

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 8, 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 Rast, Councilmember Overhauser, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Stockton, and Councilmember Trulove. Staff members present included Ms. Niemeier, Mr. Maggs, Mr. McClure, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. MacDonald, Ms. MacDonald, Mr. Sale, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Mather, Mr. English, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Wahl, and Ms. Showalter. Mayor Gainer stated that Councilmember Harris and Councilmember McKeehan requested to be excused due to vacation. Councilmember Huff moved to approve the request. Councilmember Stockton seconded. Carried unanimously.

**C. Minutes** of the Regular City Council meeting of July 25, 2006 were approved as distributed.

Councilmember Huff moved to add Resolution D-173 to the agenda for the Police Department. Councilmember Stockton seconded. Carried unanimously.

**D. Claims and Vouchers** nos. 86921, 86956, 86991, and 87031 through 87137 in the amount of \$743,943.11; payroll warrants nos. 51924 through 51979 in the amount of \$47,833.94; direct deposits nos. 20195 through 20341 in the amount of \$213,634.23; claims warrants nos. 86957 through 86990 in the amount of \$304,578.13; and transfers to claims clearing fund for distribution in the amount of \$-16,947.55 for a total payroll of \$549,098.75 were approved as read.

**E. Claims for Damages** None

**F. Small Contracts** None

**G. Information Items** None

**H. Appointments** None

**I. Citizen Comments** Christie Bruntlett, 499 Annie Pl, asked for an update on the status of televising the Council meetings. Mayor Gainer stated that it was tabled by the Council at the last meeting due to a lack of response by the citizens.

Councilmember Overhauser moved to move Agenda Item 1 to the last item on the agenda. Councilmember Rast seconded. Carried unanimously.

### **J. Action Items**

**1. 06-099 – Resolution D-142 – MOU with SCOPE for Use of Office Space** Mr. Sale stated that this is to provide office space for SCOPE at the Recycling Facility. They are currently up on campus. Discussion followed. Councilmember Huff stated that we are taking an office away from a City employee to give it to these people. The employees deserve to have a spot. Mr. MacDonald stated that they will be using the office space that Sean Hughes uses occasionally. This agreement states that Mr. Hughes still gets to use the office and SCOPE will not use other areas of the Recycling Facility. Councilmember Rast moved for approval of Resolution D-142. Councilmember Stockton seconded. Carried unanimously.

**2. 06-131 – Resolution D-171 – Police Department Reorganization** Mr. Sale stated that we have amended contracts with the Police Guild and Teamsters on salary issues. He presented the organizational chart of how the department would be reorganized. The advantages to doing this is that it would provide better accountability, the ability to develop programs, provide better supervision on the street, and they will be able to expand without making other changes. There will be no pay changes. This will cost us \$5,000 less per year than what we currently pay. Councilmember Huff asked if everyone has bought in to this. Mr. Sale stated that this has been to Civil Service, Public Safety, and we have agreements with two unions. Councilmember Huff

moved for approval of Resolution D-171. Councilmember Rast seconded. Discussion followed. Carried unanimously.

**3. 06-114 – Resolution D-172 – Golden Hills Fourth Addition Final Plat** Mr. Richardson stated that the process for platting involves two steps. The first step is the preliminary plat. The second step is the final plat and that is just the filing part of it. The final plat does comply. He recommended that the Mayor be authorized to sign the plat pending fulfillment of the conditions listed in the resolution. There are forty-seven building lots. They have submitted a bond for the park work. Discussion followed. Councilmember Huff moved to approve Resolution D-172. Councilmember Overhauser seconded. Carried unanimously.

**4. Resolution D-173** Mr. Sale stated that Fund 124 would be used for depositing of funds. He explained that Lisa Rosier rescued a black Russian terrier just before her father showed up from Australia with health and emotional issues. He and the dog have bonded and his health issues have improved. He leaves to go back to Australia tomorrow. He would like to take the dog back with him, but it will cost approximately \$4,000. They would like to use the City and Police Department names to help raise money to pay for the bills associated with sending the dog back to Australia. Any money raised above that would go to Spokane County Animal Control. Councilmember Huff moved for passage of Resolution D-173. Councilmember Rast seconded. Councilmember Overhauser stated that her concern is that accepting money into a City fund and then donating it would be considered a gift of public funds. Ms. Niemeier stated that this fund was created to accept donations. It should be fine if the Council passes a resolution for this. Carried unanimously.

**5. 06-132 – Ordinance U-32 – Salary Ordinance** Ms. Showalter stated that this includes the salary changes for the reorganization in the Police Department. Councilmember Huff moved for the first reading of Ordinance U-32 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 Rast, Councilmember Overhauser, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Stockton, Councilmember Trulove. Ordinance U-32 passed.

**K. Council Reports** Councilmember Trulove stated that he was appointed to the AWC Legislative Committee and asked to chair another committee.

**L. Staff Reports** Mr. Schmidt stated that the annual report has been distributed. There will be a Public Safety Committee meeting next Tuesday to talk about a new Fire Chief. General Government will meet next Thursday. He will be in contact with the Public Works and Utilities Committee to schedule a meeting.

**M. Mayor's Report** Mayor Gainer stated that he would like to create a committee to look at ways to deal with rental issues. The memorial service for Tom Oswald will be on Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Cheney High School gym.

**N. Executive Session** None

**O. Adjournment** Councilmember Overhauser moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Huff seconded. Carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Mayor