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The Chehalis city council met in regular session on Monday, September 11, 2017, in the Chehalis city hall. Mayor Dennis Dawes called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm with the following council members present: Terry Harris, Tony Ketchum, Daryl Lund, Dr. Isaac Pope, Bob Spahr, and Chad Taylor. Staff present included: Jill Anderson, City Manager; Ken Cardinale, Fire Chief; Caryn Foley, City Clerk; Bill Hillier, City Attorney; Trent Lougheed, Community Development Director; Judy Pectol, Finance Manager; Brandon Rakes, Airport Office Manager; Rick Sahlin, Public Works Director; Glenn Schaffer, Police Chief; and Don Schmitt, Street/Storm Superintendent. Members of the media included Graham Perednia from *The Chronicle*.

1. **Proclamation – Patriot Day.** Mayor Dawes presented a proclamation to Chief Schaffer and Chief Cardinale in recognition of the 16th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States.

2. **Consent Calendar.** Councilor Spahr moved to approve the consent calendar comprised of the following:

- a. Minutes of the regular meeting of August 28, 2017;
- b. August 31, 2017 Claim Vouchers No. 120122-120254 in the amount of \$244,796.34; and August 31, 2017, Payroll Vouchers No. 39774-39859, Direct Deposit Payroll Vouchers No. 8603-8707, and Electronic Federal Tax Payment No. 175 in the amount of \$799,718.60;
- c. Award bid for Tract 5A Fill and Grade Project to Sterling Breen Crushing, Inc., in the amount of \$260,762 and approve associated financing;
- d. Award bid for chip spreader to BearCat Mfg., in the amount of \$264,062.10 and approve associated financing; and
- e. Pass Ordinance No. 979-B on second and final reading, granting a nonexclusive franchise to Sprint Communications for fiber optic communications system and facilities.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Lund.

Mayor Dawes noted that the funding for the chip spreader is coming from 1/3 from the Street Fund and 2/3 from the 4% funding budget. No money from the Transportation Benefit District is being used to fund the purchase.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. **Renew Solid Waste Contract with LeMay Enterprises.** City Manager Anderson stated the city has been in contract with LeMay for many years, which contract has expired. The contract has been under review over the last year and the city council considered a variety of terms and proposals in July 2016. The contract being presented today reflects the direction given by the city council at that time. Ms. Anderson stated Tom Rupert, LeMay's District Manager, was in attendance to address the council. She stated the administration was recommending approval of the contract with any input from council.

Mr. Rupert stated LeMay has been providing services since 2009. Extension talks began in June 2016 at which time LeMay proposed two pricing options – fixed pricing or pricing based on the annual Consumer Price Index. The council favored fixed rate pricing, which is included in the proposed contract. Mr. Rupert noted the key terms of the contract include a five-year term; fixed pricing on the service portion of the rates; a defined calculation for disposal rate increases if tipping fees are increased; addition of temporary dumpster service for residential customers; and general language and rate clean-up from previous contract. Mr. Rupert provided examples of the most frequent monthly services provided by LeMay and how the rate increases would impact customers.

Service	Pickup Frequency	Customers	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Diff
Residential 1 regular can at curb	1 time per week	789	\$ 14.32	\$ 16.47	\$ 2.15
Residential 2 regular cans at curb	1 time per week	599	\$ 20.34	\$ 23.39	\$ 3.05
Commercial 2 regular cans	1 time per week	137	\$ 17.76	\$ 20.43	\$ 2.66
Commercial 3 regular cans	1 time per week	114	\$ 23.44	\$ 26.96	\$ 3.52

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Councilor Spahr clarified that rates would be fixed for the term of the contract, and the only increase that could happen would be an increase in tipping fees. Mr. Rupert noted that also included any other taxes or other pass-through increases.

Councilor Harris stated the Solid Waste Advisory Committee pays close attention to the budget. There was an increase to tipping fees for the first time in 2014. When the tipping fees were increased it was with a long-term projection, so that they wouldn't be increased every two or three years.

Mayor Dawes didn't see it addressed in the contract, but asked about yard waste service. He asked if a customer had the ability to discontinue yard waste pick-up during fall/winter months. Mr. Rupert stated it was a subscription service, which could be discontinued, but there would be a delivery fee if the service was reestablished.

Councilor Ketchum moved to approve the agreement for collection and disposal of solid waste with LeMay to expire August 1, 2022, and to authorize the city manager to sign said agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilor Lund and carried unanimously.

Councilor Lund commented that he appreciated LeMay's drivers. They are really good about pulling over and letting vehicles get around them.

4. Request from Human Response Network (HRN) to Rezone Property. Trent Lougheed stated the HRN submitted a request for a variance for the timing in which a zoning change application could be processed. City code allows council to approve such a request if "the proposed rezoning is necessary in order to provide land for a community-related use which was not anticipated at the time of the adoption of the comprehensive plan, and that such rezoning will be consistent with the policies of the comprehensive plan." Mr. Lougheed noted the request was just for the processing of the application and does not grant HRN an approval or not make it so they don't have to comply with any regulations as outlined in the code.

Councilor Spahr stated the code requires that an applicant for rezone must own at least one tax parcel of property within any area submitted for rezoning, but HRN does not own any of the property. Mr. Lougheed stated that was correct. A signature of a land owner will have to be on the application.

Mayor Dawes stated the request was because of the timing of a grant application that HRN is pursuing and has nothing to do with the process, which will have to go through the city's Hearings Examiner. If the council decides to approve the request it is with the understanding that it not set a precedent. Mr. Lougheed indicated that was correct. Any other requests would have to fall under the criteria within the city code.

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the request of Human Response Network to suspend Chehalis Municipal Code Section 17.09.140(B), allowing for processing of a rezone application and taking action prior to February 1. The motion was seconded by Councilor Lund and carried unanimously. As a board member of the Human Response Network, Councilor Ketchum abstained from voting.

5. Administration Reports.

a. **City Manager Update.** City Manager Anderson announced the city submitted an application for .09 grant funds, which are funds distressed counties receive for economic development. The .09 committee voted to recommend to the county commissioners a \$38,000 award to conduct a study and prepare a conceptual master plan for the airport.

Councilor Ketchum asked about the previous CERB grant that was recently submitted for this project. Ms. Anderson stated that will be addressed once the county commissioners, hopefully, approve the .09 award recommendation.

6. Councilor Reports/Committee Updates.

a. Councilor Harris attended the newly formed Chehalis Basin Board meeting. He stated it was an informative meeting where discussion was had about what to do since they have no money due to the lack of adoption of the capital budget. He also attended the CCRT meeting. He also stated he would not be at the next council meeting.

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b. Councilor Ketchum stated the Sister City Committee will hold a fundraiser on September 16 at Applebee's from 8:00 to 10:00 am. The cost is \$10 for two pancakes, two eggs, two strips of bacon, two sausage links, coffee, and orange juice. Committee members will be serving guests, while Councilor Ketchum will be performing clean-up.

c. Mayor Dawes attended the August 31 grand opening of the Boys & Girls Club; the September 6 ribbon cutting at Pope's Kids Place; the September 7 state auditor's 2016 audit entrance conference; and the September 8 Mayors Meeting where legislative priorities were discussed. The group would like to see a capital budget passed on time, and a flat fee for being a legislator with the concept being that if legislators didn't get their work done on time, they wouldn't receive extra pay. Mayor Dawes reported the .09 committee also approved a \$125,000 grant request for a professional co-working facility in downtown Chehalis, which is a joint project between the Port of Chehalis and the CCRT. Mayor Dawes also attended today's Chamber membership BBQ, which was well attended.

d. Councilor Pope stated he sometimes gets asked about the council's decision to allow marijuana facilities in the city. He asked if the Police Department had seen an increase in crime since that decision. Chief Schaffer stated that aside from one burglary at one establishment a couple weeks ago, no.

e. Mayor Dawes expressed thanks to the Police Department and the Public Works Departments for addressing various concerns/issues in the community.

Mayor Dawes announced there would be no executive as listed on the agenda. There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:29 pm.

Dennis L. Dawes, Mayor

Caryn Foley, City Clerk

Approved: 9/25/2017
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