

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**June 21, 2023**

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

**Staff Present:** City Administrator Jim Caruso, City Attorney Mike Waters, Clerk Treasurer Jordan Roberts, and Deputy Clerk Catherine Konzal

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

*Council member Kabosky arrived at 6:32 pm*

**Audience Comments:** The following audience members/Chewelah residents commented on the placement of the Chewelah School District reader board;

- Susann Greip
- Cody Fairweather
- Payton Norvell
- Nicole Norvell
- Ron Beach
- Jason Perrins
- Sharon Ludwig
- Stefanie Wuesthauf
- Jared Arnold
- Deputy Clerk Konzal read seventeen letters from Chewelah residents regarding the placement of the reader board.

**Approval of/Changes to Proposed Agenda:** *Motion by Councilman Schalock to Accept the Agenda as Proposed, seconded by Councilwoman McGee. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.*

### **Announcements/Appointments:**

- Mayor McCunn announced Josh Duke as the new Fire Chief as of June 21, 2023.

**Presentations:** None

**Mayor's Report:** The Mayor appealed to the Council to always leave room for important decisions. We typically have our second meeting as a tentative, based on agenda content we determine if there will be a second meeting if there is enough for an agenda. In this case, we were in the process of canceling and moving the sign location discussion to July. Tonight's meeting came to be after a miscommunication.

We need to hear both sides of the reader board placement issue. Tonight we will be hearing from those opposed to the placement of the reader board in City Park. The July meeting will have a presentation from Larry Fetter, who is running our Parks & Recreation planning process, and data from Chewelah School Superintendent Jason Perrins. If you table this discussion until the July 19<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, that would leave room for both sides to weigh the pros and cons.

**City Administrator's Report :** Department Head presentation for the next meeting is the Council's choice. The Councilmembers can forward questions to me that you want to ask or just bring those questions to the meeting. Discussion regarding having the Building Department and Code Enforcement as the Department Head report at the August 2<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting.

**Committee/Commission Reports:** Discussion regarding the structural changes to the Committees, waiting until after the new Council begins. The Mayor suggested changing the structure before, with the current experienced members, then working out the kinks prior to the Council.

**Old Business:**

- *Motion by Councilwoman Ling to Table the Reader Board Discussion until the July 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting, seconded by Councilwoman McGee. Discussion regarding how the City, the Chamber and the School District got to the point of sharing a reader board and how the placement issues began. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.*

**New Business:**

- Discussion regarding the upcoming holiday on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesdays Council meeting the following day. *Motion by Councilwoman Ling to Cancel the July 5<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting, seconded by Councilman Nupp. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.*

**Adjournment:**

At 8:10 pm, *motion by Councilwoman Ling to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Alvarado. 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