

Chehalis City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2024
5:00 p.m.

Council Present: Mayor Ketchum, Mayor Pro Tem Lund, Councilor Spahr, Councilor McDougall, Councilor Carns, Councilor Kyes, Councilor Six.

Council Absent: None.

Staff Present: Stacy Denham, City Manager; Kevin Nelson, City Attorney; Lance Bunker, Public Works Director (via Zoom); Niki Stanhope, Finance Director; Adam Fulbright, Fire Chief; Randy Kaut, Police Chief; Todd Turner, Water Superintendent; Fritz Beierle, Streets Superintendent; Malissa Paulsen, City Planner/Interim Community Development Director; Justin Phelps, Wastewater Superintendent; Celest Wilder, Capital Improvement Project Manager; Rebecca Gallagher, Administrative Assistant to the City Manager.

Press Present: Owen Sexton, The Chronicle

1. Call to Order

Mayor Ketchum called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Carns led the flag salute.

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Spahr, seconded by Mayor Ketchum, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

4. Chehalis Foundation Update

Jenny Collins gave an update regarding the new Lewis County Tennis and Wrestling Facility.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of May 28, 2024

6. Vouchers and Transfers—Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$376,190.22 (Finance Director)

7. Vouchers and Transfers—Payroll in the Amount of \$962,450.83 (Finance Director)

8. Setting Date and Time of July 8, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible for a Public Hearing Regarding the City's Comprehensive Plan for the Comprehensive Plan Mapping and Rezone Request for the Port of Chehalis (Interim Community Development Director)
9. Setting Date and Time of July 8, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible for a Public Hearing Regarding the City's Comprehensive Plan for the Comprehensive Plan Mapping and Rezone Request for Shovel Ready LLC Parcels #017767002000 and #017769033001 (Interim Community Development Director)
10. Setting Date and Time of July 8, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible for a Public Hearing Regarding the City's Comprehensive Plan for the Comprehensive Plan Mapping and Rezone Request for 201 Hannah Lane Parcel #017875055031 (Interim Community Development Director)
11. Setting Date and Time of July 8, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible for a Public Hearing regarding the City's Comprehensive Plan for the UGB Amendment and Rezone Request for the Newaukum Ventures Properties Parcels #017873003000, #017846001005, #017846001006, #017846003002, #017846003006, #017880001001, #017880001002, and #017880001003 (Interim Community Development Director)

A motion was duly made and passed approving the items on the Consent Calendar as though acted on individually.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CITIZENS BUSINESS

Derek Fine provided public comments about the weaponization of the judicial system.

Mayor Ketchum acknowledged the Council's receipt of a public comment made by Kyle Wheeler via email regarding the history of extremism enablement by local officials.

Mayor Ketchum acknowledged the Council's receipt of a public comment made by Dixie Day via post mail regarding the development of the Kennicott Villas apartment homes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1096-B, Historic Preservation Code Amendments (Interim Community Development Director)

Interim Community Development Director Malissa Paulsen presented.

A motion was made by Councilor Spahr, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lund to adopt Ordinance No. 1096-B, amending the Chehalis Municipal Code Chapter 2.66 Historic Preservation on second and final reading. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

13. Resolution No. 11-2024, Interlocal Agreement with Riverside Fire Department for Temporary Use of Rolling Stock (Fire Chief)

Fire Chief Adam Fulbright presented.

A motion was made by Councilor Spahr, seconded by Councilor McDougall to approve Resolution No. 11-2024 authorizing the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Chehalis and Riverside Fire Authority for the temporary use of rolling stock. The motion carried unanimously.

14. Bid Award- National Avenue Resurfacing Project, Phase II (Capital Improvement Project Manager)

Capital Improvement Project Manager Celest Wilder presented.

A motion was made by Councilor Spahr, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lund to award the National Avenue Grind and Inlay Phase II project to Lakeside Industries in the amount of \$388,838.00, authorize a 20% contingency budget of \$77,768.00, and to authorize the City Manager to execute all project related documents, including change orders, not to exceed a total project cost of \$466,600.00. The motion carried unanimously.

15. Consider Application for WA State Treasurer Local Program to Fund the Purchase of a Braun Ambulance and a Rosenbauer Engine (Fire Chief)

Fire Chief Adam Fulbright presented.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lund, seconded by Councilor McDougall to authorize the City Manager to apply for the Washington State Treasurer local program for the amount not to exceed \$1,650,000.00 to fund the purchase of an Ambulance at \$450,000.00 and a Fire Engine at \$1,200,000.00 with a 10-year term of repayment. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

City Manager Update

City Manager Denham thanked the Council for his opportunity to join the City of Chehalis as its new City Manager.

COUNCILOR REPORTS/COMMITTEE UPDATES

Councilor Six reported attendance at the Imagine Chehalis Downtown Event at Mint City Coffee Roasters.

Councilor Spahr attended an online committee meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Lund thanked City Manager Denham for the work he's done so far for the city.

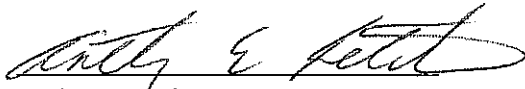
Councilor McDougall attended the Lewis County Special Olympics Torch Run, a transitional housing meeting, as well as the Imagine Chehalis Downtown Event and an Experience Chehalis promotional meeting.

Councilor Carns expressed interest in following suit of several local governments that have passed resolutions on state-mandated natural gas bans.

Mayor Ketchum attended a Ziplly Fiber meeting, the Lewis County Special Olympics Torch Run, a WSDOT meeting, the Imagine Chehalis Downtown Event, and he worked with the Chehalis Clean Team to pick up litter and graffiti around the city.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ketchum adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.



Anthony Ketchum, Sr., Mayor



Attest: Kassie Bateman, City Clerk