



Agenda/Regular City Council Meeting
September 12, 2006 - 6:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers

- A. Call to order - Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call - Excused Absences
- C. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 22, 2006
- D. Claims/Vouchers: Voucher Amount \$549,383.58, Payroll Amount \$504,665.95
- E. Claims for Damages: None
- F. Small Contracts (Less than \$10,000): None
- G. Information Items: None
- H. Appointments: None
- I. Citizen Comments: Open to Public (two minute limit)
- J. Action Items
 - Public Hearings: None
 - Resolutions
 - 1. 06-133 - Resolution D-174 - Renewal of DAPS M OU with Department of Licensing
 - 2. 06-145 - Resolution D-182 - Award of Contract for Electrical Trenching & Boring Project
 - 3. 06-147 - Resolution D-183 - Professional Services Contract with D. Hittle & Associates for Cheney Substation Project
 - 4. 06-150 - Resolution D-184 - Tourism Promotion Proposal
 - 5. 06-151 - Resolution D-185 - New Fire Chief Appointment
 - 6. 06-152 - Resolution D-186 - New Aquatics Facility
 - 7. 06-148 - Resolution D-148 - SRTC Arterial Street Applications
 - 8. 06-149 - Resolution D-188 - Cheney Research and Industrial Park: EDA Pre-Application
 - 9. 06-153 - Resolution D-189 - 2006 Wastewater I&I Abatement Project - Bid Award
 - Ordinances: None
 - Other Business
 - 10. 06-146 Resolution Opposing Initiative 933 Relating to Regulations on Private Property
- K. Council Reports
- L. Staff Report

- M. Mayor's Report
- N. City Response to Previous Citizen Comments: None
- O. Executive Session: None
- P. Adjournment

**Mission Statement
City of Cheney**

The Mission of the City of Cheney is to responsibly provide its citizens desirable services while promoting and optimizing the finest quality of life.

Vision Statement

"Known for its family centered environment, dedicated to life-long learning, with widespread community involvement and devoted to sound economic development."

"The problem with doing nothing is not knowing when you're finished." Benjamin Franklin

06-133 – Resolution D-174 – Renewal of DAPS MOU with Department of Licensing

The Cheney Police Department and the Department of Licensing have entered into an agreement for access to the Drive and Plate Search programs (DAPS). It is time to renew this annual contract.

06-145 – Resolution D-182 – Award of Contract for Electrical Trenching and Boring Project

The Light Department proposes to contract with Spokane Ditch & Cable to provide trenching and boring for replacement of underground cables to 7 homes on Holladay Dr. One of these services has failed and is currently being served by a temporary overhead service. The contractor would bore under sidewalks and driveways as needed, and would provide an open trench and install duct (to be provided by the city). The line crew would pull in new cable and make the electrical connections. The cable in this neighborhood was installed in the 1970s and is showing signs that it has reached its end of useful life. These lines are likely to continue to fail throughout the area. The Light Department is planning to do similar work throughout the neighborhood to replace all the underground services over the next few years.

06-147 – Resolution D-183 – Professional Services Contract with D. Hittle & Associates for Cheney Substation Project

The Light Department proposes to contract with D. Hittle & Associates for work related to repair of damages to the Cheney substation this summer. There are two tasks, the first being the urgent need to replace the damaged circuit switcher; and the second being replacement of the damaged transformers. For the second task the engineer will prepare a report of our options, then prepare bid and construction documents for the selected option. D. Hittle was selected due to the quality of its previous experience with the City on the Four Lakes Substation Project a few years ago.

06-150 – Resolution D-184 – Tourism Promotion Proposal

The Oktoberfest proposal has gained attention and does have the real potential of becoming a “festival event.” It has been suggested that maybe the City could help fund the promotion. There are funds available in the Hotel/Motel Tax fund (119) to cover the cost.

06-151 – Resolution D-185 – New Fire Chief Appointment

As you are all aware, Mr. Michael W. Winters has been selected as the new City of Cheney Fire Chief. Mayor Gainer would like to forward Fire Chief candidate Michael Winters to the City Council for confirmation of the appointment.

06-152 – Resolution D-186 – New Aquatics Facility

On August 17, 2006, the City Council General Government Committee was presented a proposal by staff to approach Spokane County to seek funding participation for a new aquatics facility in Cheney. The proposal would be to use the 2002 aquatic study as a base for requesting 50% of the construction cost for the new aquatics facility to be constructed in Cheney. If approved by the County, an agreement would be structured that the City voters would approve funding of the remaining 50%. If the Cheney voters approve the measure, then design and construction of a new aquatics facility could begin for a target date of completion by June 1, 2008.

06-148 – Resolution D-187 – SRTC Arterial Street Applications

The Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) has made a call for projects for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funding. Projects that will lead to arterial street improvements including construction of a new arterial and/or reconstruction of an existing arterial street as well as projects that will preserve existing arterial streets are eligible for funding. The N. Eighth Traffic Analysis that was financed with FHWA funding found that N. Eighth would meet the criteria to have the roadway functionally classified which is necessary in order for N. Eighth to be eligible for FHWA funding. Staff proposes submitting the N. Eighth Street Project for FHWA funding under the improvement category. This project would include reconstruction and resurfacing of the existing N. Eighth roadway as well as the extension of N. Eighth to intersect with Golden Hills Drive. Staff is also proposing to submit one or more project applications under the preservation category. The estimated costs for the FHWA funded Cheney Arterial Street Improvement Project that was funded under the SRTC’s 2004 call for projects have escalated to the point where we need to delete some of

the arterial streets from this project. Unfortunately, FHWA funding from this current call for projects isn't being made available for projects such as the Cheney Arterial Street Preservation Project which was funded under the SRTC's 2004 call for projects. We are attempting to retain the resurfacing improvements on Washington, Elm, Seventh, Salnave, N. Sixth, Fifth, and Sixth that were included in the original Cheney Arterial Street Preservation Project. However, that means that Presley Drive, N. Second, Oakland, and "G" would be pulled from the Cheney Arterial Street Preservation Project. We could resubmit these arterial streets for funding under the SRTC's current (2006) call for projects. At a minimum, we would like to submit applications under the preservation category for Presley Drive and "G" Street.

06-149 - Resolution D-188 - Cheney Research and Industrial Park: EDA Pre-Application

The City Council passed Resolution D-043 back on September 13, 2005 for the purpose of authorizing the submittal of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) proposal to the Spokane Economic Development Council for the Cheney Research and Industrial Park Project. The Spokane EDC is responsible for preparing the CEDS for this region and this document includes a prioritized list of projects that are submitted to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) (a branch of the U.S. Department of Commerce) for funding consideration. The Cheney Research and Industrial Park Project was selected by the Spokane EDC as a top priority project for the region and the EDA has invited the city to submit a Pre-Application for further review. The EDA Pre-Application is a proposal presented directly to the EDA and if the proposal meets EDA's criteria, the applicant may be invited to submit an EDA Application for Investment Assistance. Thus, the city has cleared the first hurdle in attempting to finance the Cheney Research and Industrial Park Project. The Cheney Research and Industrial Park Project originally called for the renovation of the former Honeywell building along with the installation of infrastructure to the site of the adjoining 38 acres of land. Paul Schmidt met with the EDA earlier this summer and the EDA informed Paul that they would not be interested in participating in financing the building but they would be interested in the installation of infrastructure to the 38 acres around the Honeywell building. Honeywell has expressed their willingness to consider selling just the 38 acres whereas in the past Honeywell was only considering sale of the building and the acreage together. Staff proposes submitting an EDA Pre-Application to finance the infrastructure (road, water, sewer, fiber optic, etc.). The EDA share would be matched in part by the estimated value of the 38 acres which the city would propose purchasing contingent upon EDA funding for the project.

06-153 - Resolution D-189 - 2006 Wastewater I&I Abatement Project - Bid Award

The City of Cheney solicited bids for testing and repair of approximately 8,000 lineal feet of sanitary sewer main repair, approximately (75) 4-inch lateral connection, and (3) 8-inch cured in place internal point repairs. Michels Pipe Services submitted the only bid which was determined to be responsive.

06-146 Resolution Opposing Initiative 933 Relating to Regulations on Private Property

Initiative 933 - the Property Fairness Initiative - will be on the ballot November 7. This initiative would require governmental agencies including the City of Cheney to either compensate property owners for damages to the use or value of private property caused by land use regulations, or to waive the regulations in order to avoid payment of damages. These regulations include comprehensive planning, zoning ordinances, environmental ordinances, and others. The cost to the City of Cheney has been estimated to be in the range of \$5.5 million to \$7.1 million for compensation costs (for the period from 1996 to 2006), and \$95,000 to \$120,000 per year for administrative costs (both based on an AWC study). Before the Council may adopt a resolution taking position on the ballot issue, it is necessary to give both sides equal opportunity to state their cases by way of a public hearing.