

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 10, 2006

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

**B. Roll Call – Excused Absences** Councilmembers present included Councilmember Harris, Councilmember Rast, Councilmember Overhauser, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Stockton, Councilmember Trulove, and Councilmember McKeehan. Staff members present included Ms. Niemeier, Mr. Conklin, Mr. Montague, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. MacDonald, Ms. MacDonald, Mr. Sale, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Martin, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Cooper, and Mr. Hoppe.

**C. Minutes** of the Regular City Council meeting of December 27, 2005 were approved as distributed.

**D. Claims and Vouchers** nos. 84188, 84847 and 84762 through 84845 in the amount of \$233,555.84; payroll warrants nos. 51549 through 51601 in the amount of \$33,050.06; direct deposits nos. 19181 through 19322 in the amount of \$194,630.27; claims warrants nos. 84725 through 84757, 84846 and 84847 in the amount of \$281,465.65; and transfers to claims clearing fund for distribution in the amount of (\$13,084.25) for a total payroll of \$496,061.73 were approved as read.

**E. Claims for Damages** None

**F. Small Contracts** Ms. Niemeier stated that there are several contracts with DIVCO for 2006 maintenance of City Hall, the Library, the Recycling Facility, and Wren Pierson. There is a contract with Tawny Arensmeyer for 70% of class fees, Spokane Athletic for t-shirts, and Lee Northwest Publishing in the amount of \$2,463 for 10,000 brochures. Councilmember Harris moved to approve the small contracts. Councilmember Overhauser seconded. Carried unanimously.

**G. Citizen Participation** None

**H. Information Items** None

### **I. Action Items**

**1. 06-001 Interlocal Agreement with Medical Lake & Airway Heights for Jail Services** Mr. Sale stated that this agreement would allow Medical Lake and Airway Heights to use our temporary holding cells at the Police Department. They would also use our court for first appearance for the prisoners. There are fees and waivers. Councilmember Huff moved for approval of Resolution D-048. Councilmember Rast seconded. Carried unanimously.

**2. 06-002 Interlocal Agreement with Airway Heights for ACCESS Entry and Warrant Housing** Mr. Sale stated that this is an interlocal agreement with Airway Heights to provide data entry and house their warrants. We do this for EWU and Medical Lake also. We will charge them a fee to clean up their current system and house their warrants. Councilmember Huff moved for approval of Resolution D-074. Councilmember McKeehan seconded. Carried unanimously.

**3. 06-003 Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Emtman Urban Growth Area Expansion** Mr. Richardson stated that the application was signed by the Emtmans and 9T Partnership. The questions that came up had to do with access. This is accessed from Cheney-Spangle Road. There are questions as to how much traffic we can put on those roads before we need to do something to control the traffic. Water and sewer will be difficult to install because of the rock. The question about the City property is that if we do not want to develop it, it should not be in the Urban Growth Area. The Planning Commission also talked about other parts of the Urban Growth Area. Discussion followed. Mr. Richardson stated that we have to do the Urban Growth Area based on our population needs. Councilmember Huff asked if Dave's Auto is in this plan. Mr. Richardson stated that it is there. Discussion followed. Councilmember Huff prefers not to have Dave's Auto in the UGA. He does not believe the Growth Management Committee would approve it with it there. Councilmember Trulove stated that he would need to be convinced that this would not raise the fire insurance rates or force the city to build satellite fire and police stations across the tracks before he agrees to the annexation. This could have a

major negative impact on the entire city. Steve Emtman stated that everything was approved two years ago. This should have been done then. The fire and crossing issues are already there. The first phase will only be about seventy units. This is a long term development and he wants to make sure everything will work. This style of development can bring a positive growth to Cheney. Discussion followed. Brian Anderson stated that he owns property just one quarter mile past this. He does not see any downfall to bringing Dave's Auto into the UGA. Councilmember Trulove moved to approve Resolution D-075. Discussion followed. Councilmember Huff seconded. Carried unanimously.

**4. 06-004 N Tenth Street Vacation – Schedule Hearing Date** Mr. MacDonald stated that the City received a petition from EWU requesting vacation of a portion of N 10<sup>th</sup> St. to proceed with plans to build a recreation center at the old Married Student Court. They own more than two-thirds of the property abutting this area. They want to turn it into a pedestrian mall. They would have to provide emergency access at all times. They are currently doing a traffic study which will be completed before the hearing. This would set a hearing date of February 14. Officials from the University will be here to present the proposal. We will want to affix a value to that property. Discussion followed. Councilmember Huff moved for passage of Resolution D-076. Councilmember Overhauser seconded. Councilmember McKeehan questioned if this would be permanent or for a set time period. Mr. MacDonald replied that it would be permanent. Councilmember Trulove stated that he is concerned about the University asking for vacations. He is concerned about the loss of N 10<sup>th</sup> Street during emergencies. It is less than ideal for a quick response. Discussion followed. Carried unanimously.

**5. 06-006 W Fifth Street, J Street, L Street Vacation** Mr. MacDonald stated that the petition submitted includes signatures of two-thirds of the abutting property owners. This is for vacation of ten feet on either side of the right-of-way. Councilmember Huff moved to approve Resolution D-078. Councilmember Stockton seconded. Carried unanimously.

**6. 06-008 MOU for Use of Medical Lake PD Firing Range** Mr. Sale stated that this is housekeeping. It is for use of the Medical Lake firing range. We do this every year so we can use their range. Councilmember Harris moved to authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution D-079. Councilmember Overhauser seconded. Carried unanimously.

**7. 06-009 IAFF Contract 2006-2008** Mr. Montague stated that Items 7 and 8 need to be deferred to the next meeting. Councilmember Huff moved to defer Items 7 and 8 to the next meeting. Councilmember Rast seconded. Carried unanimously.

**8. 06-010 2006 Salary Ordinance** Deferred to the next meeting

**9. 06-007 Selection of Mayor Pro Tem** Councilmember Harris moved to have Councilmember Huff serve as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Rast seconded. Carried unanimously.

**J. Council Reports** Councilmember Huff attended the LEOFF Board meeting. They are looking at dental coverage. He asked Diane for the cost to the City if we do that.

**K. Staff Reports** Mr. Sale stated that the City was included in a grant with EWU in 2004. The grant was not signed. That grant will need to be brought back retroactively. EWU wants to extend that grant. The deadline is January 17. It does not cost us any money. Councilmember Huff moved to allow Mr. Sale to sign the grant. Councilmember Stockton seconded. Carried unanimously. Mr. Sale stated that the Monthly Accountability Report is at 1:30 p.m. Councilmember Rast asked for the information to be sent electronically. Mr. Schmidt stated that there will be a Public Works & Utilities meeting as soon as possible. We want to get back into the committee meetings. The SCAPCA Board has an opening, but the only one that can be on it is from the Spokane City Council. Councilmember Huff authorized Mayor Gainer to sign and send in Spokane's choice. Councilmember Rast seconded. Carried unanimously. Mr. Schmidt stated that we budgeted for a City Council retreat. We will bring forward an agenda item to see if we want a retreat. Councilmember Trulove stated that he went to the STA meeting last month. They are having their meetings on the third Thursday of each month. He is unable to attend every other third Thursday. Mr. Schmidt stated that STA rules say that another small city will fill in when Councilmember Trulove cannot make it. If we want to have Mayor Gainer attend, we have to make him the representative.

**L. Mayor's Report** Mayor Gainer stated that Councilmember Overhauser requested to be excused February 14. Councilmember Huff moved to approve the request. Councilmember Rast seconded. Carried unanimously. Mayor Gainer designated Councilmember Trulove, Councilmember Harris, and Councilmember Rast as the Public Works & Utilities Committee. The alternate will be Councilmember Stockton.

**M. Citizen Comment** Arlene Mowatt, 521 Oak St, asked Mayor Gainer if he will have regular office hours. Mayor Gainer stated that he will be in the office from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday. Mayor Gainer recessed the meeting at 7:12 p.m. for a two minute recess and executive session regarding matters of litigation. He asked Mr. Schmidt to stay and stated that it will last approximately ten minutes with no action to follow. Mayor Gainer reconvened the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

**N. Motion for Adjournment** Councilmember Harris moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember McKeehan seconded. Carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Mayor