

January 9, 2012

The Chehalis city council met in regular session on Monday, January 9, 2012, in the Chehalis city hall. Mayor Ketchum called the meeting to order at 5:46 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; Bill Hillier, City Attorney; Judy Schave, City Clerk; Glenn Schaffer, Police Chief; Bob Nacht, Community Development Director; Peggy Hammer, Human Resources Administrator; Dale McBeth, Municipal Court Judge; and Becky Fox, Court Administrator.

1. **Work Session – Interview Applicants for Appointment to the Chehalis Planning Commission.** The council interviewed Steven Bell and Charles Pollock who submitted applications for consideration to fill a vacant position on the Chehalis Planning Commission. The appointment will be confirmed by the council on Monday, January 23, 2012.

Mayor Ketchum closed the work session at 6:00 p.m. and announced the council would take a four minute recess and reopen the regular meeting at 6:04 p.m.

2. **Swearing-in of Re-elected Council Members.** Municipal Court Judge Dale McBeth administered the oaths of office to Terry Harris, District No. 1; Daryl Lund, District No. 2; and Anthony (Tony) Ketchum, District No. 3. Judge Steve Buzzard administered the oath of office to Dr. Isaac Pope, District No. 4.

3. **Election of Mayor and Mayor Pro-tem for 2012-2013.** City Clerk Judy Schave called for nominations for Mayor.

Councilor Lund nominated Tony Ketchum and Councilor Pope nominated Dennis Dawes.

Councilor Pope stated the council agreed that the position of mayor should be rotated. He felt each individual should be given an opportunity to serve as mayor if they wish. Councilor Pope reported Councilor Spahr was mayor for quite a few years and there were people who criticized that situation. He noted prior to the last election for mayor, Tony Ketchum asked if they would extend his term as mayor for two years, so he could be involved with the sister city program, and the council unanimously agreed.

Councilor Dawes stated he was elected to the Chehalis School Board for 24 years and during that time they never had a problem with selecting a chair because they were selected at random. He reported he had an individual who was willing to nominate him two years ago; however, he stepped aside and gave the mayor his word that he would not allow his name to be placed in nomination due to the reason noted by Councilor Pope.

Councilor Dawes reported, as a former staff member, he heard a lot of criticism and found it ironic that the very same individuals who had concerns over Councilor Spahr's longtime tenure as mayor are now willing to do the same thing with another individual. He indicated he already knew what the vote was going to be and was willing to accept that because he was there to serve the people, adding his interest in that was going to be more important than losing an election for the position of mayor. Councilor Dawes indicated he spent half of his life serving the city in the Chehalis police department, his last few years as interim chief. He felt his position as mayor pro-tem was very similar in that he will never get to hit that last step of the ladder.

Ms. Schave closed the nominations and asked for a vote on the nomination for Tony Ketchum for Mayor; Tony Ketchum, Terry Harris, Daryl Lund, and Chad Taylor voted in favor of the nomination. Ms. Schave announced that Tony Ketchum received the majority votes, so there was no need to vote on the nomination for Dennis Dawes.

Mayor Ketchum called for nominations for the position of Mayor Pro-tem.

Councilor Pope nominated Terry Harris and Mayor Ketchum nominated Daryl Lund.

Mayor Ketchum closed the nominations and asked for a vote on the nomination for Terry Harris for Mayor Pro-tem; Terry Harris, Dr. Isaac Pope, Robert Spahr and Dennis Dawes voted in favor of the nomination. Mayor Ketchum announced that Terry Harris received the majority votes, so there was no need to vote on the nomination for Daryl Lund.

4. **Council Committee/Board Appointments.** Mayor Ketchum reported the council received copy of the 2010/2011 committee/board appointments and asked them to look it over and get back to the city clerk regarding any changes. He noted the list of appointments would be brought back to the council for evaluation at their next regular meeting.

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5. **Update on Chamber Events.** Chamber Director Jim Valley reported last year's Santa Parade on December 3 was the biggest ever, adding they had around 65 entries. He stated it was great to recognize longtime supporters of the city, Jim and Suzi Vander Stoep, adding it was an honor long overdue. Mr. Valley reported the parade also included some Seattle Sea Gals who signed autographs and calendars after the parade at the Market Street Pub. He thanked the council and noted he was looking for more opportunities and ideas to build on the parade and other holiday events in the future.

6. **Update on the Chehalis Renaissance Plan.** Chehalis Renaissance Committee Chair Larry McGee and Co-chair Allyn Roe gave a brief update on the Renaissance plan. Mr. McGee reported, in looking at the council, he could distinctly remember the ways in which each one of them has helped to make things happen, and he and the committee really appreciated it. He gave a quick review of the 2011 accomplishments, which included:

- Secured a \$280,000 grant to do a partial street replacement along Chehalis Avenue
- Fixed the irrigation system on Market Boulevard
- Planted new plantings in the islands along Market Boulevard
- Had a local freelance artist prepare some drawings of the tree options available for Market Boulevard
- Port of Chehalis secured a business incubator grant and selected one of the candidates to get started on a feasibility study
- Children's Museum moved from the feasibility stage into a planning stage for a pilot project
- Installed 20 of the 28 medal plaques that correspond to the walking tour brochure; have handed out 3,500 brochures
- Store-front art project in the former Waldock's building
- Kiosks for pedestrian wayfinding signs

Mr. Roe reported on the 2012 projects, to include:

- Children's Museum pilot project
- Pedestrian wayfinding kiosks – finish fabrication, signage, and installation
- Partnering with ARTrails for a sculpture walk/arts festival
- Identify eyesore properties around town to see what they can do with them
- Design Review Guidelines for the city – hire consultant to work closely with the city, community, and council to put together draft guidelines
- Marketing Chehalis

7. **Consent Calendar.** Councilor Dawes moved to approve the consent calendar comprised of the following:

- a. Minutes of the regular meeting of December 12, 2011;
- b. Claim Vouchers No. 101738-101870 in the amount of \$1,088,989.13 dated December 15, 2011; Claim Vouchers No. 101871-101971 and EFT No. 112011 in the amount of \$180,910.90 dated December 30, 2011; Payroll Vouchers No. 35283-35362, 2798-2869, and Electronic Federal Tax Payment No. 106 in the amount of \$678,674.43 dated December 30, 2011;
- c. Set date and time of January 23, 2012, at 6:05 p.m. for public hearing on six month moratorium on medical marijuana collective gardens and dispensaries;
- d. Approve recommendations of the Library Advisory Board to appoint Bonnie Jean Kay and Marilyn Chintella to five-year terms each expiring January 9, 2017;
- e. Approve reappointments of Stephanie Connors and John Matagi to the Sister City Committee for four-year terms expiring December 31, 2015;
- f. Suspend rules requiring two readings of an ordinance and pass Ordinance No. 888-B on first and final reading, amending Ordinance No. 884-B; and
- g. Approve the revised 2011 budget for the Chehalis-Centralia Airport.

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Councilor Taylor seconded the motion.

Councilor Spahr inquired about Ordinance No. 888-B, asking how they arrived at the figures. City Manager MacReynold reported the Lewis County Assessor's Office looks at the numbers the city gives them to confirm that we're using the right calculation. He reported the county didn't look at the numbers until after council action was taken, so the new ordinance was created to correct the error. Councilor Spahr stated he didn't want anyone to think the council was raising taxes.

The motion carried unanimously.

8. Administration Reports.

a. **Chehalis-Centralia Transportation Cooperative Meetings.** City Manager MacReynold reported there had been discussions about the continuation of the Chehalis-Centralia Transportation Cooperative and it was determined that they need to start looking at quarterly meetings and expanding the group to include a broader review and discussion of other topics, as well as transportation. He reported they planned to have their first 2012 meeting on January 27, at 7:30 a.m. City Manager MacReynold noted, traditionally, attendees have been the mayor and Councilor Taylor with the focus being on transportation. He stated they would like to expand that number to include three councilor members from each jurisdiction. He noted the council members who attend could change quarterly, depending on the topic.

Councilor Spahr volunteered to start attending the meetings.

b. **Airport Board Appointments.** City Manager MacReynold reminded the council about the two 'city representative' vacancies on the airport board. He suggested they were both important appointments and if they had someone in mind that may be interested, to please have them contact the city clerk.

9. **Appointment and Reappointment of Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Members.** Mayor Ketchum noted the item would remain tabled until January 23, 2012.

10. **Ordinance No. 887-B, Second and Final Reading – Amending the City Parking Ordinance.** City Manager MacReynold reported on the ordinance, noting a letter received from a concerned resident had been attached to the agenda report for their review.

Councilor Spahr moved that the council pass Ordinance No. 887-B on second and final reading.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Pope and carried 4 to 3 with Councilor Lund, Councilor Taylor, and Mayor Ketchum voting against the motion.

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

SUGGESTED MOTION

I move that the council approve the minutes of the regular city council meeting of January 9, 2012.