



Agenda/Regular City Council Meeting

May 24, 2005 - 6:00 P.M.

City Council Chambers

- A. Call to order - Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call - Excused Absences
- C. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of May 10, 2005
- D. Claims/Vouchers
- E. Claims for Damages
- F. Small Contracts - Cheney Community Church, EWRA Hurricanes Swim Club, Boy Scouts
- G. Citizen Participation
- H. Information Items
- I. Action Items
 - 1. 05-072 Electric Rate Study - Consultant's Presentation
 - 2. 05-073 Community Development Block Grant Cooperation Agmt w/Spokane County
 - 3. 05-074 Closure of "F" Street and Seventh Street
 - 4. 05-075 Cheney-Spangle Road Crossing Exemption
 - 5. 05-076 Removal of Debris: Ordinance U-03
 - 6. 05-077 Spokane Connection
- J. Council Reports
- K. Staff Reports
- L. Mayor's Report
- M. Motion for Adjournment

Possible Executive Session as per RCW 42.30.110 regarding matters of real estate

**Mission Statement
City of Cheney**

The Mission of the City of Cheney is to responsibly provide its citizens desirable services while promoting and optimizing the finest quality of life.

"I would rather be the man who bought the Brooklyn Bridge than the man who sold it." Will Rogers

05-072 Electric Rate Study – Consultant’s Presentation

EES Inc. has completed its Rate Study for the Light Department, including Cost of Service Study, and a recommendation for a rate increase. The revenue requirement contained in the report shows that a rate increase of 9.1% is necessary this year. Also included is a bench-marking study to show how the Light Department compares to other utilities, as well as several supplemental reports on primary service discount, underground conversions in existing overhead neighborhoods, substation delivery rate, and line extension rates.

05-073 Community Development Block Grant Cooperation Agreement with Spokane County

The three-year cooperation agreement between the City of Cheney and Spokane County for the Community Development Block Grant program is up for renewal. The agreement is essentially identical to the one the City approved in 2002. Our alternative to staying with the County program is to submit applications to the State CDBG program, and the staff recommendation is to continue with the County.

05-074 Closure of “F” Street and Seventh Street

The closure of “F” Street and Seventh Street to Sixth Street is necessary in order to accommodate the university’s request to extend its paver brick walkway down “F” Street to the location of a planned university visitor center at the corner of “F” Street and Sixth Street. The closure of Seventh Street from “G” Street to “F” Street is necessary in order to channel vehicular traffic on Seventh Street away from the closed section of “F” Street. The closures would be accomplished through the passage of Resolution D-003 which authorizes the Mayor to sign an interlocal agreement with EWU specifying the terms for the closures. The agreement provides for a five year closure of the two street segments and this period can be extended beyond five years if mutually agreed to by the parties. The university has expressed an interest in establishing the initial term for the closures for a period greater than five years. A representative from the university may wish to address this issue when this agenda item comes before the City Council.

05-075 Cheney-Spangle Road Crossing Exemption

More than one school bus from the Cheney School District has been clipped by a descending crossing gate while traveling east over the tracks at the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) crossing on Cheney-Spangle Road. Buses traveling east on the BNSF crossing have to cross two uncontrolled spur line tracks and then the mainline track which is controlled by crossing gates. Because the spur line tracks are uncontrolled the school buses have to stop before traveling over the tracks and this increases the time it takes to get through the BNSF crossing on Cheney-Spangle Road and this situation is exacerbated when a train is approaching the crossing on the BNSF mainline track. Petitioning the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to require that the spur line tracks be controlled by a railroad flagger would help to address the travel problems associated with this particular crossing.

05-076 Removal of Debris: Ordinance U-03

Ordinance U-03 prohibits the disposal of debris (mud, dirt, rock, etc.) onto public property (city streets, sidewalks, etc.) and private roads. If debris is deposited onto public property or private roads then the debris must be promptly removed. Persons (individuals, property owners, firms, etc.) who fail to remove debris deposited onto public property and private roads may have their building permits revoked and/or may be found guilty of a misdemeanor.

05-077 Spokane Connection

Resolution C-999 authorizes the engineering to design and install the fiber optic gear in Spokane and Cheney for the fiber connection. This cost was included in the recent budget amendment.