

October 9, 2017

The Chehalis city council met in regular session on Monday, October 9, 2017, in the Chehalis city hall. Mayor Dennis Dawes called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm with the following council members present: Terry Harris, Daryl Lund, Bob Spahr, and Chad Taylor. Councilor Dr. Isaac Pope arrived at 4:46 pm and Councilor Tony Ketchum arrived at 4:54 pm. Staff present included: Jill Anderson, City Manager; Caryn Foley, City Clerk; Bill Hillier, City Attorney; Trent Lougheed, Community Development Director; Rick Sahlin, Public Works Director; and Patrick Wiltzius, Wastewater Superintendent.

1. **Executive Session.** Mayor Dawes announced the council would be in executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – Litigation/Potential Litigation for approximately 30 minutes and there would be no decision following conclusion of the executive session.

Mayor Dawes closed the executive session at 5:04 pm and announced the council would take a short recess and reopen the regular meeting at 5:07 pm. Additional staff included: Ken Cardinale, Fire Chief; Glenn Schaffer, Police Chief; Judy Schave, Human Resources/Risk Manager; and Lilly Wall, Recreation Manager. Members of the media included Graham Perednia from *The Chronicle*.

2. **Proclamation – Domestic Violence Awareness Month.** Mayor Dawes read and presented a proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month to Human Response Network Board Member Tony Ketchum. Mr. Ketchum shared some sobering statistics relating to domestic violence and he thanked the council for helping to raise awareness about domestic violence.

3. **Proclamation – Fire Prevention Week.** Fire Chief Cardinale accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Chehalis Fire Department proclaiming October 8-14 as Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme is *"Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!"* to remind everyone to develop and practice a home fire escape plan.

4. **Citizens Business – Commemorative Naming of SW 16th Street in Honor of Orin Smith.** Mr. J. Vander Stoep (280 Brockway Road, Chehalis) spoke in favor of the naming. He stated Orin has done enormous things for this community and he believed there's more to come. He stated the Smith Family did not have money when they were growing up. Whatever Orin's made, he's made through his work and his talents.

Mr. Vander Stoep stated in doing research on Orin he came across a 2016 article from the University of Washington Foster Business magazine entitled, "Heart + Mind" that talked about Orin's growing up, becoming the CEO of Starbucks and taking it worldwide, to being appointed to the Boards of Nike and Walt Disney. He noted several quotes that he requested be included in the minutes:

- Phil Knight, Chief Shareholder of Nike: "When asked in 2010 who would I pick as chairman if I were hit by a bus, my pick was Orin Smith. He is outstanding in every way – as a businessman, as a leader, as a moral man."
- Bill Ayer, Chairman and CEO of Alaska Airlines: "Orin is simply one of the most thoughtful, collaborative and humble leaders I have ever known. His leadership style and clear-minded reasoning are legendary. His calm demeanor and deep understanding of issues and people make his advice and counsel highly sought after."
- Anne McGonigle, Starbucks Associate: "Earnest, compassionate, humble. A principled leader and man of exceptional integrity. That was and is the essence of Orin Smith. You can take the kid out of Chehalis and send him to the University of Washington, Harvard Business School and the heights of business success, but you can never take Chehalis out of the Kid."

The article concluded by saying, "Not bad for a kid from Chehalis. But then, maybe his humble beginnings have everything to do with all that Smith has accomplished, and how." Mr. Vander Stoep viewed the recognition beyond thanking Orin for all he's done for the community, but stated that it more importantly shows kids that you can come from a small town and with hard work and talent, you can rise as high as your ability will allow you to go. He noted that Orin says there is no limit – the sky is the limit.

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

a. Minutes of the regular meeting of September 25, 2017;

b. September 29, 2017 Claim Vouchers No. 120391-120530 in the amount of \$289,776.47; and September 29, 2017, Payroll Vouchers No. 39860-39933, Direct Deposit Payroll Vouchers No. 8708-8808, and Electronic Federal Tax Payment No. 176 in the amount of \$829,268.18; and

c. Confirm appointment of Pat Soderquist to the Planning Commission for a four-year term expiring September 30, 2021.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Lund and carried unanimously.

6. **Commemorative Naming of SW 16th Street in Honor of Orin Smith.** City Manager Anderson stated the item follows a request from the last council meeting to consider naming a street after Orin Smith for some of the reasons outlined by Mr. Vander Stoep. Mr. Smith has contributed generously and has been a great example. Although Ms. Anderson has not met Orin, she stated she is struck by his great business acumen, but also his heart and his humility. A draft mock-up of a sign was distributed to the council members. The sign will be similar to the wayfinding signs around town that include the city's logo. It will take about three weeks to have the signs made, so she hoped to have them available for the first meeting in November. Multiple signs will be placed at strategic spots along SW 16th Street in front of W.F. High School.

Councilor Lund moved that the Chehalis City Council commemoratively name SW 16th Street to Orin Smith Commemorative Way – Preparing Students for a Brighter Future. The motion was seconded by Councilor Taylor.

Councilor Harris noted that Mr. Smith tries to do things under the radar, with no limelight, and to Councilor Harris that is ultimate graciousness.

The motion carried unanimously.

7. **Ordinance No. 982-B, First Reading – Amending the Zero Rise Policy.** Trent Lougheed stated that when the zero rise policy was originally adopted there was a section that mentioned a fee-in-lieu of compensatory excavation; however, no fee was calculated or identified in the ordinance. Based upon several reasonable assumptions, the estimated cost to remove excavated material from the floodplain to another site is \$8.72 per cubic yard. The fee will be added to the city's current fee schedule. He noted the rate would need to be adjusted periodically to meet future prevailing wage rate increases or other costs that may fluctuate.

Councilor Harris moved to pass Ordinance No. 982-B on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilor Lund and carried unanimously.

8. **Administration Reports.**

a. **City Manager Update.** City Manager Anderson asked Recreation Manager Lilly Wall to provide a brief update on the success of summer recreation programs.

Ms. Wall stated they had a great summer and the weather really cooperated. The Aquatics Center had 31,400 participants and 707 swim lesson registrants. The center was busy every day, just at capacity each day, which meant people didn't have to wait in long lines to get into the facility. Season passes were sold for the first time with 201 passes. The center employed 34 individuals that did a tremendous job. It was estimated that about 63% of open swim participants were from out of the area. About 62% of swim lesson participants were local. With regard to recreation programs, they were also very busy with a variety of offerings for both youth and adults.

Councilor Pope asked for a brief summary of future needs at the pool. City Manager Anderson stated they could certainly do that, but she was planning to discuss those items during the budget process and with the council park subcommittee.

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City Manager Anderson stated the administration is working on preparing the proposed 2018 budget, which will be presented to council in November.

9. Councilor Reports/Committee Updates.

a. Councilor Lund thanked the Community Development Department staff. One of his contractors told him that the staff was so easy to work with, were very courteous, and made the process easy.

b. Councilor Spahr stated he has been participating in budget meetings.

c. Councilor Harris stated he is on the Lewis County Solid Waste Advisory Committee and is not available to attend their annual meeting on October 17. He asked if another council member could attend on his behalf.

d. Councilor Spahr asked about the missing fountain in front of the library. City Manager Anderson stated it was removed for repairs and restoration.

e. Mayor Dawes participated in the following: planning commission interview; Judy Pectol's retirement open house where the honoree hosted drawings for those who attended; department budget presentations; AWC regional meeting; mayors meeting and legislative roundtable where all representatives from the 19th and 20th districts attended, except Senator Braun who was out of town; and College Foundation gala. Mayor Dawes thanked Rick Sahlin and his crew for reinstalling the pedestrian bridge on National Avenue near Coal Creek Road that had been down for a while.

f. Councilor Lund mentioned the bell that used to be between the old city hall and library buildings. He said before the days of modern communication, the bell was used at the fire station that would ring a code to tell the firemen what part of town a fire was at. The mechanisms for the machine are on display at the fire hall. He thought it would be cool to get it reinstalled.

10. **Executive Session.** At 5:47 pm, Mayor Dawes announced the council would take a short recess and then be in executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) – Sale/Lease of Real Estate and RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) – Collective Bargaining Litigation/Potential Litigation not to exceed 7:00 pm and there would be no decision following conclusion of the executive session. Mayor Dawes closed the regular meeting at 5:52 pm. Following conclusion of the executive session, the regular meeting was reopened at 6:40 pm.

11. **Commemorative Naming of SW 16th Street in Honor of Orin Smith.** Councilor Lund asked that the commemorative naming be done at the next meeting and have a mock-up of the sign since the actual signs will take around three weeks to make. City Manager Anderson stated staff would try to make that happen.

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Dennis L. Dawes, Mayor

Caryn Foley, City Clerk

Approved: 10/23/2017
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