

September 9, 2019

The Chehalis city council met in regular session on Monday, September 9, 2019, in the Chehalis city hall. Mayor Dennis Dawes called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm with the following council members present: Terry Harris, Tony Ketchum, Daryl Lund, and Bob Spahr. Councilors Dr. Isaac Pope and Chad Taylor were absent (excused). Staff present included: Jill Anderson, City Manager; Ken Cardinale, Fire Chief; Caryn Foley, City Clerk; Bill Hillier, City Attorney; Trent Lougheed, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Brandon Rakes, Airport Operations Coordinator; Chun Saul, Finance Director; Glenn Schaffer, Police Chief; Judy Schave, HR/Risk Manager; and Lilly Wall, Recreation Manager. No members of the news media were present.

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

- a. Minutes of the regular meeting of August 26, 2019;
- b. August 30, 2019 Claim Vouchers No. 126709-126840 in the amount of \$412,357.02;
- c. August 30, 2019, Payroll Vouchers No. 40981-41032, Direct Deposit Payroll Vouchers No. 11136-11261, Electronic Federal Tax and DRS Pension/Deferred Comp Payments No. 255-259 in the amount of \$855,723.70;
- d. Offer to lease Tract 16-B on NW Louisiana Avenue (by Home Depot/Taco Bell) by Riptide 6, LLC;
- e. Resolution No. 10-2019, first and final reading – delegating signing authority to the Finance Director for reimbursement on federally funded transportation projects; and
- f. Implementation of ACH (Automated Clearing House) payment options for accounts payable (AP) vendor payments.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Lund and carried unanimously.

2. **Recognition of Richard DeBolt by the Washington Recreation and Park Association (WRPA).** Mayor Dawes stated one of the projects the city has been working on was Recreation Park. Richard DeBolt was one of many that led the charge in making sure that \$12 million were allocated by the Legislature for the Youth Athletic Facilities Program, which included not only the Recreation Park project, but 25 other communities' projects. Rep. DeBolt also endorsed another grant for \$257,500 for Recreation Park. Mayor Dawes thanked Rep. DeBolt for his efforts on behalf of the 20th District.

WRPA state lobbyist Doug Levy and WRPA President-Elect Paul Simmons recognized Rep. DeBolt with a certificate of appreciation of his efforts to secure \$12 million in the 2019-2020 Capital Budget for Youth Athletic Facilities Program giving kids throughout the state enhanced access to ballfields and courts, higher quality play time, and positive outlets for healthy living.

Rep. DeBolt thanked the community, specifically Lilly Wall for testifying in front of the House and the Senate. He stated that our kids are what make our communities special. He thanked everyone for the award.

3. **Purchase of Exterior Ballistic Vests for Police Officers.** Chief Schaffer stated many officers would like to change from interior to exterior ballistic vests. Currently, all gear worn by the officers is on their belts, which is uncomfortable and hard on backs and hips. The exterior carriers would allow for much of the gear to be worn off of the belts to relieve some of the stress. The cost to outfit 12 officers would be \$475 each. The vests were not budgeted in 2019, but because the process for ordering takes some time, Chief Schaffer requested that the vests be purchased immediately instead of waiting until 2020.

Councilor Harris asked if a budget amendment would be necessary. Chun Saul indicated that was correct.

Councilor Spahr asked if exterior vests were something new. Chief Schaffer stated they were becoming more common and are very popular in the military.

Councilor Spahr moved to appropriate \$5,700 from the General Fund to the Police Department's budget for the purchase of exterior vests. The motion was seconded by Councilor Harris.

Mayor Dawes expressed his support of the purchase. The motion carried unanimously.

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4. Administration Reports.

a. **City Manager Update.** City Manager Anderson stated Recreation Park construction was moving forward. The contractor is performing in an outstanding way, as is the construction manager. The Tri-Club Rotary group will be awarding a check to the Chehalis Foundation and the City on Wednesday at noon at the V.R. Lee Building in the amount of \$47,000, which were the proceeds from the auction held last spring for Penny Playground. A strategic planning session is set for September 18 in the City Hall basement, which is open to the public.

5. Councilor Reports/Committee Updates.

a. Councilor Lund stated he has received comments from citizens concerned about the homeless people in the area of the water filter plant and parks along the hillside.

b. Councilor Harris attended the ribbon cutting for the new schools and was able to spend some time with both the Shaw and Smith families.

c. Mayor Dawes attended the Centralia city council's workshop on fireworks on August 26. They discussed both limiting the sale and discharge of fireworks. It appears they will curtail the hours and days to discharge fireworks. He thought it was a losing battle because he didn't think complaints were coming from fireworks that are legal, but rather those from tribal reservations. It is also difficult to enforce. He thought it was something that could be brought up at the strategic planning session. He also attended the mayors' meeting. The November meeting will be the legislative round-table. He also asked if the box-spring sitting along National Avenue across from Callison's could be picked up. He didn't know where it came from, but asked staff to contact the furniture store on Market and ask them not to leave old furniture out in case that is where it came from.

6. **Executive Session.** Mayor Dawes announced the council would take a short recess and then be in executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) – Selection of Site or Acquisition of Real Estate; RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) – Review Performance of a Public Employee; and RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) – Collective Bargaining, not to exceed 6:30 pm and there would be no decision following conclusion of the executive session. Mayor Dawes closed the regular meeting at 5:25 pm. The executive session began at 5:27 pm. Following conclusion of the executive session, the regular meeting was reopened and immediately adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Dennis L. Dawes, Mayor

Caryn Foley, City Clerk

Approved: 9/23/2019

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