

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 8, 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 Trulove. Staff members present included Ms. Niemeier, Mr. Maggs, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Strobe, Mr. MacDonald, Ms. MacDonald, Mr. Sale, Mr. Behrens, Mr. Wahl, Mr. Winters, and Ms. Showalter. Mayor Gainer stated that Councilmember McKeehan requested to be excused due to illness. Councilmember Huff moved to approve the request. Councilmember Stockton seconded. Carried unanimously.

C. Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of April 24, 2007 were approved as distributed.

D. Claims and Vouchers nos. 89887, 89888 and 89944 through 90041 in the amount of \$244,081.81; payroll warrants nos. 52359 through 52399 in the amount of \$19,127.58; direct deposits nos. 21518 through 21672 in the amount of \$230,944.94; claims warrants nos. 89755 and 89898 through 89930 in the amount of \$289,588.34; and transfers to claims clearing fund for distribution in the amount of -\$17,097.82 for a total payroll of \$520,563.04 were approved as read.

E. Claims for Damages None

F. Small Contracts None

G. Information Items Jim Huttenmaier, Greater Spokane Incorporated, stated that there are 144 active recruitments or expansions in the pipeline. The most recent success is Blue Ray Technologies. He provided the first quarter update. Councilmember Huff asked what Greater Spokane is doing specifically to get businesses in Cheney. Mr. Huttenmaier stated that Greater Spokane lacks a better knowledge of Cheney. He contact Mr. Strobe and asked him to provide a map of Cheney so that they know what land and buildings are available. Councilmember Huff questioned what Joe Tortorelli does and why he has not provided this information. Councilmember Overhauser stated that this is information usually provided by commercial real estate people, but there are none in Cheney. This is a recent issue. Mr. Huttenmaier stated that Mr. Tortorelli does a lot of the work for Greater Spokane. Mr. MacDonald stated that he and Mr. Tortorelli have carried a lot of the effort to get the EDA funding. He has been instrumental in working with the property owner and has been integral to the process. Mayor Gainer stated that he is also looking for businesses that Cheney is lacking. Mr. Strobe stated that we will have to create something that currently does not exist. We will give a tour to Greater Spokane of the available properties when the list is completed. Mr. Sale stated that everything with Duncan is finally done. He showed video footage of Duncan's reunion with Kevin Greer in Australia.

H. Appointments None

I. Citizen Comments None

J. Action Items

1. 07-052 – Resolution D-273 – Purchasing Policy Ms. Niemeier stated that this changes the current policy. It gives the departments a little more efficiency in doing their business. Purchase orders will be required on purchases of \$750 and above. Councilmember Overhauser moved for approval of Resolution D-273. Councilmember Harris seconded. Carried unanimously.

2. 07-051 – Resolution D-274 – Workplace Violence Policy Ms. Showalter introduced her intern, Rae-Lynn Conger. She is a senior at EWU. Ms. Conger stated that she has enjoyed her time with the City. She has updated this policy which was originally written in 1996. Councilmember Rast moved to approve Resolution D-274. Councilmember Huff seconded. Carried unanimously.

3. 07-055 – Resolution D-276 – Acceptance of Bid: Transformer Bid #L07001 Mr. Behrens stated that this authorizes a contract with Kuhlman Electric for a transformer. He would like to pay for this in 2007. There is \$350,000 budgeted this year. The remaining balance will be covered with cash reserves. The City will save approximately \$100,000 by doing it this year. Councilmember Huff moved for approval of Resolution D-276. Councilmember Trulove seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. 07-053 – Ordinance U-46 – 2007 Budget Amendment Ms. Niemeier stated that this corrects an error from the last budget amendment. The amendment is also for \$20,000 in Criminal Justice/CTED funds that were originally received for the DARE Center. Mr. Simmons will use the money for the new teen center. Discussion followed. Councilmember Rast asked about a Council Committee recommendation. Ms. Niemeier stated that there was none. Councilmember Huff moved for the first reading of Ordinance U-46 in title and summary form only, that reading considered the second and third, and placed before Council for final passage. Councilmember Overhauser seconded. Carried unanimously. Yes votes: Councilmember Harris, Councilmember Rast, Councilmember Overhauser, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Stockton, Councilmember Trulove. Ordinance U-46 passed.

5. 07-054 – Terra Vista Preliminary Plat #PP-01-07 Mr. Richardson stated that we have to set a date to consider the report from the Planning Commission. Councilmember Huff moved to set a public meeting for the second meeting of June. Councilmember Overhauser seconded. Discussion followed. Motioned failed with Councilmember Huff voting yes. Councilmember Harris moved to set the public meeting for May 22. Councilmember Rast seconded. Carried unanimously.

K. Council Reports Councilmember Huff stated that he thinks we need to send out something since filing week for City Council positions has been move to the first week of June. Councilmember Rast stated that maybe the Free Press could put something in the paper. Councilmember Trulove asked about the insurance information in Council packets. Ms. Showalter stated that the information in the letter is inaccurate and it was provided to Council as information.

L. Staff Reports Mr. MacDonald handed out information regarding the Arterial Street Preservation Project. Mayor Gainer asked if the information is on our website. Mr. MacDonald stated that it is not, but we can put it there. Discussion followed. Mr. MacDonald stated that 86.5% will be paid from federal funds. Mr. Strobe stated that there will be no Public Works Committee meeting in May. The General Government Committee will meet on May 15th. The Public Safety Committee will meet on May 23rd at 5:15 p.m. The budget retreat will be on May 11. North By Northwest will be filming a movie the week of June 18th. They will use the Finance office, a police vehicle, and police patches. Council boxes are set up in the Mayor's Office. Discussion followed.

M. Mayor's Report Mayor Gainer stated that the Council budget workshop will be May 11 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the airport Ramada. North By Northwest will also be filming the movie Diamond Dog in downtown Cheney.

N. Executive Session Mayor Gainer recessed the meeting at 6:55 p.m. for executive session regarding matters of litigation, lasting fifteen minutes with action to follow. He asked Mr. Maggs, Mr. Strobe, Ms. Niemeier, and Mr. Winters to stay. Mayor Gainer reconvened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Councilmember Overhauser moved to approve Resolution D-277. Councilmember Rast seconded. Carried unanimously.

O. Adjournment Councilmember Huff moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Harris seconded. Carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor