

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

August 16, 2023

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

Officials Absent: Councilman Nupp

Staff Present: City Administrator Jim Caruso, City Attorney Mike Waters, Deputy Clerk Catherine Konzal

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

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

Audience Comments:

- Shane Cody Fairweather, City Resident – Chewelah is lacking in places for people to go for activities, except the library. Cody would like to have the City keep the greenery around the Civic Center during the upgrade.
- Chuck Ritchie and Melissa Silvio, Creative District - Updated the Council on the Govedare Lead Stallion placement in the City Park and the Chamber of Commerce involvement.
Mayor McCunn suggested the Parks & Rec Committee take a lead on this project.

Approval of/Changes to Proposed Agenda: *Motion by Councilman McCoy to Approve the Agenda as Proposed, seconded by Councilman Alvarado. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion carried.*

Announcements/Appointments: None

Presentations: None

Mayor's Report (including):

- Recycling and the increasing challenges for the City
- New City Well – This will be discussed in the department head report

City Administrator's Report (including):

- Keller & Associates, Grant Writing Contract – Keller will be giving a presentation at the September 6th Council meeting.

Department Head Report:

- Mike Frizzell, Public Works Director
 - Recycle – There is not enough details at this time to give a report
 - Water System Upgrade Project – Includes the drilling of a new and much larger well than we currently have, a new pumphouse, a new main line, a booster station to increase the pressure in the low-pressure zone, and a 2-million-gallon reservoir.

Committee/Commission Reports:

- Councilman McCoy gave an overview of his history in Council Committees.
- City Administrator Caruso, Grant Optimization Committee – Discussed the current position that was vacated by Pam McCart and to not fill it right away, waiting to see what the Council decides on the Keller presentation at the next meeting.

- Councilman Kabosky, Parks & Rec Committee – Councilwoman Ling and Councilman Kabosky met with the Creative District regarding the negotiation with Forrest Govedare and the contract on the placement of the David Govedare’s Lead Stallion Sculpture in the park.

Old Business:

- City Attorney Waters gave an overview of the Interlocal Agreement with Stevens County and the increase in Sales and Use tax of 0.3%, from 7.6% to 7.9%. Of that 0.3% increase, 40% will go towards the Stevens County Criminal Justice Center. If the increase doesn’t pass in the General Election this November, this agreement terminates.

*Motion by Councilman Schalock to Approve the Interlocal Agreement with Stevens County Sales and Use Tax, seconded by Councilwoman Ling. Discussion by Councilman Kabosky wanting to update Council on the tour Councilman Nupp took of the current facility and the need for expanding the jail. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. **Motion carried.***

New Business: None

Adjournment:

*At 7:18 pm, motion by Councilwoman Ling to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Alvarado. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. **Motion carried.***

Mayor M. Gregory McCunn

Deputy Clerk Catherine Konzal