

Chehalis City Council
Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2022

Council Present: Mayor Ketchum, Councilmember McDougall, Councilmember Pope, Councilmember Spahr, Councilmember Lund (via Zoom)

Council Absent: Councilmember Lord

Staff Present: Jill Anderson, City Manager; Tammy Baraconi, Building and Planning Manager; Lance Bunker, Public Works Director; Kassi Mackie, City Clerk; Jud Riddle, Interim Water Supervisor; Erin Hillier, City Attorney; Randy Kaut, Police Chief; Chun Saul, Finance Director; Celest Wilder, Engineering Technician; Tedd Hendershot, Interim Fire Chief; Brandon Rakes, Airport Operations Coordinator

Public Present: Members of the Chehalis Rotary; Lindsay Pollock

1. **Call to Order:**

Mayor Ketchum called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilmember McDougall led the flag salute.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Councilmember Spahr, seconded by Councilmember McDougall to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

4. **Proclamation: Recognition of Rotary**

Mayor Ketchum presented the proclamation to members of the Chehalis Rotary.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of May 23, 2022.
6. Vouchers and Transfers – Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$166,286.85 Dated May 31, 2022.
7. Vouchers and Transfers- Payroll in the Amount of \$826,623.31 Dated May 31, 2022.
8. Appointment of Scott Forsman to the Planning Commission.
9. Approval of Lewis/Grays Harbor County Ambulance Service Consortium.

A motion was duly made and passed approving the items on the Consent Calendar as though acted on individually.

PUBLIC HEARING

10. Public Hearing for 2023-2028 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program

Public Works Director Lance Bunker provided a brief presentation covering the 2023-2028 TIP.

Mayor Ketchum opened the public hearing at 5:23 p.m.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Ketchum closed the public hearing at 5:24 p.m.

CITIZENS BUSINESS

Mr. Bob Heymann was present to provide public comment on Jackson Park 3. Mr. Heymann believes there would be support for the project if some of the concerns could be resolved.

Renell Norquest provided public comment on Jackson Park 3 and traffic concerns on 21st Street.

Paul Olson provided public comment on Jackson Park 3 and traffic concerns on 21st Street. Mr. Olson would like to see sidewalks put in prior to the development proceeding.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

11. Ordinance No. 1030-B: Traffic Impact Analysis

Celest Wilder, Engineering Technician provided clarity regarding the proposal to revise the criteria used to determine when a Traffic Impact Analysis would be required by the City with Public Works Director Lance Bunker.

A motion was made by Councilmember Spahr, seconded by Councilmember McDougall to approve Ordinance No. 1030-B. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Ordinance No. 1031-B: Moratorium on the Establishment of Cryptocurrency Mining or Farming

Building and Planning Manager Tammy Baraconi presented.

Councilmember Pope voiced concerns, which Manager Baraconi addressed. Councilmember Pope also requested more information on liability for the City with Cryptocurrency.

Councilmember Spahr requested more information prior to the final vote on this Ordinance.

Councilmember McDougall requested more information on assessment of penalties.

A motion was made by Councilmember Spahr, seconded by Councilmember Pope to approve Ordinance No. 1031-B at first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

13. City Manager Update

- City Manager Jill Anderson encouraged the public to submit applications for the vacant council seat by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14.
- Movies in the park June 16th, July 7th, July 21st, and August 11th
- Music in the parks July 22nd, July 29th, and August 5th

14. Councilor Reports/Committee Updates

- Councilmember Spahr provided a verbal update.
- Councilmember McDougall provided a verbal report on Experience Chehalis.
- Mayor Ketchum provided a verbal report on meetings and events over the last few weeks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Ketchum adjourned the regular meeting and convened the executive session at 6:13.

15. Litigation/Potential Litigation

16. Real Estate Transaction

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ketchum adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Anthony Ketchum, Sr., Mayor

Attest: Kassi Mackie, City Clerk