

March 7, 2011

The Chehalis city council met in special session on Monday, March 7, 2011, in the Chehalis city hall. Mayor Ketchum called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. with the following council members present: Terry Harris, Dr. Isaac Pope, Bob Spahr, Daryl Lund, Chad Taylor, and Dennis Dawes. Staff present included: Merlin MacReynold, City Manager; Brian Kelly, Assistant City Attorney; Judy Schave, City Clerk; Peggy Hammer, Human Resources Administrator; Rick Sahlin, Interim Public Works Director/Street Superintendent; and Judi Smith, Public Works Office Manager. Members of the news media included Lee Hughes from *The Chronicle*.

1. **Meet and Greet Public Works Director Applicants.** The council held a special meeting to meet the two candidates for the position of Public Works Director. City Manager MacReynold reported, in the previous two hiring processes for department directors, one of the things done was to give the finalist the opportunity to talk about themselves with the council, and to answer any questions they might have. He stated, from his perspective, it had been very helpful for him to see their interaction and how they present themselves in a formal setting, which a department director had to deal with on a regular basis.

City Manager MacReynold introduced Herta Fairbanks and Kevin Dragon, and asked them to talk about their background and why they thought being the public works director for Chehalis was a good move for them.

After the introductions and questions, City Manager MacReynold thanked the council for attending the special meeting, adding he planned to move very quickly and would like to be in a position to make a decision by the end of the week.

Mayor Ketchum thanked Ms. Fairbanks and Mr. Dragon for spending the day in Chehalis and for showing interest in the position. He thought they were both well qualified for the position and wished them both well.

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

SUGGESTED MOTION

I move that the council approve the minutes of the special city council meeting of March 7, 2011.