

January 14, 2013

The Chehalis city council met in regular session on Monday, January 14, 2013, in the Chehalis city hall. Mayor Ketchum called the meeting to order at 5:00 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; and Judy Schave, City Clerk.

1. **Executive Session.** Mayor Ketchum announced the council would be in executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) – purchase or acquisition of land for approximately 30 minutes and there would be no decision following conclusion of the executive session.

Mayor Ketchum closed the executive session at 5:36 p.m. and announced the council would take a two minute recess before opening the work session at 5:38 p.m. Additional staff included: Glenn Schaffer, Police Chief; Kelvin Johnson, Fire Chief; Bob Nacht, Community Development Director; Dennis Osborn, In-coming Community Development Director; Eva Lindgren, Finance Manager; Peggy Hammer, Human Resources Administrator; and Herta Fairbanks, Public Works Director. Members of the media included Kyle Spurr from *The Chronicle*.

2. **Work Session to Discuss Chehalis Pool Project.** Chehalis Foundation President Tim Saylor, Outdoor Pool Renovation Project Lead Connie Bode, and Architect Norm Pfaff gave a brief update on the pool renovation project.

Mr. Pfaff provided the council with drawings of the proposed site and floor plan for the pool facility and surrounding area. He noted they would be replacing the old block wall located around the pool with new fencing. New fencing would also be installed in the area around the picnic shelters and the spray pool making it safer for families with small children. Mr. Pfaff reported on other improvements, which would include: a drop off/pick up area on 13th Street; adding an additional 1000 square feet to the building and new roofline, and restroom access for people using the spray park and/or picnic shelters.

Ms. Bode reported the Foundation was still seeking designated gifts and donations for its fundraising efforts. She noted a community meeting was scheduled for January 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the V.R. Lee building to allow the public to see the plans and to get more information on the project.

Mayor Ketchum closed the work session at 6:05 p.m. and immediately opened the regular meeting.

3. **Chehalis Renaissance Update.** Larry McGee, former Chair of the Chehalis Community Renaissance Team (CCRT) thanked the council for all their support, adding they had accomplished a lot over the last few years. He noted he planned to stay involved with the pilot project for the Children's Museum, as well as the incubator project at the Port of Chehalis.

Mr. McGee stated City Manager Merlin MacReynold made a good choice in appointing David Hartz from Book 'n Brush to take over as chair of the committee. He noted Mr. Hartz was doing a wonderful job on the marketing committee and was very involved in the community.

Mr. Hartz talked briefly on the latest tri-fold informational brochure, the "Welcome to Chehalis" brochure, and newest edition of the downtown walking tour booklet. He thanked the city council and administration for their support of the CCRT and looked forward to their continued working relationship.

4. **Council Committee/Board Appointments.** Mayor Ketchum asked the council members if they had any changes to the council/committee board appointments for 2013.

Councilor Dawes noted the North Lewis County Regional Fire Authority Planning Committee needed to be changed to the Regional Fire Authority Planning Committee, and the meetings would be held at Fire Station #2 in Centralia.

Councilor Lund indicated he would be replacing Councilor Dawes as the city's representative on the Lewis County Historical Museum Board. He noted the Board was unable to find someone to take over his position as treasurer, so he would continue in that capacity until they find someone willing to take the position. It was suggested that Councilor Lund still be noted as the city's representative and hope that they find someone to take over the treasurer's position soon.

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5. **Report on Flood Authority/State Capital Project Proposals by the Governor's Office.** J. Vander Stoep provided the council with information on the capital project proposals by the Governor's Office. He reported the Governor's Committee included: Chairman David Burnett from the Chehalis Tribe; Vickie Raines, Chair of the Flood Authority; Karen Valenzuela, Vice-Chair of the Flood Authority; Jay Gordon; Keith Phillips, Governor's Staff; and himself.

Mr. Vander Stoep noted the committee prioritized projects for the Governor's capital budget to include the following five elements:

1. Major Capital Projects:
 - a. Upper Basin Water Retention-Engineering and Design – \$5.6 million (Decision on permitting December 2014)
 - b. 1-5 Protection Options - \$3.3 million
2. Local Flood Relief Projects - \$10.7 million
3. Fish Enhancement Projects - \$4.3 million
4. Reduce Damages to Residential and Other Structures in the Floodplain - \$1.75 million
5. Flood Warning and Preparedness Systems

Mr. Vander Stoep also provided two graphs showing the effects of two potential flood relief alternatives. The first graph showed the results of potential flood relief using the United States Army Corps of Engineers Twin Cities Project alternative, and a second graph using the upstream dam on the Chehalis River alternative. It was clear from the data presented that the upstream dam provided much better relief throughout the basin. Mr. Vander Stoep reported the data was developed using a preliminary version of the Chehalis River Basin HEC-RAS model that was developed by a group of hydrologists that were each doing modeling in the basin.

6. **Presentation of Certificate.** Mayor Ketchum presented Bob Nacht a certificate of appreciation for 34 years of service with the city.

Mr. Nacht thanked the many councilors, city managers, department administrators and staff he's had the pleasure of working with over the last 34 years, adding they were all dedicated employees of the city. He introduced the new community development director, Dennis Osborn, who would be taking over the position after Friday, January 18.

7. **Citizens Business.** David Tagert, Devilfish Public House (289 NW Chehalis Avenue), commented on the recent stabbing incident that took place on Chehalis Avenue, adding something needed to be done to prevent stuff like this from happening in the future.

Mr. Tagert reported the police department was doing a good job, but felt they were outnumbered by those who hang out along Chehalis Avenue in the early hours of the morning and after the bars close, especially on the weekends. He invited the council and anyone else interested to come down during this time of night to see what actually goes on. Mr. Tagert suggested having a brainstorming meeting with all of the drinking establishments to address the problems, and try and come up with some solutions.

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

- a. Minutes of the regular meeting of December 10, 2012, and the special work session of December 13, 2012;
- b. Claim Vouchers No. 104824-104953 in the amount of \$1,053,948.62 dated December 14, 2012; Claim Vouchers No. 104954-105042 and EFT No. 112012 and 1220121 in the amount of \$106,784.99 dated December 31, 2012; and Payroll Vouchers No. 36219-36287, Direct Deposit Payroll Vouchers No. 3668-3739, and Electronic Federal Tax Payment No. 118 in the amount of \$683,878.94 dated December 31, 2012; and
- c. Authorize City Manager to execute the interlocal agreement with Riverside Fire Authority to provide Fire Code Inspection and Enforcement Services to the City of Chehalis for 2013.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Spahr and carried unanimously.

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9. **Administration Reports.**

a. **Lewis County Resolution Regarding Partnering of County and City Services and Internal Support Functions.** City Manager MacReynold reported the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners recently passed Resolution #13-012 supporting the county and the cities within Lewis County to take steps to review potential service and cost savings through collaboration and partnering of county and city services and support functions.

City Manager MacReynold asked if the council was supportive of bringing back a similar resolution for their consideration at the next meeting.

Mayor Ketchum stated the idea was presented at the Mayor's Meeting late last year and received a lot of support. He thanked City Manager MacReynold for working on the initial draft documents regarding the idea of collaboration and partnering, and for working with the other agencies on the matter.

The consensus of the council was to bring a resolution to the council at the next regular meeting for their consideration.

10. **Council Reports.**

a. **Update From Councilor Dawes.** Councilor Dawes talked briefly about the withdrawal of Lewis County Fire District #6 from the North Lewis County Regional Fire Authority Planning Committee. He noted the council would be taking action later in the meeting on a resolution to approve the formation of the new Regional Fire Protection Services Authority Planning Committee.

11. **Resolution No. 01-2013, First and Final Reading – Surplus City Property and Authorize City Manager to Execute Interlocal Agreement between the City and Lewis County Fire District #13.** Fire Chief Kelvin Johnson reported the fire department had several self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) components that were of no further use to the city and wished to declare the equipment surplus. He stated Lewis County Fire District #13 was desirous of acquiring the use and possession of the equipment if it becomes surplus.

Chief Johnson reported a resolution and an interlocal agreement between the city and Lewis County Fire District #13 had been prepared for the council's consideration.

Councilor Taylor moved to adopt Resolution No. 01-2013 on first and final reading and authorize the city manager to execute the interlocal agreement.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Pope and carried unanimously.

12. **Resolution No. 02-2013, First and Final Reading – Authorizing the City's Participation in a Regional Fire Authority Planning Committee (RFAPC).** Councilor Dawes asked that the council support the resolution to continue to explore the formation of a Regional Fire Protection Service Authority.

Councilor Dawes moved to adopt Resolution No. 02-2013 on first and final reading authorizing the city to participate in a RFAPC with the Riverside Fire Authority.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Taylor and carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Mayor

January 14, 2013

Attest:

City Clerk

SUGGESTED MOTION

I move that the council approve the minutes of the regular city council meeting of January 14, 2013.