motion by Councilwoman McGee to Proceed to the Public Hearing to Make the Changes as Detailed in This Draft to Remove the Requirement of a Hearing Examiner in Those Cases That are Community Wide and is Spelled Out in Such Documents, seconded by Councilman Kabosky. City Planner Qualls gave an overview of the code changes. City Attorney Waters explained the changes will save the City money by not having to use a Hearing Examiner on certain types of code changes. Roll call vote taken with Councilman McCoy abstaining, all remaining votes in favor.* Motion carried.
- *Motion by Councilwoman McGee to Approve the Consulting Agreement with Quartzite Partners LLC as Written in the Draft, seconded by Councilman Nupp. Discussion regarding the amount of the planning grant. Roll call vote taken with Councilman McCoy abstaining, all remaining votes in favor.* Motion carried.
- Mayor McCunn presented the Chewelah Downtown Facade Improvement Program. Discussion regarding the Chewelah Downtown Design Committee would be reviewing and administering the awards. Council previously approved \$10,000 from ARPA funds which enabled the potential for five facades to be improved with a \$2000 cap on the match.
Motion by Councilwoman McGee to Approve the Chewelah Façade Improvement Program as Drafted and Authorize the Design Committee to be the Distributor of Those Funds per These Procedures, Seconded by Councilman Schalock. Roll call vote taken with Councilmen McCoy, Nupp and Kabosky voting no, remaining votes in favor. Mayor McCunn voted yes to break the tie. Motion carried

New Business:

- Clerk Treasurer Roberts read Resolution 23-04. *Motion by Councilman Schalock to Approve Resolution 23-04 Adoption of 6-Year TIP, seconded by Councilman Nupp. Roll call vote taken with Councilman McCoy abstaining, all remaining votes in favor.* Motion carried.

Adjournment:

At approximately 8:20 pm, *motion by Councilman Nupp to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Schalock. Roll call vote taken with all in favor.* Motion carried.

Mayor M. Gregory McCunn

Deputy Clerk Catherine Konzal