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The Chehalis city council met in regular session on Monday, September 23, 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, Dr. Isaac Pope, Bob Spahr, and Chad Taylor. Staff present included: Jill Anderson, City Manager; Ken Cardinale, Fire Chief; Caryn Foley, City Clerk; Erin 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 Dave Vasilauskas, Water Superintendent. No members of the news media were present.

1. **Proclamation – CROP Hunger Walk**. Mayor Dawes read and presented a proclamation to Valerie Sullivan designating October 6 as CROP Hunger Walk Day in Chehalis.

2. **Proclamation – Childhood Cancer Awareness**. Mayor Dawes read and presented a proclamation designating September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

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

- a. Minutes of the regular meeting of September 9, 2019;
- b. Minutes of the special meeting of September 18, 2019;
- c. September 13, 2019 Claim Vouchers No. 126841-126976 in the amount of \$1,130,838.34 and voided Check No. 126827 in the amount of \$32.00;
- d. Acceptance of grant funding: State of Washington Recreation and Conservation Office Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. RCO #19-1187 for Phase II of the Flood Storage Basin Master Plan;
- e. Engineering services agreement with Skillings Connolly, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$316,675.53 for the Flood Storage Basin Master Plan – Phase II;
- f. Resolution No. 11-2019, first and final reading – declaring property surplus; and
- g. Floodplain management planning annual progress report.

Mayor Dawes stated that item “f” would be removed from the Consent Calendar and moved to New Business.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Lund and carried unanimously.

4. **Resolution No. 11-2019, First and Final Reading – Declaring Property Surplus**. Mayor Dawes stated there was an addition to the list of property to be declared surplus.

Chief Schaffer stated an officer retired last week, and it was customary for the officers to get together and purchase the officer’s firearm to present upon retirement. The firearm first needs to be surplused and then the officers purchase a replacement firearm. Chief Schaffer stated the property was a Smith & Wesson M&P 40 caliber firearm with serial number DTY7701.

Councilor Ketchum moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-2019, as amended, on first and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilor Taylor and carried unanimously.

5. **Recreation Park Improvement Project – Request to Use Funds Designated for the Project to Proceed with Change Orders to Advance the Work Needed**. City Manager Anderson stated staff was asking for authorization to spend money already designated for the project for work by KBH Construction.

Trent Lougheed stated the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement with KBH Construction for \$2,104,704.24 plus a 3% contingency for ballfields and amenities. The total project budget of \$4.2 million included the playground, sidewalks, lighting, and additional improvements. Part of the total project was for playground equipment and artificial turf through government contract services. Staff was requesting authorization of an additional \$612,500 for additional items not included in the original work – additional sidewalks, drainage, a small irrigation line, electrical for lighting, fencing and

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back-stop netting, excavation and repair of soil at fields 3 and 4 due to wet areas from an existing irrigation leak, replacement of mechanically seeded outfields with imported sod on all four fields to ensure playability next season, and a contingency for additional unforeseen challenges. Staff was recommending that the City Council authorize the City Manager to manage and execute additional change orders to the existing contract with KBH Construction for work at Recreation Park not to exceed \$612,500, which would increase the total contract to \$2,780,345.24.

Councilor Spahr stated he was confused as to whether this was adding cost to the contract. Mr. Lougheed explained it would add cost to the contract, but it was not adding cost to the total project.

Councilor Harris moved to authorize the City Manager to manage and execute additional change orders to the existing contract with KBH Construction for work at Recreation Park not to exceed \$612,500, which would increase the total contract to \$2,780,345.24. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pope and carried unanimously.

6. Chehalis River Raw Water Pipeline Replacement Study Project. Trent Lougheed stated the pipeline is used to pump water from the Chehalis River to the water treatment plant, which is about 7,500 feet long and is 18-inch steel. It is approximately 60 years old and is near the end of its life. The City hired the engineering services of Kennedy Jenks to look at the replacement project. Mr. Lougheed described four alternative routes for replacing the line, including the disadvantages of each option. He stated Alternative 2 was the favorable option. Even though it is the longest route it has the highest percentage of conventional construction methods, while minimizing micro tunneling, and it is the least costly. Mr. Lougheed stated the costs of each option were:

- Alignment 1 – \$31 million
- Alignment 2 – \$17.8 million
- Alignment 3 – \$22.1 million
- Alignment 4 – \$18.4 million

Mr. Lougheed stated the costs included a 30% contingency. He stated the costs were much higher than anticipated so they looked at two alternatives for Alignments 2, the preferred option, which significantly reduced the project cost. Alignment 2B would be \$7.1 million and Alignment 2A was \$8 million. Both options would not replace the entire line.

Councilor Ketchum was concerned about not replacing the entire line and what issues that could cause in the future.

Councilor Taylor asked what the funding strategy was. Mr. Lougheed stated he was attending the Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council conference to learn about financing options.

Councilor Taylor asked how often the line was used. Dave Vasilauskas stated it depended, but typically it's about 1,800 to 2,000 gallons from the Newaukum and about 1,200 to 1,500 from the Chehalis during the summer months. If the Newaukum gets high turbidity then the Chehalis is used.

Councilor Lund stated the Chehalis wasn't just a backup source, which he thought was mentioned previously.

Councilor Spahr asked for clarification of the costs of Alignments 2, 2A, 2B. Mr. Lougheed explained that the cost would be either \$7.1 million for 2B, or \$8 million for 2A, as long as the necessary permits from WSDOT were obtained. Alternative 2, at \$17.8 million, was the same route, but with micro-tunneling.

Councilor Spahr asked what micro-tunneling was. Mikael Lubovich with Kennedy Jenks explained that micro-tunneling was essentially what was done with the Seattle tunnel, but on a much larger scale. One of the reasons the cost was so high related to the lines that had to cross under wetlands, I-5, and Burlington Northern (BN). BN requires case piping under their facilities, which would require a large pipe and then another conduit back that would be the water carrying pipe.

Councilor Lund asked why the pipe would not be replaced entirely to the reservoir. Mr. Lougheed explained that staff would be looking at the Newaukum water line and how to potentially tie it in. The lines may be broken apart if a second treatment plant was built. If a second plant was needed, we don't want to replace something that we're not going to use.

Councilor Lund asked why a new pipe couldn't be shoved through the existing pipe. Mr. Lubovich stated that was an option, but there are several bends in the wetland area and you can't navigate those bends at that length without having to excavate the bends and pull pipe.

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Mayor Dawes asked why, structurally speaking, Mr. Lubovich recommended 2B. Mr. Lubovich stated the full evaluation of the four options looked at more than just cost, and established Alignment 2 as the recommendation. Further discussion was held and 2A and 2B were developed to reduce costs.

Councilor Pope asked what the safest option was, structurally. Mr. Lubovich stated the condition of the existing pipe needed to be considered. There has been no interior pipeline inspection. Option 2B included inspection of the pipe to verify the portion that the city does have access to is in fact not in the best condition and should be replaced.

Councilor Pope thought the city needed to look toward the future because it could cost more in the future. He thought an investigation of the pipe should be done.

Councilor Lund asked if Mr. Lubovich had a tool to run down the pipe to do a UT of the pipe. Mr. Lubovich stated there are companies with tools that can do a condition inspection/videoing. Ultrasonic measurement devices measure the thickness of the pipe. You can also dig down to the pipe to test the pipe.

Mayor Dawes thought the entire line should be replaced so there weren't problems in the future with the portion that wasn't replaced. The council could go with the recommendation of Kennedy Jenks to go with 2B and then include an option in the bid specs to complete the remaining portion of the line to the treatment plant. Mr. Lubovich stated there have been sources of leaks in the pipe and they have been areas upstream of where we're looking at connecting to.

Councilor Ketchum moved to authorize staff to look at Alignment 2 and taking the line all the way up to the water treatment plant. The motion was seconded by Councilor Spahr.

Councilor Taylor asked if staff could provide further analysis of the condition of the pipe. Mr. Loughheed stated staff was unable to get leak detection equipment on the pipe because there were no access points/valves, but there are substantial issues because 100 gallons a minute are being lost between the pump and the plant.

Councilor Spahr asked which was better of 2B and 2A. Mr. Loughheed stated that for cost effectiveness and getting the best product in the end, it was 2A.

Councilor Spahr stated it was mentioned that a second plant might be built in the future. He asked where it would be located and how would going up to the current plant hinder that. Mr. Loughheed stated the city didn't have the property for a second plant so it really depended on where we can acquire the property at the correct elevation and determining if the Chehalis River would go to the new plant or the current plant. Most likely it would be best to go all the way to the plant and have the current treatment plant be strictly for Chehalis River water if we get another plant.

Councilor Pope stated there were no costs presented for extending the line to the plant. He didn't think the council could make a real decision until that information was provided. Mr. Loughheed stated that if the line went all the way to the plant, a new line would have to be constructed and the old one would be abandoned, otherwise it would require completing shutting down the water system.

City Manager Anderson stated that additional work to assess taking the line all the way to the plant would require an amendment to the contract with Kennedy Jenks.

Mayor Dawes asked if a motion was needed or could the council, by consensus, direct staff to explore replacing the line all the way to the treatment plant. City Manager Anderson thought providing direction was sufficient.

Councilor Ketchum withdrew his motion. Councilor Spahr withdrew his second to the motion.

Trent Loughheed asked if council would like staff to present an agreement for design services once a recommended alignment was selected. Mayor Dawes thought the council needed to figure out what they wanted to do first.

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7. Administration Reports.

a. **City Manager Update.** City Manager Anderson stated a strategic planning workshop was held last Wednesday to review the city's three-goals, mission statement, and core values, and to develop a vision statement. Periodic updates will be brought to the city council between now and the next planning session set for May 14, 2020.

8. Councilor Reports/Committee Updates.

a. Mayor Dawes attended the following: September 11 Rotary Club meeting where a check was presented to the Chehalis Foundation for Penny Playground; September 12 chamber barbeque; first budget committee meeting on the 12th; a .09 committee meeting on the 13th; and the goal and vision setting meeting on the 18th.

9. **Free Disposal Vouchers.** Commissioner Edna Fund announced that next Monday was the last day to use free disposal vouchers at the transfer station.

10. **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)(c) – Minimum Price at Which Real Estate Will Be Offered for Sale/Lease; RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – Potential Litigation; and RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) – Collective Bargaining, not to exceed 7:30 pm and there would be no decision following conclusion of the executive session. Mayor Dawes closed the regular meeting at 6:09 pm. The executive session began at 6:16 pm. Following conclusion of the executive session, the regular meeting was reopened and immediately adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Dennis L. Dawes, Mayor

Caryn Foley, City Clerk

Approved: 10/14/2019
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