

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 11, 2010

A. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Trulove called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call – Excused Absences Councilmembers present included Councilmember Overhauser, Councilmember Nixon, Councilmember Mather, Councilmember Pollard, Councilmember Stockton, Councilmember Webster, and Councilmember McKeegan. Staff members present included Ms. Fisher, Ms. Niemeier, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Jennings, Ms. MacDonald, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Ableman, Mr. Noland, Mr. Winters, Mr. Steiner, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Sale, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Lucas, and Mr. Schuller.

C. Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of April 27, 2010 were approved as distributed. Minutes of the Special City Council meeting of April 24, 2010 were approved as distributed.

D. Claims and Vouchers nos. 103239, 103279, and 103306 through 103455 in the amount of \$392,519.38, payroll warrants nos. 54461 through 54503 in the amount of \$28,513.87; direct deposits nos. 27245 through 27404 in the amount of \$284,273.93; claims warrants nos. 103239 and 103248 through 103278 in the amount of \$344,521.42; and transfers to claims clearing fund for distribution in the amount of \$-15,429.23 for a total payroll of \$641,879.99 were approved as read.

E. Claims for Damages Ms. Niemeier stated that the claim is from James O. Wallingford for \$1,000.00. It has been referred to WCIA.

F. Small Contracts Ms. Niemeier stated that the small contracts are with Edna Velez-Martinez and West Terrace Golf. Councilmember Overhauser moved to approve the small contracts. Councilmember Stockton seconded. Carried unanimously.

G. Information Items Mr. Jennings introduced Robin Toth, Greater Spokane Inc. Ms. Toth provided information on the first quarter. They have one win at the Spokane Valley Business and Industrial Park. It is a green packaging manufacturer. Councilmember Overhauser asked what kind of business we did not get. Ms. Toth stated that they had an opportunity to bid on the BMW plant that is now in Grant County. We are missing some opportunities on electrical issues. They have the Cheney commerce park listed in approximately half of the proposals that went out and it was pitched in their newsletter. Councilmember Pollard asked how they are targeting trade shows that take place throughout the US. Ms. Toth stated that they target I-5 and the Silicon Valley. Councilmember Webster asked about interest from Canada. Ms. Toth stated that they have had five companies that were looking at expanding into the US in the last year. Mr. Ableman discussed the water conservation section of the water system plan. The goals were to reduce peak outdoor single family residential water use by 5-10% and reduce indoor single family residential water use by 5-10% based on 20% of customers participating. Mayor Trulove stated that it is important to remind everyone that conservation does not mean doing without. It just means being more efficient. Mayor Trulove proclaimed May 9-15 as Law Enforcement Memorial Week and May 2010 as Older Americans Month, Exercise is Medicine Month, and National Preservation Month. Mr. Jennings introduced Brett Lucas, the new Senior Planner. Mr. Simmons introduced Travis Poulson, seasonal parks maintenance employee.

H. Appointments None

I. Citizen Comments Shawn Brooks, 202 D St, thanked Mr. Ableman and his staff for helping with a tree branch that fell during a wind storm.

J. Action Items

1. 10-057 – Resolution D-803 – Agreement with Bernardo Wills Architects for the Wren Pierson Building Mr. Simmons stated that fourteen firms submitted statements of qualifications. The committee interviewed six firms and unanimously selected Bernardo Wills Architects. There will be a three month design process. We will go out to bid in August and start rebuilding in September. We will need to work diligently to achieve that. Councilmember Webster moved to approve Resolution D-803. Councilmember McKeegan seconded. Carried unanimously.

2. 10-058 – Resolution D-804 – Agreement with DOT for the Rodeo Parade Mr. Simmons stated that this will close SR 904 for the rodeo parade. Councilmember McKeehan moved for passage of Resolution D-804. Councilmember Stockton seconded. Carried unanimously.

3. 10-059 – Resolution D-805 – Well One Rehabilitation Project – Contract Award Mr. Ableman stated that the production level is down 100 to 150 gallons per minute. They received two quotes with Specialty Pump Service submitting the lowest quote. Councilmember Stockton moved for approval of Resolution D-805. Councilmember Webster seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. 10-051 – Ordinance V-40 – Amending Flood Plain Maps Mr. Jennings stated that base flood elevations were studied in 2007. Minnie Creek was the area studied in the Cheney city limits. This updates the flood plain ordinance. Councilmember Overhauser moved for the second reading of Ordinance V-40 in title and summary form only, that reading considered the third, and placed before Council for final passage. Councilmember Stockton seconded. Carried unanimously. Yes votes: Councilmember Overhauser, Councilmember Nixon, Councilmember Mather, Councilmember Pollard, Councilmember Stockton, Councilmember Trulove, Councilmember McKeehan. Ordinance V-40 passed.

K. Council Reports Councilmember Nixon thanked the Fire Department for the training in the Tri Cities. It was a learning experience and he really appreciates what they do. Councilmember Webster asked if it is possible to have a compost day on Saturday. He asked for new flags for Memorial Day.

L. Staff Reports Mr. Simmons stated that Relay for Life is Friday. They still need members and donations. Bike to Work Cheney is May 17-21. Anyone that signs up can turn in their bike trip log at Mayfest for a free t-shirt. Mr. Ableman stated that May 1 was Cheney Cleanup Day. They picked up ten tons of items. Over thirty yards of yard waste was collected. On April 30 they sold 247 cubic yards of compost in three hours. Ms. Fisher thanked everyone for helping with Cheney Cleanup Day. Mr. Sale stated that he is planning a pit master barbecue event in Cheney starting in 2011. They would like to do it the same weekend as the rodeo. Mr. Johnson thanked Councilmember Nixon for attending the training in the Tri Cities. He was Councilmember Nixon's shadow and was responsible for keeping him safe.

M. Mayor's Report Mayor Trulove urged members of the Council to attend the AWC conference in Vancouver. There will be a dedication on Friday at 3 p.m. for the Spokane end of the Fish Lake Trail.

N. Executive Session Mayor Trulove recessed the meeting at 7:03 p.m. for executive session as per RCW 42.30.110 regarding matters of litigation. It will last twenty minutes with possible action to follow. He asked Ms. Fisher, Ms. Niemeier, Mr. Schwartz and Mr. Jennings to stay. Mayor Trulove reconvened the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Councilmember McKeehan moved to authorize the City Attorney to file a lawsuit to seek unpaid park mitigation from Millenium III Partners LLC. Councilmember Webster seconded. Carried unanimously.

O. Adjournment Councilmember Overhauser moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember McKeehan seconded. Carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor