

January 11, 2010

The Chehalis city council met in regular session on Monday, January 11, 2010, in the Chehalis city hall. Mayor Ketchum called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following council members present: Terry Harris, Dr. Isaac Pope, Bob Spahr, Daryl Lund, Chad Taylor, and Dennis Dawes. Staff present included: Merlin MacReynold, City Manager; Bill Hillier, City Attorney; Judy Schave, City Clerk; and Peggy Hammer, Human Resources Administrator.

1. **Executive Session.** Mayor Ketchum announced the council would be in executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) – collective bargaining for approximately 30 minutes and there may be a decision following the conclusion of the executive session.

Mayor Ketchum closed the executive session at 5:46 p.m. and announced the council would take a fourteen-minute recess and reopen the regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. Additional staff included: Glenn Schaffer, Police Chief; Kelvin Johnson, Fire Chief; Bob Nacht, Community Development Director; Becky Fox, Court Administrator; and Patrick Wiltzius, Wastewater Superintendent. Members of the news media in attendance included Paul Walker of KITI.

2. **Introduction of New Centralia-Chehalis Chamber Director.** Jim Valley introduced himself as the new executive director of the Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce. He reported he was originally from Centralia, but had connections to Chehalis as his father was an attorney in the area in the 1960s and 1970s. Mr. Valley stated he looked forward to a very healthy and active relationship with the city, adding it was a new Chamber and he planned on being very visible, and very public.

Mr. Valley reported the annual Chamber banquet was coming up on Friday, January 22, and the council should be receiving their invitations very quickly. He noted they were planning on making an announcement soon, on the frequent Chamber events coming to Chehalis in the very near future.

3. **Presentation of Award.** Mike Ashton, President of the Lewis County Youth Soccer Association (LCYSA), stated he was asked by his board to present the Chehalis Parks and Recreation Department with a plaque to recognize them for their commitment, support, and dedication to all youth soccer participants. Mr. Ashton stated the Association represented over 1900 participants in their programs throughout Lewis and parts of Thurston County. He noted the board felt it was important to recognize communities for all of the assistance they give.

Mr. Nacht accepted the plaque on behalf of the staff and the city of Chehalis. He thanked the LCYSA and the Chehalis Soccer Association for the hundreds of hours they donate to the youth programs, and for the quality of programs they provide. Mr. Nacht also thanked Mr. Ashton for his volunteer efforts, as well.

Mayor Ketchum turned the floor over to the city clerk for the swearing in of the newly elected and re-elected council members, and for the election of the mayor.

4. **Swearing-in of Newly Elected and Re-elected Council Members.** Municipal Court Judge Steve Buzzard administered the oaths of office to Dennis Dawes, District No. 1 At-large; Chat E. Taylor, District No. 2 At-large; and Bob Spahr, District No. 3 At-large.

5. **Election of Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem for 2010-2011.** The floor was opened for nominations for the position of Mayor. Councilor Taylor nominated Councilor Tony Ketchum for Mayor. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

Councilor Taylor moved to appoint Councilor Ketchum as Mayor.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Pope and carried unanimously.

Mayor Ketchum assumed his position as Mayor and opened the floor for nominations for the position of Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilor Taylor nominated Councilor Dennis Dawes as Mayor Pro Tem. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

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Councilor Taylor moved to appoint Councilor Dawes as Mayor Pro Tem.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Spahr and carried unanimously.

Mayor Ketchum welcomed Lewis County Commissioner Bill Schulte to the meeting.

6. **Consent Calendar.** Councilor Harris moved to amend the consent calendar, to add the collective bargaining agreement for the Teamsters non-uniformed personnel.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Lund and carried unanimously.

Councilor Dawes moved to approve the consent calendar comprised of the following:

- a. Minutes of the regular meeting of December 14, 2009, and the special meeting of December 21, 2009;
- b. Claim Vouchers No. 95505-95627 in the amount of \$1,039,333.88 dated December 21, 2009, and Payroll Vouchers No. 33156-33249 and 1143-1212 in the amount of \$710,127.69 dated December 31, 2009;
- c. Set date and time of January 25, 2010, at 6:05 p.m. for public hearing regarding surplus of city property located at 1795 S. Market Boulevard;
- d. Set date and time of January 25, 2010, at 6:10 p.m. for public hearing on the Chehalis component of the Lewis County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and
- e. Accept collective bargaining agreement between the City and Teamsters Local #252, representing the non-uniformed personnel, from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2010.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Lund and carried unanimously.

7. **Staff Reports.**

a. **Briefing on Lewis County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.** City Manager MacReynold reported a work session had been scheduled prior to the regular meeting on Monday, January 25, 2010, at 5:00 p.m., for the council to be briefed on the Lewis County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. He noted the information would be presented by Bob Nacht and Lead Project Manager Emil Pierson from the city of Centralia.

b. **Council Committee and Board Appointments.** City Manager MacReynold reminded the council to review the updated listing of council committee and board appointments, which was provided by the city clerk. He noted they would be discussing and finalizing the appointments at the next council meeting. Mayor Ketchum asked that the council members have their information turned back in to the city clerk prior to the meeting of the 25th.

Councilor Dawes reported he had been on the Cowlitz-Lewis Economic Development District Board for several years, but had never been contacted by them. City Manager MacReynold stated he was familiar with the board, which did exist; and he would have staff follow up on it.

Councilor Dawes talked briefly about the Lewis County Law and Justice Council, noting the meetings tended to be geared more towards staff and really didn't apply to council. He felt it was adequately staffed by the Court Administrator and the Chief of Police, who attend the meetings regularly.

8. **Council Reports.**

a. **Introduction of Family Members.** Councilor Taylor introduced his family members in the audience, including his wife Coralee, his son Franklin, and his parents Duane and Karen Taylor.

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Councilor Dawes introduced his wife Kathy, who was also in attendance.

b. **Quarterly Meeting with Fire District #6.** Mayor Ketchum reminded council representatives and staff about the quarterly meeting with Fire District #6 on Tuesday, January 12.

9. **Resolution No. 1-2010, First and Final Reading – Amending the 2009 Budget of the Chehalis-Centralia Airport.** Airport Manager Allyn Roe reported the agenda report and its attachment outlined the figures they were looking to amend in their 2009 budget. He noted their revenues came in approximately \$160,000 higher than expected; and they had some expenditures that came in approximately \$60,000 higher than what they budgeted in 2009.

Mr. Roe noted, per the operating agreement between the city, Lewis County and the Airport, they were required to get approval on any budget amendments. He noted the county approved the amendments at a meeting in December.

Councilor Dawes moved to adopt Resolution No. 1-2010 on first and final reading.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Harris and carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned a 6:18 p.m.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

SUGGESTED MOTION

I move that the council approve the minutes of the regular city council meeting of January 11, 2010.