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The Chehalis city council met in regular session on Monday, November 13, 2012, in the Chehalis city hall. Mayor Protem Harris called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. with the following council members present: Dr. Isaac Pope, Bob Spahr, Daryl Lund, and Dennis Dawes. Mayor Tony Ketchum and Councilor Chad Taylor were absent (excused). Staff present included Merlin MacReynold, City Manager; Amanda Vey, Assistant City Attorney; Judy Schave, City Clerk; Glenn Schaffer, Police Chief; Kelvin Johnson, Fire Chief; Bob Nacht, Community Development Director; Eva Lindgren, Finance Manager; Herta Fairbanks, Public Works Director; and Patrick Wiltzius, Wastewater Superintendent. Members of the media included Kyle Spurr from *The Chronicle*.

1. **Work Session – Discuss Regional Fire Protection Service Plan Annexation Draft.** Councilor Dawes reported the North Lewis County Regional Fire Authority Planning Committee had been meeting since March 2011, and were to the point where they need to make some decisions as far as continuing on. He stated before the chiefs start doing a lot more planning they need to know that the elected officials have bought into it and plan on continuing with the outlined timeline.

Councilor Dawes reported the four items for discussion included: governance; LEOFF 1 and Pre-LEOFF liabilities; assets and debt transfer; and taxation.

Councilor Dawes talked briefly about governance, noting when Centralia and Lewis County Fire District #12 first formed into the Riverside Fire Authority they started out with three elected commissioners and three members of the city council, who acted as fire commissioners. He indicated when the current board of commissioners' terms expire they will basically go to an at-large election.

Councilor Dawes stated he didn't see the LEOFF 1 and Pre-LEOFF liabilities being much of a discussion because by law the city would need to continue to take care of those liabilities. He noted the city levies the firemen's pension fund to take care of the Pre-LEOFF firefighters, and as for the LEOFF 1 firefighters, the city takes care of them much like it does any other LEOFF 1 employee, through the general fund.

Councilor Dawes talked briefly about assets and debt transfer. He noted, if approved, any asset such as equipment, personnel, and leave benefits (e.g., vacation/sick leave) would transfer to the fire authority, as well as any debt.

Councilor Dawes felt taxation would be the big issue of discussion since it involves money. He noted fire authorities are limited to \$2 per 1,000 (\$1.50 for fire services, and voted debt up to \$.50 for an EMS levy). Councilor Dawes reported he believed the city's current EMS levy was at \$.37 per 1,000, adding that taxation would transfer to the authority. He noted one of the decisions the council would need to make is whether the city gives up the \$1.50 that it currently taxes.

Councilor Dawes reported the city's general property tax brings in roughly \$1.3 million and the fire budget is \$1.7 million. He noted the only thing the city can keep out of the tax would be the Firemen's Pension Fund.

Councilor Dawes reported the planning committee and the various subcommittees have done a lot of work as far as identifying stations that could be closed down if not needed, potential equipment that could be surplussed if not needed, and how they would respond to emergencies.

Finance Manager Eva Lindgren reviewed the information provided on the potential net savings to the city should the council choose to move forward with the fire authority. She talked briefly about the maximum fire authority rate and what the city was currently levying, and two potential revenue reduction options.

Councilor Dawes felt the information provided by Ms. Lindgren was a little complex, adding he would like to be able to tell the citizens what they are going to be paying in total taxes versus what they are paying right now. He felt, based on the information provided, there appeared to be some savings to the taxpayers if they decide to move forward with the authority.

City Manager MacReynold asked for some clarification on the EMS levy information provided by Ms. Lindgren. He noted the initial savings to the city's general fund, without any adjustment, would be \$260,443; and if the council decided to reduce the levy amount by \$.25 that would still leave the city with \$118,783.20 annually for other services; and finally, if the council decided to further reduce it by another \$.21 it would basically put them at zero. Ms. Lindgren stated that was correct.

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City Manager MacReynold noted there would be some additional cost savings to the city, such as: insurance premiums, future purchases of new equipment, and building maintenance and upgrades. He noted even though it's a little complicated, there were basically some significant benefits to the city not only in providing a better service, but also to the city in general.

Councilor Dawes stated he wanted to be able to articulate to the taxpayer that if they vote to move to the authority they were going to get better service and their tax rate was either going to be the same or lower than it currently is.

Ms. Lindgren reported the cost savings information provided was based on 2013 assessed values. She noted the fire authority is allowed to go out for the full \$.50 for EMS and the \$1.50 for general fire authority property tax. Ms. Lindgren stated the numbers presented made the assumption that the fire authority would exceed what the city is currently levying for the EMS levy in 2013.

Fire Chief Kelvin Johnson stated under the current plan, where they are annexing into a current fire authority, they would go in under the current tax rate until such time the new year comes around and the fire organization comes up with a new budget.

Councilor Dawes stated the bottom line is, if the city elects not to levy the \$1.50, there would be a savings, or at least no change.

Councilor Spahr stated there was no doubt that on paper there could be a savings to the city, but he had concerns about the authority's budget. He noted the city uses sales tax revenue to help support our fire department, and wondered if the authority would be able to survive as a unit on \$2 per 1,000. Another concern is that the city is statutorily allowed to tax a certain amount, and currently we do not tax the full amount. He asked if junior taxing districts would be allowed to use the amount the city does not tax. Ms. Lindgren stated she would consult with her colleague at Lewis County and get back to the council with an answer to that question.

Councilor Dawes stated he would like to see the city continue to the point of where they determine if it's in the best interest of the city to move forward. He noted at some point it would be put to the voters who will make the ultimate decision.

Councilor Dawes briefly reviewed the four items again, noting the one issue they want to make sure is not a deal breaker is governance. He strongly recommended the city have representation on the board, equal to what everybody else has. Councilor Dawes didn't believe there was any reason to discuss the LEOFF 1 and Pre-LEOFF liabilities, adding he didn't think they were going to be able to convince anybody to take on those liabilities. He suggested if they decide to move forward, anything tied to the fire department, such as vehicles, equipment, and the building, should be transferred over to the fire authority. Councilor Dawes indicated there was no debt or reserve to be transferred because there was none. With regard to taxation, he suggested they do it in a manner in which it is at or below what the taxpayers are currently paying in totality.

Councilor Spahr stated the planning committee had been studying the information for about a year and a half now and it was clear as mud to them; however, to put it in front of the rest of council and have a 30 minute discussion and expect them to make some decisions on it seemed extremely unfair.

Mayor Pro-tem Harris said he felt the same way. He stated he understood the taxing issues and the idea of turning over the equipment, but he would like to get some more details and information on turning over the building.

Mayor Pro-tem Harris reported he didn't see anything about it that would scare him away, but didn't want to say yes and later, after further review, have questions come up. He stated he didn't want to send any mixed signals to the organization.

Councilor Pope stated the Chehalis fire department building was a condemned building as far as he was concerned, adding it wasn't safe as is and wondered why they would want it. Councilor Dawes suggested because that's where the current fire department is located. Councilor Spahr felt that issue could all be hammered out as they go along.

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Councilor Dawes stated if the council was second guessing things now it was not going to give the committee a clear line as to what they need to do.

Councilor Pope reported he couldn't take the short discussion to fully understand it, and suggested the city's three representatives meet with City Manager MacReynold to put together a proposal on what they would like to see the council support.

Mayor Pro-tem Harris thought that would be a good avenue to go down, adding he would rather have the committee members who've been doing the work give them some guidance.

Councilor Spahr suggested they tell the planning committee that yes the city is interested in pursuing it, but is not completely done studying the details yet.

Councilor Dawes stated he was kind of getting a read from the council, questioning whether they even want to continue with it. He stated it was a little troubling to him because he's been giving reports to the council on the progress of the planning committee.

Councilor Pope stated it was his understanding that the planning committee was to come to a conclusion about a workable infrastructure by which we can jointly have fire protection. He reported he still felt they should do that.

Mayor Pro-tem Harris stated, on the surface, he didn't see anything wrong with where they were going. He thought it was a good idea to meet with City Manager MacReynold to get a proposal laid out to bring back to the council. Mayor Pro-tem Harris suggested they do it as soon as possible, so they don't throw the timeline off.

Chief Johnson stated the committee was to the point of looking at any true deal breakers. He noted what he was hearing from the council was that they were still in agreement to go forth with it, but needed a little more time to come up with a definitive answer on the assets and taxation issues. Chief Johnson reported the timeline was built around the election dates and they backtracked from there. He reported the planning committee hoped to have a pretty concrete plan in place by April 1, 2013, and on May 1 they would start the functional consolidation process.

Chief Johnson stated the planning committee is realizing now that this was a transitional plan and if they do go forth and put it on the ballot, and the citizens pass it, they would implement the plan over a two to three year period. He noted during that time they would immediately start on strategic planning for the long haul, to see what it's going to look like in the future.

Councilor Spahr talked briefly about governance, noting the Authority suggested the districts make it cumbersome and a little more expensive, while the rural communities have concerns that if the elected body comes from the cities, all of the resources would pour into the cities and they would be left out.

City Manager MacReynold noted Councilor Dawes suggested each jurisdiction have representation to deal with that specific issue.

Councilor Dawes stated that would only be for us, noting they couldn't change what they do at Riverside Fire Authority. He suggested it would not be advantageous to put all of your resources in one place because of the insurance ratings.

2. **Public Hearing on 2013 Proposed Budget and Revenue Sources, Taxes and Levies.** Ms. Lindgren provided an overview of the 2013 tax levies and revenues. She indicated they were not requesting any increases to the property tax levy other than what's associated with new construction, which was clearly identified in the levy ordinances before the council. Ms. Lindgren reported, in terms of the general revenues, they were not expecting any significant increases. She added, based on the economy, they were expecting a relatively stagnant revenue stream and budgeted accordingly.

Ms. Lindgren briefly reviewed the new budgeting requirements of the State Auditor's Office, which are reflected in the 2013 budget. She noted there are now certain revenues the city is no longer allowed to reflect as revenues that show up as reductions in expenditures instead.

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City Manager MacReynold thanked Mayor Pro-tem Harris, Councilor Dawes and Councilor Spahr for serving on the budget committee this year. He stated it was helpful for the council committee to work with the administration and departments to have real discussions about what the policy issues and concerns are. He also thanked Ms. Lindgren and the department managers and their employees for the tireless effort they put into putting the budget together.

City Manager MacReynold provided a brief overview of the 2013 proposed budget, noting it did not include any increases in property tax or fees, with the exception of the recycling program. He noted the recent utility rate increases, as approved by the council, were included. City Manager MacReynold listed the council's 2012 accomplishments and 2013 goals, as follows:

2012 accomplishments:

- Maintained fiscal viability of city during the continued economic downturn
- Provided regional leadership and actively participated in Chehalis Basin Flood Authority
- Worked cooperatively with local governments and organizations concerning the new FEMA Flood Maps
- Received funding from the Chehalis Foundation for Pool Improvement Project
- Developed programs for youth
- Provided leadership and actively participated on North Lewis County Regional Fire Authority Planning Committee to regionalize fire and emergency medical services with Fire District #6 and others
- Continued progress on planning, design and construction of the Louisiana Avenue Project with Lewis County and Washington State Department of Transportation
- Completed and approved updated city Comprehensive Plan, which includes the Parks Comprehensive Plan and Chehalis PROS Plan
- Held quarterly meetings between Centralia and Chehalis council committees and/or City Managers

2013 Goals:

- Continue to maintain fiscal viability of city
- Continue street maintenance throughout city
- Continue downtown aesthetics and infrastructure improvements
- Continue working cooperatively with other fire districts to explore feasibility of a Regional Fire Authority
- Continue improvements to city parks and explore ongoing funding
- Continue to cooperatively work on regional flood issues

City Manager MacReynold talked briefly about the city's revenue sources, noting 41 percent comes from sales and use tax, and 20 percent from property tax. He reported 56 percent of general fund revenues go toward fire and police services, and 16 percent toward Community Development.

City Manager MacReynold reported on the projected ending fund balance for 2013, noting the city tends to do a little better each year because we take a very cautious look at the revenues. He stated the 2013 estimated ending fund balance for all funds was \$5.7 million.

Mayor Pro-tem Harris closed the regular meeting at 6:33:00 p.m. and opened the public hearing. There being no public comment the public hearing was closed and the regular meeting was reopened at 6:33:22 p.m.

3. Chehalis-Centralia Airport Quarterly Report. Airport Manager Allyn Roe and City Representative Jim Buzzard gave a brief update on the quarterly activities at the airport. Mr. Roe reported the airport decided to forgo the \$100,000 grant for taxiway engineering services, primarily due to the costs. He noted because the grant was so specific to the engineering services they really couldn't utilize the funds for any other project. Mr. Roe reported the grant would be cancelled and the funds would be deposited back into their account that the FAA holds for them.

Mr. Roe reported, in looking long-term at what they want to do at the airport, the FAA mandates they have a master plan that looks out 10 to 20 years. However, they wanted something a little more specific and not so broad, so they were looking at putting together a 7-year capital improvement plan.

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Mr. Roe reported in the past they've consistently had a contingency fund of approximately \$100,000 and what they've done at the end of the year if they don't have to use it is apply it towards other projects.

Mr. Roe reported their ending fund balance for 2012 was looking very good due to the sale of some property and some additional income they received. He noted because it was getting too late in the year to do some projects he would be proposing to the Airport Board that they roll some of their 2012 expenses into 2013. He noted he would provide more information about that at the next council meeting when he brings the airport's 2013 budget to the council for consideration.

Mr. Roe reported the Pacific Cataract & Laser Institute (PCLI) hangar was moving along and they were moving forward with building a 3-bay garage to relocate the fuel truck for PCLI, their primary jet fuel purchaser.

Councilor Dawes reported the airport also added some fill in the "L" shaped property near Home Depot. He noted the new roundabout on Louisiana Avenue was probably one of the nicest he's seen and thanked Mr. Roe for their work on that project. Mr. Roe reported the fill in front of Home Depot was a benefit from the Louisiana Avenue/Airport Road Project, noting the contractor got ahold of him to say they had some fill material and he said they would take it. He noted the fill would have to sit for at least two years since it was not compacted as they lifted it in.

Councilor Spahr also thought the roundabout looked great, adding it really helped that whole area. Mr. Roe reported the costs for the project came in about \$10,000 under budget.

4. **Update on Children's Museum Pilot Project.** Mr. Roe reported they were looking at a February opening for the six-month Children's Museum Pilot Project, noting they found a location in the Twin City Town Center. He noted after interviewing a number of successful children's museums the one thing they all had in common was they all started with a pilot project.

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

- a. Minutes of the regular meeting of October 22, 2012;
- b. Claim Vouchers No. 104475-104607 and EFT No. 92012 in the amount of \$206,649.17 dated October 31, 2012; and Payroll Vouchers No. 36081-36150, Direct Deposit Payroll Vouchers No. 3521-3594, and Electronic Federal Tax Payment No. 116 in the amount of \$653,019.62 dated October 31, 2012.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Pope and carried unanimously.

6. **Administration Reports.**

a. City Manager MacReynold reported they recently held the 2011 audit exit interview with the State Auditor's Office and had no findings; however, there were two management recommendations that the Auditor's Office continues to work with the city on. The first had to do with how the city pays the council with reference to the utility funds, and the second was regarding a prevailing wage issue on smaller city projects. City Manager MacReynold stated he believed every city is struggling with the prevailing wage issue because there's more scrutiny being placed on all of us. He noted, with regard to the first issue, the Auditor's Office does not agree with how the city calculates the percentage of work being done by the council with reference to utility issues.

Ms. Lindgren reviewed with the council the process she uses to calculate the percentages of time the council spends working on utility issues.

7. **Council Reports.**

a. **Update From Councilor Pope.** Councilor Pope reported he was very excited about the pool project, noting every time they have a discussion with someone new, the plan changes. He noted the initial kick-off for fundraising will be in December. Councilor Pope indicated they asked Architect Norm Pfaff to draft some design plans for the facility.

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b. **Update From Councilor Spahr.** Councilor Spahr reported he attended the Lewis County Economic Development Council meeting, as well as the Chehalis-Centralia Transportation Cooperative meeting. He noted the Transportation Cooperative would be coming to the council sometime early next year with some ideas that will help out both street departments.

c. **Update From Councilor Dawes.** Councilor Dawes stated it was nice to see the old police department sign up and working again, adding it brings back a lot of nice memories.

Councilor Dawes reported the Lewis County Historical Museum had its annual meeting on November 4, noting they got a real infusion of new blood in officers. He indicated Councilor Lund would take over his position as the city liaison starting the first of the year.

Councilor Dawes reported the monthly North Lewis County Regional Fire Authority Planning Committee meeting would take place on November 14, noting he would be letting Councilor Spahr give the explanation of what the council talked about during the work session this evening.

Councilor Dawes reported he recently attended the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) regional meeting in Longview, Washington. He noted he brought up the issue of the lodging tax, adding a letter was being sent from AWC Chief Executive Officer Mike McCarty to the council, the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, and the city manager's office to say yes, AWC would be working on the issue. Councilor Dawes hoped something would be done during the first part of the Legislative session, rather than during the last part.

d. **Update from Mayor Pro-tem Harris.** Mayor Pro-tem Harris stated he wanted to thank the Chehalis Foundation again for the donation of funds for the holiday decorations. He noted the city's facility department was working diligently to get the decorations taken care of.

Mayor Pro-tem Harris reported he attended the Lewis County Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting a couple of weeks ago. He noted the City of Centralia and Lewis County are currently using the city's yard waste recycling program as a model for their own programs, and inquired to see if they might be interested in looking at creating one facility that all three entities can utilize, and do some cost sharing on the staffing. Mayor Pro-tem Harris stated both agencies were interested and would be open to a location amenable to all of the communities. He indicated they would not be able to do it at the Transfer Station because there just wasn't enough room.

8. Ordinance No. 903-B, First Reading – Revising Sewer Rates for Lewis County Water & Sewer District #4 and Napavine for 2013. Herta Fairbanks reported the city charges Lewis County Water and Sewer District #4 and the City of Napavine to treat and dispose of their wastewater. She reported before the council was the agreed upon approach for calculating what the annual rate will be for each entity. Ms. Fairbanks reported the only thing calculated into this charge is the operations costs, adding both entities pay their share of the debt service separately outside of this forum. She noted since they are on a two-year lag with the calculation, because of the way the agreement was structured, the information being presented to the council is based on 2011 actuals.

Ms. Fairbanks reported the operational costs from 2010 to 2011 did go down; therefore, the rates for the two entities went down slightly. She credited Wastewater Superintendent Patrick Wiltzius for providing a five-year look at what the rates had done, noting the annual average has been right around three percent for each of the entities.

Councilor Spahr moved to pass Ordinance No. 903-B on first reading – amending the sewer rates for Napavine and Lewis County Water and Sewer District #4.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Pope and carried unanimously.

9. 2013 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Recommendations. Mayor Pro-tem Harris stated the report and recommendations of the LTAC were included in the council packet and offered to answer any questions.

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Councilor Pope made a general statement in regards to the lodging tax and the entities that the city funds. He thought the lodging tax should be awarded to organizations to help sustain them for a period of time, and at such time they become self-sufficient, they should become sustainable on their own. Councilor Pope suggested if they don't become sustainable and the city continues to provide funding over a long period, the city should ask for more of an accounting than what it's currently asking for.

Councilor Pope noted at one time he's suggested the city go about it in one particular way, but that would have created a financial burden for some of the organizations. He felt the city needed to look at some of the organizations more closely, particularly those who have the potential to become self-sufficient and do not make the effort to do so.

Lewis County Museum Executive Director Johanna Jones stated she wanted to express her gratitude and the Board's gratitude for the council's consideration in funding them for \$15,000. She stated it was a big deal to them, particularly this year.

Mayor Pro-tem Harris stated, in sitting on the committee, he could tell Ms. Jones that the amount recommended really wasn't as much as the committee would have liked to have done, noting they were all worthy programs. He reported unless the Legislature changes their minds, they can't do anything except supply money for marketing and promotions after July 1, 2013.

Mayor Pro-tem Harris reported they had a wonderful interview with Jan Jutte, Director of Legal Affairs for the Washington State Auditor's Office, during their annual meeting. He noted they chatted with Ms. Jutte for about an hour, specifically going over different scenarios to determine what would apply and what wouldn't.

Mayor Pro-tem Harris thanked City Manager Administrative Assistant Caryn Foley for the way she laid things out ahead of time and for the minutes she provided from the meeting, so everyone can see what was discussed and some of the hardships that the committee experienced in trying to figure out what they could do.

Mayor Pro-tem Harris indicated there were some entities that were willing to give up some of their funding in order to help out the historical museum this year. He stated it just goes to show you what kind of community we have here.

Mayor Pro-tem Harris reported the biggest thing the committee pinned everything on was whether it passed the sniff test of putting head-in-beds. He noted the biggest item to put heads-in-beds was the ball tournaments put on by the city through the parks and recreation department.

Councilor Lund reported one of the agencies had a big problem last year and the city asked a local CPA to draw up a list of items the city could request from the agencies. He noted there was also some discussion about doing audits on certain groups, but didn't believe the council gave any direction on when that should kick in. Councilor Lund stated he would like to hear from the other councilors as to when an audit should be requested. He stated it wouldn't look good if they city was giving funding to a group that wasn't up to snuff.

Councilor Lund stated he also agreed with Councilor Pope, they have some organizations that could be doing better, but are not, and that wasn't fair to the rest of the organizations.

Councilor Pope stated it would be financially prohibitive to ask some of the organizations to do audits. He suggested if there were other avenues by which they can acquire the same information, he believed they should.

Ms. Lindgren reported there were different levels for financial reporting that the city could request from organizations, such as: compilation, review and audit reporting. She noted the more in-depth the procedure, the more expensive.

Councilor Spahr reported they had a good group of people who work on this every year and he trusted them to do what checking they do on the different organizations. He stated it doesn't make any sense to make an organization spend \$5,000 to get \$5,000.

Mayor Pro-tem Harris thanked the committee members, adding they were a wonderful group to work with.

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Councilor Spahr moved that the council approve the recommendations of the LTAC individually and collectively to fund the organizations as outlined in the report in the amount of \$172,435 for use of lodging tax funds for 2013.

Councilor Dawes seconded the motion.

Councilor Spahr moved to amend the motion to not include Pope's Kids Place (Item No. 9) in the amount of \$5,000 to allow Councilor Pope to vote on the other items.

Councilor Dawes seconded the motion.

The amended motion carried unanimously.

The main motion, with the exception of Item No. 9, carried unanimously.

Councilor Lund moved to approve the recommendation of the LTAC to fund Pope's Kids Place in the amount of \$5,000 for use of lodging tax funds for 2013.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Spahr and carried unanimously. Councilor Pope abstained from voting.

Councilor Lund moved that the council reappoint the memberships of Todd Chaput, Natalie Ketchum, Satpol Sohal, Rick Burchett, Chip Duncan, and Jim Valley to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Spahr and carried unanimously.

10. **Ordinance No. 904-B, First Reading – Determining and Fixing the Amounts of Revenue to be Raised by Ad Valorem Taxes During 2013; Ordinance No. 905-B, First Reading – Stating the Dollar Amounts and Percentages of Change in Property Tax Levies for 2013.** City Manager MacReynold reported, as described earlier, the administration was requesting action on both levy items.

Ms. Lindgren reported the \$1,352,000 listed in Ordinance No. 904-B included both the general fund and firemen's pension fund because they were not allowed to split the two out.

Councilor Dawes moved that the council pass Ordinance Nos. 904-B and 905-B on first reading.

Councilor Spahr seconded the motion.

Councilor Spahr asked if the firemen's pension fund had increased this year. Ms. Lindgren reported she calculated it based on the statutory rate, and for budgeting purposed she backed that entire calculation out of the total general levy. She noted last year the general fund levy included the firefighter's pension trust fund and includes it this year as well. Ms. Lindgren stated the change listed in the agenda report had to do with the decreased valuations.

The motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Pope was excused from the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

11. **Ordinance No. 906-B, First Reading – Adopting the 2013 Budget for the City of Chehalis.** City Manager MacReynold reported he provided a general review of the budget earlier in the meeting and thanked everyone again who participated in the development of the 2013 budget.

Ms. Lindgren reported because of the new account coding, certain accounts within the budget went away, such as the engineering division. She noted she worked with the public works director to direct charge those expenses to where the work is being done.

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Mayor Pro-tem Harris thanked Councilor Dawes for his participation on the budget committee, adding he appreciated all of his hard work. He also thanked Councilor Spahr for joining the committee, noting sitting down with the department heads and going through the budget line item by line item was about the only way to really do their job.

Councilor Spahr moved to pass Ordinance No. 906-B on first reading.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Dawes and carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

SUGGESTED MOTION

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