

December 13, 2012

The Chehalis city council met in a special work session on Thursday, December 13, 2012, in the Chehalis city hall. Mayor Pro-tem Harris called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m. with the following council members present: Dr. Isaac Pope, Bob Spahr, Daryl Lund, and Dennis Dawes. Mayor Tony Ketchum and Councilor Taylor were absent (excused). Staff present included: Merlin MacReynold, City Manager; Bob Nacht, Community Development Director; Eva Lindgren, Finance Manager; Becky Fox, Court Administrator; and Peggy Hammer, Human Resources Administrator.

1. **Resolution No. 20-2012, First and Final Reading – Declaring an Operational Emergency in City Hall.** City Manager MacReynold reported the fire in city hall on December 10 turned out to be more extensive than thought.

Bob Nacht reported the fire earlier in the week started in the control panel system for the elevator, noting all of the relays and electrical system burned up. He stated the city's insurance company was contacted and they were working directly with Human Resources Administrator Peggy Hammer and staff on what needs to be done to the building. Mr. Nacht reported they had a cleaning company on board, noting there were a number of issues that had to be addressed, particularly the contaminants that were in the smoke that was deposited throughout the building.

Mr. Nacht reported one of the issues the city was facing was the city's requirements for competitive bidding on public works projects. He noted in this particular case, staff was presenting a request to the council to adopt a resolution declaring an emergency to satisfy some of the RCW requirements on how to deal with emergency situations and the competitive bidding process.

Councilor Spahr moved that the council adopt Resolution No. 20-2012 on first and final reading.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Dawes and carried unanimously.

2. **Meet and Greet the Three Finalists for Community Development Director.** The city council met and asked questions of the final three candidates applying for the position of community development director. The three finalists were Dennis Osborn, Jeffrey Niten, and Lynn Deitrick. Each was given a chance to talk about their background and tell the council why they were interested in being the next community development director in Chehalis.

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

**SUGGESTED MOTION**

**I move that the council approve the minutes of the special work session of December 13, 2012.**