

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 13, 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, and Councilmember Trulove. Staff members present included Ms. Niemeier, Mr. Maggs, Mr. Montague, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. MacDonald, Ms. MacDonald, Mr. Wahl, Mr. Simmons, Mr. McCulloch, Ms. Beeman, and Ms. Showalter. Mayor Gainer stated that Councilmember McKeehan requested to be excused due to illness. Councilmember Huff moved to approve the request. Councilmember Rast seconded. Carried unanimously.

**C. Minutes** of the Regular City Council meeting of May 23, 2006 were approved as distributed.

**D. Claims and Vouchers** nos. 86212 through 86347 in the amount of \$340,322.50; payroll warrants nos. 51804 through 51842 in the amount of \$25,533.01; direct deposits nos. 19893 through 20043 in the amount of \$210,768.88; claims warrants nos. 86140 through 86171 in the amount of \$234,987.78; and transfers to claims clearing fund for distribution in the amount of \$8,564.77 for a total payroll of \$479,854.44 were approved as read.

**E. Claims for Damages** Ms. Niemeier stated that there are two claims. The first is from Belinda Valnes for physical injury in an unspecified amount. The second is from Mary and Carl Robinson for water damage in an unspecified amount. Both have been turned over to our insurance pool for review.

**F. Small Contracts** Ms. Niemeier stated that the first small contract is with Planning intern Tim Garceau for \$333 per credit hour with a maximum of four credit hours. The second is with the EWRA Hurricanes Swim Team for \$46 per week for use of the pool. The third is with Dr. Robert Quinn in an amount not to exceed \$2,000. Councilmember Harris moved to approve the small contracts. Councilmember Overhauser seconded. Carried unanimously.

**G. Information Items** Linda Graham, Spokane County Conservation District, stated that she is the public affairs person. She stated that they promote wise use of resources. They are not a regulator agency. She presented their long range plan. Ms. Graham introduced Tom Hargreaves. Mr. Hargreaves stated that they work with people rather than against or at people. Mr. McCulloch introduced the Special Olympics track team.

**H. Appointments** None

**I. Citizen Comments** Shirley Milliren, 26 N 6<sup>th</sup> St, thanked Mr. Simmons and Mr. McCulloch for having a Special Olympics program in the Recreation Department.

### **J. Action Items**

**1. 06-104 – Resolution D-137 – Pathways to Progress – Contract** Mr. Schmidt stated that he and the Mayor were approach by EWU and Pathways to Progress seeking assistance with regard to funding. Their external funding is dried up. Pathways would like to make a presentation at the next meeting. Discussion followed. Councilmember Trulove moved to send this to the General Government Committee. Councilmember Stockton seconded. Bonnie Eccles, 214 N 6<sup>th</sup>St, stated that she does not know if EWU is giving back to the City as much as the City gives to them. Carried unanimously.

**2. 06-096 – Resolution D-138 – Spokane County CDBG Agreement – Cheney Water Production Project** Mr. MacDonald stated that this is for \$105,000 in grant money for the 2006 Residential Road and Water Project. It entails replacing water mains on a portion of Presley and Fifth Streets. Councilmember Overhauser moved for passage of Resolution D-138. Councilmember Harris seconded. Carried unanimously.

**3. 06-098 – Resolution D-140 – Well 4 Rehabilitation Project – Phase Three Bid Award** Mr. MacDonald stated that this will award the bid to Dickerson Pump. It is for two pumps that will allow us to pump from 50 to 300 GPM. Councilmember Overhauser moved for passage of Resolution D-140. Councilmember Huff seconded. Discussion followed. Carried unanimously.

**4. 06-100 – Resolution D-141 – EMS Levy** Mr. Montague stated that the Public Safety Committee is in support of doing this again. It is for fifty cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. It is a six year levy. Councilmember Overhauser questioned if that is what we currently have. Mr. Montague stated that it is. Discussion followed.

**5. 06-102 – Resolution D-143 – Home Works Agreement** Mr. Simmons stated that more than fifty percent of our programs take place in the Cheney School District facilities. The School District wants to use Wren Pierson for the Home Works program for grades K-3 on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year. The General Government Committee and the Park Board have endorsed this. Councilmember Huff moved for approval of Resolution D-143. Councilmember Stockton seconded. Carried unanimously.

**6. 06-101 – Resolution D-144 – ECHO Agreement** Mr. Simmons stated that we have our after school programs at Windsor and Salnave Elementaries. This is the same agreement as last year. Councilmember Huff moved for approval of Resolution D-144. Councilmember Rast seconded. Carried unanimously.

**7. 06-105 – Resolution D-145 – Updating/Creating Policies and Procedures** Ms. Showalter stated that there are four policies. They have been reviewed by the General Government Committee. The Wellness and Council packet policies are new. AWC is moving toward requiring wellness programs. The vehicle use policy and anti-harassment policy are being updated. Councilmember Overhauser moved to approve Resolution D-145. Councilmember Huff seconded. Councilmember Huff stated that he wanted the vehicle use policy to be more specific. He stated that the use of cell phones is very vague and would be difficult to try to enforce. Carried unanimously.

**8. 06-103 – Resolution D-146 – Rejecting All Bids for Feeder 1 Reconstruction Project** Mr. Richardson stated that the bids came in high. They would like to rethink the project and break it into pieces. This will be brought back later this year. Councilmember Huff moved for passage of Resolution D-126. Councilmember Harris seconded. Discussion followed. Carried unanimously.

**9. 06-082 – Resolution D-147 – James Madison Moorman House – Museum Project** Mr. Richardson stated that this has been to the General Government Committee twice. The proposal is to move the building to a city owned lot. The costs are based on a single family house with an office in it. The cost to move the building and construct the foundation is \$23,000. We have \$12,500 in committed resources and are looking at using Downtown Revitalization funds for the remainder. The second phase is finishing the site plan. City money will not be used for that. The City would purchase the building for one dollar. There are many similar arrangements in other cities around the state. Councilmember Trulove stated that the value of the lot is probably higher. Mr. Richardson stated that the lot was purchased with the Police bond. It has been surplus to police needs, although they would like secure parking. Councilmember Trulove asked if there is any assurance that the maintenance and operation costs will not come out of the general fund. Mr. Richardson stated that we will use the Hotel/Motel tax for that. Discussion followed. Councilmember Huff asked what the intent of us buying that lot was. Mr. Richardson stated that it came with the building. There was not a plan for it. Mr. Schmidt stated that it would probably be used for parking. Councilmember Huff stated that he has concerns. Councilmember Overhauser moved for approval of Resolution D-147. Councilmember Harris seconded. Carried with Councilmember Huff voting nay.

**10. 06-094 Declaration of Surplus Transformers and Wire** Mr. Richardson stated that we have old items that need to be declared surplus by the Council. The oil that is in it has to be disposed of, but the scrap metal is worth more than the disposal costs. Councilmember Huff moved to declare the transformers and other listed equipment as surplus and set a minimum value of \$15,000. Councilmember Rast seconded. Carried unanimously. Discussion followed.

**11. 06-095 Urban Growth Area Update** Mr. Richardson stated that from the map presented in January, the Planning Commission would like to include everything but the City wetlands. The target is 151 acres of land.

That includes a 30% public use factor and a 30% market factor. He presented three proposals. Discussion followed. Councilmember Huff stated that he thought we already included the Emtman project. Councilmember Trulove stated that we may have a cost liability in extending utilities. Mr. Richardson stated that we have to use the population estimates and the densities. Councilmember Huff moved to have staff bring an ordinance to the next meeting that is based on the resolution passed in January. Councilmember Rast seconded. Councilmember Huff stated that the ordinance should have the Emtman project included in the UGA. Discussion followed. Steve Emtman, 5323 S Bella Vista, stated that the Planning Commission was ready to pass this last night. It is frustrating to have this pushed off over and over again. Discussion followed. Carried unanimously.

**K. Council Reports** Councilmember Huff thanked the Mayor for the planning information.

**L. Staff Reports** Mr. Schmidt stated that the Public Works & Utilities Committee will meet Thursday at 5:15 p.m. The Public Safety Committee will meet sometime next week. We may also have a General Government Committee meeting. The capital facilities plan will come to Council sometime in July.

**M. Mayor's Report** None

Bonnie Eccles, 214 N 6<sup>th</sup>St, stated that she listened to a talk from Charlie Dotson from Pathways to Progress and he said there are hundreds of areas where people can purchase a lot or buy a home in Cheney. A smaller urban growth area might be a good thing. She is in favor of not having anything north of Betz Road in the UGA.

**N. Executive Session** None

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

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Mayor