

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 27, 2007

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, and Councilmember McKeehan. Staff members present included Ms. Niemeier, Mr. Conklin, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Strope, Mr. MacDonald, Ms. MacDonald, Mr. Wahl, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Behrens, and Ms. Hale. Councilmember Trulove was excused. Councilmember McKeehan requested to be excused from the April 24 meeting for vacation. Councilmember Huff moved to approve the request. Councilmember Rast seconded. Carried unanimously.

C. Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of March 13, 2007 were approved as distributed.

D. Claims and Vouchers nos. 89505 and 89516 through 89600 in the amount of \$603,811.65 were approved as read.

E. Claims for Damages None

F. Small Contracts Ms. Niemeier stated that the small contracts are with Propertyroom.com for police auctions at a cost of 50% of the proceeds and Danka for a copier for the Finance Department. Councilmember Harris moved for approval of the small contracts. Councilmember McKeehan seconded. Carried unanimously.

G. Information Items Mr. Simmons introduced the Special Olympics basketball team that was undefeated when they went to State. They placed third at State and brought home bronze medals. Rick Noll, Spokane County Conservation District, stated that they are working on the cleanup plan for Hangman Creek. They have a meeting on April 19th at the Fairfield Grange Hall from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Water quantity planning is in the detailed implementation stage. They do stream site assessments in Spokane County. Judge Tripp presented the Court annual report. Councilmember Huff stated that he thought probation revenues were up. Judge Tripp stated that they were down in 2006. Ms. Cooper stated that they believe it is because they have tightened up probation services. They are trying to get people off supervised probation. Discussion followed.

H. Appointments None

I. Citizen Comments Lincoln Bryant, 416 G Street, stated that the City was talking about a residential parking permit system three years ago which would prohibit students from parking in neighborhood areas they do not live in. Anyone who pays the residential street tax could get two parking spots. If they need more they could purchase them from the City. He would like to see Cheney residents parking in front of his house rather than students from out of town. He would like to get a dialog going again. He stated that he has gone through the court system in Cheney and it is very fair. He thanked Police and Court employees for the help he received.

J. Action Items

1. 07-036 – Resolution D-258 – Waste Management Contract Assignment Mr. MacDonald stated that this will authorize the assignment of the Waste Management contract to Sunshine Disposal. Waste Management has sold their West Plains operation. The contract will expire in December 2009. The change will go into effect on May 1. It is contingent upon receiving bond and insurance documents. Councilmember Huff moved for passage of Resolution D-258. Councilmember Rast seconded. Councilmember Huff questioned if anything was going to happen to Jack Kile. Marc Torre, Vice President of Sunshine Disposal, stated that they will assume all equipment and offer employment to the employees that are currently there as long as they can pass their screening standards. They bought an operation from Waste Management in 2004 and do not expect any problems. Carried unanimously.

2. 07-037 – Resolution D-259 – Well Six Pump Rehabilitation Project – Contract Award Mr. MacDonald stated that Specialty Pump submitted the lowest responsive bid for the rehabbing of the submersible pump at Well Six. The intent is to make this two phases. This phase will service the pump. The next phase will address the well hole. The well has dropped from 600+ GPM to 300 GPM. Councilmember Overhauser moved for passage of Resolution D-259. Councilmember Stockton seconded. Carried unanimously.

3. 07-008 – Resolution D-260 – Well Four Booster Station Electrical Project: Contract Award Mr. MacDonald stated that this is the final phase of the Well Four Project. This will make the well booster station at Moos Field operable. They were able to save money by separating the work rather than doing it all at once. This well will irrigate Sutton, Moos, and Salnave Parks. Councilmember Huff moved to pass Resolution D-260. Councilmember Harris seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. 07-039 – Resolution D-261 – Cheney Road and Water Project: Engineering Services Mr. MacDonald stated that this resolution will authorize Simpson Engineers to do the engineering for the water main replacement work paid for by CDBG funds. Councilmember Harris moved for passage of Resolution D-261. Councilmember Overhauser seconded. Councilmember Huff asked about Normal Park Road. Mr. MacDonald stated that it is not designed to be an arterial. Barrington Apartments had to put in the curb and sidewalk and they agreed to be part of an RID. Carried unanimously.

5. 07-035 – Wren Pierson Renovation Options Mr. MacDonald stated that a contract was approved with Zeck Butler last year to look at remodeling one of the storage bays. The cost is considerable. The alternative is to use the meeting room space for the Cheney Hangout. The roof is in sad shape. The proposal is to replace the asphalt on the roof to create a basketball court and put in an 18 foot high fence. We will need to provide a door to the meeting room and replace the door that leads to the basketball court. Mr. Simmons received word today that we will not be receiving any funds from the County for the basketball court. Councilmember Huff moved to approve Wren Pierson Renovation Option Three. Councilmember McKeehan seconded. Carried unanimously.

K. Council Reports Councilmember Overhauser thanked Judge Tripp, Mr. MacDonald, and their staff for the people working at the Recycling Facility. They are very helpful, neat, and clean. Councilmember Huff stated that we should set a time to get together with Mr. Strope.

L. Staff Reports Mr. Strope stated that he would like to begin the April 10th meeting at 5:30 p.m. The Finance Committee will meet at 5 p.m. The first thirty meetings would be used for a workshop. Workshops are open to the public. Everyone should bring their calendar so a date can be set for a larger workshop.

M. Mayor’s Report None

N. Executive Session Mayor Gainer recessed the meeting at 6:44 p.m. for executive session regarding threatened litigation and the appeal of a Planning Commission decision to last fifteen minutes with possible action to follow. He asked Mr. Strope, Mr. Conklin, and Ms. Hale to stay. Mayor Gainer reconvened the meeting at 6:54 p.m. Mayor Gainer stated that Resolution D-262 Adopting the Planning Commission Recommendation would be acted upon. He questioned if any councilmember had ex parte communication or potential conflicts under the Appearance of Fairness. None of the councilmembers had any communication or conflicts. Councilmember McKeehan moved for adoption of Resolution D-262. Councilmember Rast seconded. Carried with Councilmember Stockton abstaining.

O. Adjournment Councilmember McKeehan moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Huff seconded. Carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor