

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 25, 2010

A. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Trulove called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He introduced Boy Scouts Troop 318 and asked them to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call – Excused Absences Councilmembers present included Councilmember Overhauser, Councilmember Nixon, Councilmember Mather, Councilmember Pollard, Councilmember Webster, and Councilmember McKeehan. Staff members present included Ms. Fisher, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Jennings, Ms. MacDonald, Mr. Ableman, Mr. Roig, Mr. Holling, Mr. Steiner, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Schuller. Mayor Trulove stated that Councilmember Stockton requested to be excused due to personal business. Councilmember Mather moved to excuse the absence. Councilmember Overhauser seconded. Carried unanimously.

C. Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of May 11, 2010 were approved as distributed.

D. Claims and Vouchers nos. 103456 through 103462 and 103475 through 103621 in the amount of \$554,267.14 were approved as read.

E. Claims for Damages None

F. Small Contracts Ms. MacDonald stated that there are three small contracts. They are with Inland Fence for the Water Booster Station Two Fence Project in the amount of \$3,750.00, Baldwin Signs for a Utility Building sign in the amount of \$8,170.00, and Knights Kitchens and Baths for Utility Building countertops and cabinets in the amount of \$3,716.45. Councilmember Overhauser moved to approve the small contracts. Councilmember Nixon seconded. Carried unanimously.

G. Information Items Mr. Ableman provided the water system plan infrastructure report. Councilmember Webster asked about using steel in areas rather than PVC. Mr. Ableman stated that they use PVC now. They may use some cast iron depending upon the soils, but our soil is not conducive to cast iron. PVC is the most economical. Mr. Jennings stated that the Washington State Senior Criterium Championships will be on June 19. They expect 200-300 riders. There will also be a race on June 20. Mayor Trulove proclaimed May 31, 2010 as Cheney Fallen Heroes Day. There will be a ceremony on Memorial Day at Veterans Park. The American Legion will have a breakfast that morning.

H. Appointments None

I. Citizen Comments None

J. Action Items

1. 10-060 – Resolution D-806 – Northstar Chemical – Product and Equipment Agreement Mr. Ableman stated that this is for purchase of liquid chlorine. Councilmember Mather moved for passage of Resolution D-806. Councilmember Webster seconded. Carried unanimously.

2. 10-061 – Resolution D-807 – Water Meter Surplus Mr. Ableman stated that we have replaced 60% of our water meters with radio read meters. The meters we remove are not worth anything other than the current recycling value. Councilmember Mather moved for passage of Resolution D-807. Councilmember Pollard seconded. Carried unanimously.

3. 10-062 – Resolution D-808 – WWTP Inventory Surplus Mr. Ableman stated that this is stuff that was removed during the wastewater treatment plant expansion. He does not know the value. It could be over \$2,500 so he will call for bids. Councilmember Pollard moved to approve Resolution D-808. Councilmember Webster seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. 10-063 – Resolution D-809 – Cheney Spangle Road BNSF/UPRR UTC Grade Crossing Protective Fund – Project Agreement Mr. Ableman stated that this is to install sidewalks on Cheney-Spangle Road across the railroad tracks and fencing behind some businesses on First Street. It is a \$20,000 grant.

Councilmember McKeehan moved to approve Resolution D-809. Councilmember Pollard seconded. Carried unanimously.

5. 10-064 – Resolution D-810 – Authority to Apply for Grants Ms. Fisher stated that this allows the Mayor and City Administrator to approve grants that do not require matching funds. Councilmember Overhauser stated that there was some discussion at the Council workshop that if there was anything that changes City policy it would come to Council even if it is fully funded. Mr. Schwartz stated that a suggestion could be that a grant application can be brought to council as a report and council can rescind it if they choose to. Councilmember Overhauser stated that if we are taking a direction in the community that is new or different, it should come to council first. Ms. Fisher stated that she will work with Mr. Schwartz to make that change. Mayor Trulove stated that this will be brought back to the June 8 meeting.

6. 10-066 – Resolution D-811 – Bid Acceptance from Boyd’s Tree Service for Line Clearance Contract Mr. Ableman stated that this is the annual line clearance contract. Boyd’s Tree Service submitted the lowest responsive bid. Councilmember Webster moved for approval of Resolution D-811. Councilmember Nixon seconded. Carried unanimously.

7. 10-067 – Resolution D-812 – Contract Acceptance with Conner Excavating for Secondary Ditching and Boring Mr. Ableman stated that this is to replace a direct buried line in the Caldwell addition. Councilmember Overhauser moved for passage of Resolution D-812. Councilmember Webster seconded. Carried unanimously.

8. 10-068 – Resolution D-813 – Extend Dark Fiber Lease with Zayo Enterprise Networks Mr. Ableman stated that this is a three year lease agreement. Councilmember Overhauser moved for passage of Resolution D-813. Councilmember Nixon seconded. Councilmember Pollard asked if we are going to be turning on some of the dark fiber. Ms. Fisher stated that this is for redundancy for the fiber system. Carried unanimously.

9. 10-070 – Resolution D-814 – Establishment of 401 Governmental Money Purchase Retirement Plan Administered by ICMA Mr. Schuller stated that this is to establish a retirement plan to handle unique situations for employees that could end up contributing too much. There is no cost to the city to set this up. Councilmember Overhauser moved for passage of Resolution D-814. Councilmember Pollard seconded. Carried unanimously.

10. 10-065 – Ordinance V-41 – Small Contract Authorization Ms. Fisher stated that they talked about small contract authorization at the retreat. This would be used for emergent and unique situations and would only be for contracts up to \$10,000. The contracts would be brought forward at the next meeting as information. This is not unique to city councils. Mr. Schwartz stated that this delegates some authority to the Mayor. This is common practice for cities in eastern Washington. The contract has to be authorized by the budget and the contracts and amount will be reported at the next meeting. The Mayor can still elect to bring something to Council for approval. Ms. Fisher stated that this is an efficiency measure. Councilmember Overhauser moved for the first reading of Ordinance V-41 in title and summary form only. Councilmember Pollard seconded. Carried unanimously. Councilmember Overhauser moved to postpone this to subsequent council meetings. Councilmember Webster seconded. Carried unanimously.

K. Council Reports Councilmember Mather thanked everyone that participated in Mayfest. Councilmember Pollard thanked everyone he worked with on Mayfest. Councilmember Webster thanked Councilmember Nixon for the free hotdogs.

L. Staff Reports Ms. Fisher stated that Mayfest was well attended. Only a few city employees were paid that day. Most of them volunteered. She will be out of town tomorrow and Thursday. Officer Zeb Campbell and Kira will be gone most of the summer to take part in the Marijuana Eradication Taskforce. The Aladdin play at the middle school was wonderful.

M. Mayor’s Report Mayor Trulove thanked city employees for their work on Mayfest. He also thanked the volunteers at the Cheney library.

N. Executive Session Mayor Trulove recessed the meeting at 6:56 p.m. for executive session regarding matters of litigation. It will last 15 minutes with no action to follow. He asked Mr. Schwartz, Ms. Fisher, and Mr. Jennings to stay. Mayor Trulove reconvened the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

O. Adjournment Councilmember McKeehan moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Webster seconded. Carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor