November 18, 2014

The Chehalis city council met in special session on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, in the Chehalis city hall. Mayor Dawes called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following council members present: Terry Harris, Dr. Isaac Pope, Bob Spahr, Daryl Lund, Chad Taylor, and Tony Ketchum. The staff present included: Merlin MacReynold, City Manager; Judy Schave, City Clerk; Glenn Schaffer, Police Chief/Interim Fire Chief; Randy Kaut, Deputy Police Chief; Judy Pectol, Finance Manager; Peggy Hammer, Human Resources Administrator; Dennis Osborn, Community Development Director; Becky Fox, Court Administrator; Rick Sahlin, Public Works Director; Don Schmitt, Street Superintendent; Patrick Wiltzius, Wastewater Superintendent; Dave Vasilauskas, Water Superintendent; Lilly Wall, Recreation Manager; Allyn Roe, Airport Manager, and Caryn Foley, Administrative Assistant to the City Manager.

1. **Executive Session**. Mayor Dawes announced the council would be in executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) – evaluate qualifications of applicants until 2:00 p.m. and there would be no decision following conclusion of the executive session.

The staff present at 1:00 p.m. included: City Manager Merlin MacReynold; and Bill Hillier, City Attorney.

Mayor Dawes closed the executive session at 1:37 p.m. and reopened the special meeting.

Mayor Dawes announced, “Based upon the interviews conducted by members of the city council, and after listening to a debriefing of the city panel made up of department managers and a separate panel made up of some very distinguished members of the community, the City Council has decided that the current group of candidates do not appear to be a fit for the city at this time and, therefore, the council would pass on offering the position to any those gentleman.”

Mayor Dawes stated, in the ensuing period of time, he would like to ask current City Manager Merlin MacReynold if he would be willing to enter into an agreement with the city on a potential extension of his contract for services, and for what period of time he would be willing to commit to.

City Manager MacReynold stated he would be willing to extend his contact for an additional two-year period.

Mayor Dawes directed City Attorney Bill Hillier to work with City Manager MacReynold to put together a contract proposal for council consideration and action on November 24, 2014.

Mayor Dawes stated, although the council is a little disappointed that City Manager MacReynold is not going to be able to retire as soon as he wanted to, they were certainly happy at the opportunity to have him continue service with the city for an additional two years, adding hopefully at that time the council will be able to find that good fit they are looking for.

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned 1:39 p.m.

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 Mayor

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City Clerk

**SUGGESTED MOTIONI move that the council approve the minutes of the special city council meeting of November 18, 2014.**

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