

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 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 Huff, Councilmember Trulove, and Councilmember McKeehan. Staff members present included Ms. Niemeier, Mr. Maggs, Mr. McClure, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. MacDonald, Ms. MacDonald, Mr. Sale, Ms. Musgrave, Ms. Rosier, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Wahl, Mr. Winters, and Ms. Showalter. Councilmember Overhauser was excused. Mayor Gainer stated that Councilmember Stockton requested to be excused due to illness. Councilmember Rast moved to approve the request. Councilmember McKeehan seconded. Carried unanimously.

**C. Minutes** of the Regular City Council meeting of September 26, 2006 were approved as distributed.

**D. Claims and Vouchers** nos. 87859 through 87984 in the amount of \$687,706.15; payroll warrants nos. 52026 through 52086 in the amount of \$33,086.01; direct deposits nos. 20487 through 20635 in the amount of \$218,086.67; claims warrants nos. 87814 through 87845 in the amount of \$243,996.98; and transfers to claims clearing fund for distribution in the amount of \$8,176.90 for a total payroll of \$503,346.50 were approved as read.

**E. Claims for Damages** None

**F. Small Contracts** Ms. Niemeier stated that there are two small contracts. The first is with Spokane Neighborhood Action Plan for the 2007 energy assistance program. The second is with Digital Mail Machines for maintenance on the new postage machine. Councilmember Harris moved to approve the small contracts. Councilmember McKeehan seconded. Carried unanimously.

**G. Information Items** Mayor Gainer read a letter of appreciation thanking Mr. Sale, Ms. Musgrave, the Light Department, Street Department, Police Department, Fire Department, and Pathways to Progress for their work on Cheneyfest. Mr. Sale provided a recap of Cheneyfest. He recommended establishing a committee to look at events in the city. He recognized Ms. Musgrave for her time in organizing this. Mayor Gainer presented Ms. Musgrave with a Certificate of Appreciation. Mr. Sale provided Ms. Musgrave with certificates for dinner, a night at the Holiday Inn Express, and Starbucks. Starbucks also donated cards for the volunteers. Duncan will be leaving in mid December and should be released to Kevin Greer in mid January. Mr. Sale presented Ms. Rosier with an airline ticket to Australia to help reunite Duncan with her father. Mr. Sale estimated that they raised approximately \$9,000. The money that is not spent will be donated to Spokane County Animal Control to create a program for stray animals.

**H. Appointments** Brandon Babin stated that they conducted interviews for the Youth Commission. Mayor Gainer presented certificates for the 2007 Youth Commission to Max Shellabarger, Morgan Saul, Hannah Stevens, Matthew Cooper, Cami Hatch, Katelyn Todd, Tyson Todd, Joe Williams, Missy Gill, Gina DeCesare, McKenzie Molter-Gaddy, Jade Wilson, and Kayley Wilson.

**I. Citizen Comments** Bonnie Eccles, 214 N 6<sup>th</sup>, stated that she saw the presentation on water last night at the Planning Commission meeting. She questioned if the Emtman and McCardle annexations were included in that presentation. Mr. Schmidt stated that all of the Emtman property is not annexed. Mr. MacDonald stated that Dr. Buchanan looked at what our current needs are and used an average growth rate to project what the demand would be by the year 2025. To meet that demand, we would have to add another well of 700 GPM. If we add the well, we are still well below what our water rights are. If we expand the capture zone we would have the water with very little drawdown in the capture zone. Discussion followed. Mr. Schmidt explained that citizens cannot expect staff to respond immediately when they present a question during citizen participation. Questions will be responded to, but they cannot be responded to immediately. Christie Bruntlett, 499 Annie Place, stated that the new well would be completed in 2008. That is when we should consider future annexation.

## **J. Action Items**

**1. 06-169 – 2007 Budget – Public Hearing Revenue Sources** Ms. Niemeier stated that this is the public hearing on 2007 general fund revenue sources. Mayor Gainer opened the public hearing at 6:23 p.m. There are eight categories in which we accumulate our revenues. Beginning fund balance will be used for discretionary items that have been asked for this year. The budget is \$5,475,500, which is an 11% increase over last year. Much of that is public works administration. There is only about \$80,000 true difference. Ms. Niemeier expressed her concern that revenues are increasing at a lower rate than expenditures. Councilmember Trulove asked if the sales tax forecast is based upon continuing construction. Ms. Niemeier stated that it is. Councilmember Huff asked if we have always under-budgeted for building permits. Ms. Niemeier stated that it is hard to know what will be built. Discussion followed. Councilmember Huff stated that he would be interested in how we determine the building permit revenue. Ms. Niemeier stated that she does not think there was any intent to under-budget the revenue. In any fund, we do not budget every single dime. Discussion followed. Councilmember Huff stated that he thinks we are being conservative so we can have money to use later. Mr. Schmidt stated that we would be happy to have a presentation at the next meeting to go over this. Cash and revenue are two separate things. Councilmember Trulove stated that he has looked at the revenue carefully and he thinks Ms. Niemeier did a great job. He likes the conservative approach. Mr. Schmidt stated that earlier this year he did show an ending fund balance for every year in the last six years. Mayor Gainer closed the public hearing at 6:47 p.m.

**2. 06-130 – Resolution D-170 – Cheney Register of Historic Places: Ken & Kathleen Kennedy House, 105 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St.** Mr. Richardson stated that this house was built at the beginning of the rancher house style. Councilmember Huff moved to approve Resolution D-170. Councilmember Rast seconded. Carried unanimously.

**3. 06-161 – Resolution D-196 – Accepting Grant from the Washington Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation** Mr. Richardson stated that we will hold a workshop on how to rehabilitate older buildings with the grant funds. Councilmember Huff moved to approve Resolution D-196. Councilmember Harris seconded. Carried unanimously.

**4. 06-162 – Resolution D-197 – McCardle Annexation Agreement** Mr. Richardson stated that other cities use these agreements as a way to memorialize what has been decided. The agreement will only be valid if the annexation is approved. It defines zoning, park mitigation, and other code requirements. Staff met with the agent of the property owner a month ago and came up with this. Councilmember McKeegan moved to approve Resolution D-197. Councilmember Trulove seconded. Bonnie Eccles, 214 N 6<sup>th</sup> St, asked who would pay for a traffic light if one is needed. Mr. Richardson stated that a traffic study will be done to identify the traffic impacts. Mr. MacDonald stated that the traffic study will look at the total traffic. If the development lowers the service level then the developer would pay for a traffic light. Ms. Eccles asked if we will need a new fire station on the north side if this is approved. Mr. Richardson stated that the prior Fire Chief stated that we will not need one. That is something that is in a long range plan. Carried unanimously.

**5. 06-167 – Resolution D-157 – McCardle Annexation Resolution of Intent to Annex** Mr. Richardson stated that the public hearing was held in July. Staff met with the developer and presented the agreement that was just approved. The resolution includes the findings of fact. This will go to the Boundary Review Board if approved. They have 45 days to invoke jurisdiction. If they do, they will hold a public hearing. If not, they will send it back and we can pass an ordinance. Discussion followed. Councilmember Huff stated that this concern is if we can provide the necessary services. Bonnie Eccles, 214 N 6<sup>th</sup> St., stated that we have not drilled the new well. We will not know until 2008 if we can support everything we annex. Councilmember McKeegan asked if there was any doubt at the Planning Commission meeting that there is water that can be reached. Mr. MacDonald stated that we figure that we have the capacity to serve an additional 350 ERUs without drilling a new well. According to Dr. Buchanan's report, the water is there. The geology would support a fairly abundant well. Christie Bruntlett, 499 Annie Place, asked what happens in twenty years. The water is being depleted faster than it is being restored. She thinks we need to be very conservative about our water. Water rights and available water are different things. She would like to see us not add any more residential development. Councilmember Trulove stated that we have a Comprehensive Plan that contemplated growth, which includes a capital plan that deals with issues including water. In the Comprehensive Plan we determined that this area is part of the UGA. It is possible for individuals to disagree with the direction of the Comp Plan, but it was created under an open public process. The dilemma is that if

we include something in the UGA and we zone it properly, we are telling them we intend for it to be developed in the future. If we do not want annexations we should not have an urban growth area. Councilmember Huff moved for passage of Resolution D-157. Councilmember Rast seconded. Councilmember McKeehan agreed with Councilmember Trulove. We have committed ourselves over the last ten years. Growth is happening and people are moving here. Carried unanimously.

**6. 06-163 – Resolution D-198 – SR 904 Enhancement Project – Consultant Agreement** Mr. MacDonald stated that this will authorize an agreement with Sherry Pratt Van Voorhis. We received a \$200,000 grant for this to improve traffic islands, lighting, landscaping at the entrance sign, street trees, and broken sidewalks. Councilmember Huff moved for passage of Resolution D-190. Councilmember Harris seconded. Councilmember McKeehan asked about the budgeting for holes that are dug to fix leaking water mains. Mr. MacDonald stated that we have a budget for that. We also use a leak detection service to help. Carried unanimously.

**7. 06-166 – Resolution D-201 – Nomination to Public Power Council Executive Committee** Mr. Richardson stated that the Public Power Council is an association of utilities that negotiate for us. He asked Councilmember Trulove if he would serve on the committee. Once we nominate him, we need to get seven votes. Councilmember Huff moved for passage of Resolution D-201. Councilmember Rast seconded. Discussion followed. Carried unanimously.

**8. 06-168 – Resolution D-202 – BPA Substation Operation and Maintenance Agreement** Mr. Richardson stated that during the power outage last spring Bonneville came out to help and we did not have a contract in place. Councilmember Huff moved for approval of Resolution D-202. Councilmember Harris seconded. Carried unanimously.

**9. 06-141 – Ordinance U-36 – Adoption of Capital Facilities Plan 2007-2013** Mr. Richardson stated that the departments turn in their capital facilities requests in the spring. He explained that just because it is in the plan does not mean that it is going to be funded next year. Councilmember McKeehan asked if there is money for separating storm runoff from sewage. Mr. MacDonald stated that the plan includes some of the elements for water reuse. We are pretty close, but we would need to add filtration. One of the biggest costs with reuse would be transmission. Councilmember Trulove stated that if we need to add that, we get to change the Capital Facilities Plan every year. Councilmember Huff moved for the first reading of Ordinance U-36 in title and summary form only. Councilmember McKeehan seconded. Carried unanimously. Councilmember Huff moved to defer this to the next meeting. Councilmember Harris seconded. Carried unanimously.

**K. Council Reports** Councilmember Rast stated that he went to Cheneyfest Saturday and got good feedback. He thanked the Scouts for coming to the meeting. Councilmember Huff thanked staff for helping at Cheneyfest. Councilmember Trulove also thanked everyone for Cheneyfest.

**L. Staff Reports** Mr. Schmidt stated that the Finance Committee will meet this Thursday at 5 p.m. The Public Safety Committee will meet on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. General Government will meet Thursday. Cheneyfest went well and would be a good thing to do again next year. Councilmember McKeehan volunteered to work on the committee with Mr. Sale.

**M. Mayor's Report** Mayor Gainer stated that Cheneyfest was great. The Cemetery Association's annual meeting is at the Methodist Church on October 20 at noon. Councilmembers are invited.

**N. Executive Session** None

**O. Adjournment** Councilmember Huff moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Harris seconded. Carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

