

August 13, 2012

The Chehalis city council met in regular session on Monday, August 13, 2012, in the Chehalis city hall. Mayor Ketchum called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following council members present: Terry Harris, Dr. Isaac Pope, Bob Spahr, Daryl Lund, and Dennis Dawes. Councilor Taylor was absent (excused). Staff present included Glenn Schaffer, Police Chief/Acting City Manager; Mark Scheibmeir, Assistant City Attorney; Judy Schave, City Clerk; and Bob Nacht, Community Development Director. Members of the media included Kyle Spurr from *The Chronicle*.

1. **Citizens Business.**

a. **Vegetation Issue on N. Market Boulevard.** Tom Guyer of T.J. Guyer, Inc. (1646 S. Market Boulevard) reported he was speaking on behalf of one of his clients regarding the ivy that's growing on the side of his building at 564 S. Market Boulevard. He noted the ivy was coming from the parking lot next door that was owned by the city; therefore, they were requesting that the city remove the ivy.

Mr. Guyer reported he spoke with Bob Nacht prior to the meeting and he noted the city had information on file from several years ago indicating the tenant wanted the ivy left on the side of the building. Mr. Guyer stated the tenant didn't have the authority to authorize it and his client would like to have the ivy removed from the building.

Bob Nacht reported the issue was brought to his attention late last week via email. He noted he looked into the history and also talked with the city's risk manager to see what the appropriate course of action would be to deal with the specific issue. Mr. Nacht reported most likely it was the city's ivy, and it was their intent to negotiate a resolution to the issue with Mr. Guyer.

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

a. Minutes of the regular meeting of July 23, 2012; and

b. Claim Vouchers No. 103675-103836 and EFT No. 62012 in the amount of \$320,065.36 dated July 31, 2012; and Payroll Vouchers No. 35812-35905, Direct Deposit Payroll Vouchers No. 3304-3376, and Electronic Federal Tax Payment No. 113 in the amount of \$687,698.24 dated July 31, 2012.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Pope and carried unanimously.

3. **Administration Reports.**

a. **Council Work Session.** Acting City Manager Glenn Schaffer reported a work session to discuss utility rates was scheduled to take place prior to the regular meeting on August 27, 2012, starting at 5:00 p.m.

4. **Council Reports.**

a. **Update From Councilor Pope.** Councilor Pope gave a brief update on the pool renovation project, noting they met with one of the potential grant funders in Olympia and the city's proposal was received somewhat favorable. He stated if the grant funding becomes available the city would be in the mix to receive some of it.

b. **Update From Councilor Harris.** Councilor Harris reported he and Councilor Pope attended the Chehalis Community Renaissance Team (CCRT) meeting last week and received some good updates on the different aspects of what the team was doing. He noted a temporary Children's Museum would be opening up soon in a separate location from where it would be located permanently.

Councilor Pope suggested they invite CCRT Co-Chair Allyn Roe and/or Chairman Larry McGee to come and brief the council on the Children's Museum project.

c. **Update From Councilor Dawes.** Councilor Dawes reported both the pancake breakfast and pie social at the Lewis County Historical Museum were very successful this year. Councilor Lund noted the pancake breakfast brought in \$923, the Pie Social \$1,850, and chicken bingo \$320.

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Councilor Dawes stated, even though there were fundraisers and events to raise money, it was very important to stress to the community that if it wasn't for the support from Lewis County and the City of Chehalis, the museum would not be able to open its doors. He noted they just don't take in enough money and a lot of the work is done by volunteers.

Councilor Lund noted the museum was also receiving hotel/motel tax from the city and money from the county for fees they collect that can be used to preserve history.

Lewis County Commissioner Ron Averill reported one of the things that he feels is not appreciated enough is the fact that the county owns the building. He indicated there is money that doesn't show up in the reports that the county provides to maintain the building. One of the larger projects was the new roof they replaced several of years ago.

Councilor Dawes reported earlier in the day a county crew came by and striped the parking lot at the museum, adding it looked very nice to have those updated.

Councilor Dawes reported the next North Lewis County Regional Fire Authority Planning Committee meeting was scheduled for August 22, noting it was moved back one week so it wouldn't conflict with the Southwest Washington Fair. He stated they would be continuing to cover the preliminary report on the model and costs, adding he was glad to see things moving forward a little bit.

5. **Ordinance No. 898-B, First Reading – Rezone Property on Arizona Street.** Mr. Nacht reported two public hearings were held, and testimony was received on the subject.

Councilor Spahr moved to pass Ordinance No. 898-B on first reading.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Pope and carried unanimously.

6. **Appropriation of Lodging Tax Funds.** Councilor Spahr stated earlier the council passed a motion mandating a 75/25 split of the hotel/motel tax money, with 75 percent being used for parks and recreation projects and 25 percent to be used for other projects.

Councilor Spahr moved to rescind the previous motion and further request that the city's representative to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee reinforce the council's desire to have recreational facilities at Recreation Park and Stan Hedwall Park be a high priority for the city.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Dawes and carried unanimously.

Councilor Dawes noted he was unable to attend the work session on August 6 and inquired about the discussion on the lobbyist for Stan Hedwall Park, wondering when that would come up for discussion again. Mayor Ketchum stated once all of the details are worked out, it would come back to the council for approval. He noted there was consensus by the council to look into it.

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

SUGGESTED MOTION

I move that the council approve the minutes of the regular city council meeting of August 13, 2012.