

**Chehalis City Council**  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
June 26, 2023  
5:00 p.m.

**Council Present:** Mayor Ketchum, Mayor Pro-Tem Spahr, Councilor Carns, Councilor Lund, Councilor McDougall, Councilor Lord and Councilor Pope

**Council Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jill Anderson, City Manager; Kassi Mackie, City Clerk; Kevin Nelson, City Attorney; Susan Stayner, Administrative Assistant to the City Manager; Chun Saul, Finance Director; Sally Saxton, Financial Analyst; Justin Phelps, Wastewater Superintendent; Lance Bunker, Public Works Director; Randy Kaut, Police Chief; Tammy Baraconi, Building and Planning Manager; Fritz Beierle, Streets Superintendent; Lilly Wall, Parks and Recreation Director

**Press Present:** Owen Sexton, The Chronicle

1. **Call to Order:**  
Mayor Ketchum called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**  
Mayor Pro Tem Spahr led the flag salute.
3. **Approval of Agenda**  
The agenda was amended to move item #8 to New Business, Second Reading of Ordinance 1067 B will be moved to July 10, and to add executive session topic of Sale/Lease of Real Estate RCW 42.30.110(1)(C).

*A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Spahr, seconded by Councilor Lund, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.*

**PRESENTATIONS**

*There were no presentations or proclamations to recognize.*

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

4. **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 12, 2023** (City Clerk)
5. **Vouchers and Transfers- Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$1,363,455.71** (Finance Director)
6. **Consider Approval of Budgeted Purchase of Fuel for Resale** (Airport Director)
7. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 1069-B, Granting a Non-Exclusive Franchise to Zply Fiber Pacific, LLC for Telecommunications** (City Clerk)
8. **Resolution No. 14-2023, Declaring Surplus Property** (City Clerk)

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

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

*There were no public hearings to conduct.*

#### **CITIZENS BUSINESS**

Leah Vanasse provided public comment regarding recent incidents with white supremacist groups at PRIDE events and the several acts of vandalism that followed in different parts of Lewis County, including Chehalis.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

9. **Resolution No. 13-2023, Authorizing the Sole Source Purchase of FLOCK Cameras** (Police Chief)

*A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Spahr, seconded by Councilor Pope to approve Resolution No. 13-2023.*

*An amendment to the motion was made by Councilor Lund, seconded to Councilor McDougall to authorize the purchase of a handheld unit in addition to the 15 requested. The amendment carried unanimously.*

*The main motion as amended carried unanimously.*

10. **Lease of Park and Ride Lot at Exit #77 to Twin Transit** (City Manager)

*A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Spahr, seconded by Councilor Lund to approve the lease of the Park and Ride Lot on Main Street at I-5 Exit #77 to Twin Cities Transit and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract when the legal description of the property is completed and can be provided as Exhibit A to the Lease agreement. The motion carried unanimously.*

11. **FY2022 Transportation Benefit District Annual Report** (Public Works Director)

Public Works Director Lance Bunker presented.

*A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Spahr, seconded by Councilor Pope to continue this item until the July 10 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.*

#### **ADMINISTRATION AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

##### **City Manager Update**

City Manager Anderson attended the AWC Conference and provided a brief update of the sessions.

##### **Councilor Reports/Committee Updates**

Councilor Lord commended the Mayor on his efforts to repair the sidewalks.

Councilor Lund requested information regarding the pool parking lot construction. Councilor Lund would like to consider options for additional park revitalization to expand Chehalis parks. Councilor Lund would also like progress to be made with Steve Ryan and his stormwater concerns.

Councilor McDougall reported attendance at the Youth Advocacy meeting and reported that the AWC Conference was beneficial.

Councilor Carns commented on the public camping ordinance and evidence that it is affecting change within Chehalis.

Mayor Ketchum reported attendance at the Lewis County Historical Museum, Chamber Volunteer and County Homeless meetings.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pursuant to RCW:


- 42.30.110(1)(i)- Litigation/Potential Litigation
- 42.30.110(1)(c)- Sale/Lease of Real Estate

*Mayor Ketchum adjourned the regular meeting at 6:06 p.m. for 45 minutes or until 7:00 p.m. providing the public time to exit the building.*

*Mayor Ketchum reconvened the regular meeting and adjourned the executive session at 7:01 p.m.*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Mayor Ketchum adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.*

  
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Anthony Ketchum, Sr., Mayor

  
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Attest: Kassi Mackie, City Clerk

