

June 8, 2009

The Chehalis city council met in regular session on Monday, June 8, 2009, in the Chehalis city hall. Mayor Ketchum called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. with the following council members present: Terry Harris, Dr. Isaac Pope, Robin Fuller, Chad Taylor, and Dennis Dawes. Councilor Lund arrived at approximately 5:55 p.m. Staff present included: Merlin MacReynold, City Manager; Bill Hillier, City Attorney; Judy Schave, City Clerk; Glenn Schaffer, Police Chief; Kelvin Johnson, Fire Chief; Peggy Hammer, Human Resources Administrator; Bob Nacht, Community Development Director; Tim Grochowski, Public Works Director; Rick Sahlin, Street Superintendent; and Judith Smith, Public Works Office Manager. Members of the news media in attendance included Marquise Allen of *The Chronicle* and Paul Walker of KITI.

1. **Work Session – Solid Waste, Recyclables Collection and Other Services.** Prior to the regular meeting, the council and administration met with Dan Schooler and Eddie Lewis from Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc., to discuss container options and pickup schedules for solid waste, recyclables collection and other services.

Mr. Schooler and Mr. Lewis provided containers in various sizes ranging from 20 gallons to 95 gallons. The council selected the containers they felt would best serve the residents of Chehalis.

The council reviewed the rate schedule, noting they wanted to give customers as many options as possible. After a brief discussion, it was decided to amend the rate schedule to include a 1 time every 2 weeks - mini-can pickup. Mr. Schooler stated he could provide the city with a rate for that service.

The council discussed the recycling services offered with the new one-bin container. Mr. Schooler pointed out a few items that could not go into the bin, such as glass, because it contaminated the paper products; and hazardous materials, such as oil and anti-freeze containers. The council briefly talked about whether or not to have key locations around the city where people could drop off glass; however it was decided to try a six-month pilot program, using small recycling bins to be picked up every other week. It was noted if that program wasn't working or if it started creating problems, they could look at setting up drop boxes at various locations.

Mr. Schooler reported customers still had the option of taking glass to the transfer station, or in most cases, they would just add it to their regular garbage container. He indicated, in the State of Washington, more and more communities were moving away from recycling glass altogether. It was agreed that LeMay would provide customers with a small recycling container for glass disposal. Mr. Schooler noted, for those customers who were already recycling, they would provide stickers to be applied to one of the bins for recycling glass. He reported customers were welcome to keep their old recycling containers; however if they didn't want them, LeMay would take them back and keep them in their inventory for future customers.

Mr. Schooler reported LeMay would provide a separate truck to come around to pick up glass every other week, on the same day as recycling. He noted it would be an expense to them to have the extra route, and they would ask customers to only set glass out when their container was full, in order to keep some of the costs down.

Mr. Schooler talked briefly about giving customers the option of two different sized recycling containers; the first being a 65 gallon container and the second a 95 gallon container. He noted because the cost of recycling was built into the regular solid waste service, there would be no adjustment for using the smaller recycling container.

Councilor Fuller asked if LeMay was going to offer yard waste containers. Mr. Schooler noted that was not in the contract; however LeMay was already offering that service in the county and Centralia, and it was available to Chehalis residents as well.

Mr. Schooler thanked the council for their time, adding they would be getting started on the promotional material right away.

Mayor Ketchum closed the work session at 5:39 p.m. and announced they would take a twenty minute recess before opening the regular meeting at 6:01 p.m.

2. **Citizen Business.** Rich Waring (1380 NW Arizona, Chehalis) reported he had a few suggestions for the city on how to spend some money that they didn't have. Mr. Waring suggested the following:

- Installation of a pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Coal Creek Road and National Avenue for the seniors who lived in the complex on the hill.
- Clean up city owned properties to include: mowing tall grass, cutting down brush and picking up garbage.
- Look at how to treat for mosquitoes as a result of the standing water at the south end of the airport.

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4. **Public Hearing on the 2010-2015 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP).** Tim Grochowski reported on the STIP as proposed by the administration. He noted the projects were listed in the priority of the administration and the council, as to how and when the projects would be submitted for funding and/or built and constructed. Mr. Grochowski talked briefly about the capital improvement plan, which listed funding needs for future projects.

City Manager MacReynold reported the matter would come back before the council at the next regular meeting for council discussion and recommendations.

Councilor Lund asked whether or not they could add chip seal projects to the list. Mr. Grochowski noted they could if the project was done on one of the federally funded routes. He added chip sealing was really more of a maintenance issue.

Mayor Ketchum closed the regular meeting a 6:09 p.m. and opened the public hearing. There being no public comment, Mayor Ketchum closed the public hearing and reopened the regular meeting at 6:10 p.m..

3. **Consent Calendar.** Councilor Dawes moved to approve the consent calendar comprised of the following:

- a. Minutes of the special work session of May 18, 2009, and the regular meeting of May 26, 2009; and
- b. Claim Vouchers No. 93571-93727 in the amount of \$1,035,875.53 dated May 18, 2009.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Pope and carried unanimously.

5. **Staff Reports.**

a. **Chehalis Avenue Proposed On-Street Parking and Lane Changes.** City Manager MacReynold reported on Sunday, June 14, 2009, the Chehalis public works department would be conducting a street parking and lane reconfiguration demonstration along NW Chehalis Avenue. The road would be closed from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the 200, 300, and 400 block areas of NW Chehalis Avenue. Councilor Lund asked if the businesses along Chehalis Avenue received the notice. Rick Sahlin reported flyers were handed out today.

6. **Council Reports.**

a. **Upcoming Events.** Mayor Ketchum reported on various upcoming events, which included:

- Sunday, June 14 – Liberty Plaza flag dedication ceremony at 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, June 8 – Open-house for the Blue Ridge Pipeline Project, starting at 7:00 p.m. at Kit Carson
- Friday, June 12 – Ribbon cutting ceremony for the new track at the Chehalis Middle School, starting at 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, June 12 – Ribbon cutting ceremony at Deco Gifts, 330 NW Pacific Avenue, starting at 12:00 p.m.

b. **LaBree Road Interchange Ribbon Cutting Celebration.** Councilor Dawes reported on June 2, he and others including Councilors Taylor and Fuller, and City Manager MacReynold attended the LaBree Road Interchange ribbon cutting celebration. He indicated the project was finished a full season ahead of time, adding the new interchange was very modern and would benefit the entire region. Councilor Dawes noted they had a good crowd show up for the event, as well as a number of speakers.

7. **Executive Session.** Mayor Ketchum announced the council would convene into executive session at 6:30 p.m. after a short break beginning at 6:14 p.m. pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) – collective bargaining for approximately 30 minutes and there would be no decision following conclusion of the executive session.

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk