

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

July 19, 2023

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

Officials Absent: Councilman Schalock

Staff Present: City Administrator Jim Caruso, Code Enforcement Officer Andy Harbolt, City Attorney Mike Waters, Clerk Treasurer Jordan Roberts, and Deputy Clerk Catherine Konzal

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

Councilman Kabosky stated Councilwoman McGee would be a few minutes late.

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

Councilwoman McGee arrived at 6:35.

Audience Comments:

- Matt DeRyan, Chewelah Resident – Suggested the City hire an Ombudsman to oversee complaints regarding the Chewelah Police Department
- Cody Fairbanks, Chewelah Resident – Against placing the reader board in City Park
- Susanne Griep, Chewelah Resident – Against placing the reader board in City Park

Deputy Clerk Catherine Konzal read seventeen letters from Chewelah residents regarding the placement of the reader board in the City Park, all against. Some wanting it placed elsewhere in the city, some not wanting the reader board anywhere in the city.

Approval of/Changes to Proposed Agenda: *Motion by Councilwoman McGee to Accept the Agenda as Stated Without Any Changes, seconded by Councilman McCoy. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. **Motion carried.***

Announcements/Appointments:

- Mayor McCunn is appointing a sub-committee on the Moratorium passed approximately 6 months ago and is recommending Councilmen Kabosky and Schalock, and Councilwoman McGee to serve in that capacity.
- Mayor McCunn has directed City Administrator Jim Caruso to work with Council on grant optimization.

Presentations:

- County Commissioners Greg Young & Mark Burrows, and Stevens County Sheriff Brad Manke – Presented a Feasibility Study for a future Stevens County Criminal Justice Center and discussed putting a slight increase in sales tax on the ballot this fall for the purpose of financing construction of the justice center.
- Larry Fetter, Owner/Consultant at Quartzite Partners – Presented information on what placing the reader board in the park could look like.
- Jason Perrins, Superintendent of Chewelah School District – Discussed how the reader board was purchased by an Alcoa grant, the history of working with the City and Chamber on partnering with the School District, and the search for possible places within the City where the reader board could be placed.
- Melissa Silvio, Chuck Ritchie, and Councilwoman Ling – Representing Art in the Park presented the availability of one of local Artist David Govedare's famous metal

horse sculptures and asking for support to have this art piece placed in Jenne Park to pay tribute to the Chewelah Artist who passed away almost two years ago.

Mayor's Report (including):

- Quartzite 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament is happening August 12th and 13th on Main Street, which will be closed down for those two days to entertain multiple brackets.
- Fire Fighter Olympics targeted date is October 7th.
- Economic Development just finished the business and property owners input session.
- August 9th from 4 pm to 530 pm there will be two Real Market Trends and Analysis Training for those same business and property owners
- Reader board traffic data is available. The reader board has to be on public property, either City or School District.

City Administrator's Report (including):

- Keller Group previously made a presentation regarding federal/state grants. Council Member Kabosky and Councilwoman Ling attended the presentation. Council members have each received a packet with information on this organization. I would like to have a sub-committee to go over the information gathered on getting help with receiving grants.

Committee/Commission Reports: None

Old Business:

*Motion by Councilwoman Ling to Reject the Digital reader Board Placement in the Park, seconded by Councilman Kabosky. Discussion regarding data and not having enough data to make a decision. Roll call vote taken with Councilman Nupp abstaining. Remaining votes in favor. **Motion carried.***

New Business:

- Deputy Clerk Konzal read Ordinance 981. *Motion by Councilwoman McGee to Approve the Adoption of Ordinance 981 Extending the Moratorium as Read, Except for the Inclusion of the Word "of" in the 4th WHEREAS, between "Funding" and "Behavioral Health Facilities", seconded by Councilwoman Ling. Discussion regarding the legal issues this could put the City in. Mayor McCunn stated the City holds the right at any time to grant a moratorium in case of an emergency, that can be up to a total of six-months and can be continued for another six-months at the expiration. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. **Motion carried.***
- *Motion by Councilwoman Ling to Read Resolution 23-06 by Title Only, second by Councilman Kasbosky. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. **Motion carried.***
Deputy Clerk Konzal read Resolution 23-06 by title only with changes. Discussion regarding red asterisks and whether or not they were changes. It was determined they were not changes, only red to highlight the corresponding description for that section.
- *Motion by Councilwoman Ling to Adopt Resolution 23-06 Revised Fee Schedule for Building Code Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Nupp. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. **Motion carried.***

- *Motion by Councilwoman McGee to Approve the Purchase of Four Water Fountains with \$34,900 of ARPA Funds, seconded by Councilman Nupp. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. **Motion carried.***

Adjournment:

At 9:23 pm, *motion by Councilman Nupp to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Alvarado. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. **Motion carried.***

Mayor M. Gregory McCunn

Deputy Clerk Catherine Konzal

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