

**Notice of
City of Deer Park
City Council Special Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2018**

Mayor Verzal called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Verzal called roll and the following were:

Present: Councilmember's: Dee Cragun, Mary Babb, Richie Schut,
Don Stevens and Joe Polowski

Staff: Roger Krieger

Airport Manager: Darold Schultz, Schultz's Aviation, L.L.C.

Clerk/Treasurer: Deby Cragun

City Attorney: Chuck Zimmerman

Audience: 26

2. Invocation

Pastor Dennis Christiansen gave the invocation

3. Pledge of Allegiance & Welcome

4. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Verzal requested to move Ordinance 2018-980 to item B and Ordinance 2018-979 to item C under Ordinances. He also requested to add Potential Litigation under Executive Session.

IT WAS MOVED BY CRAGUN, SECONDED BY BABB; MOTION CARRIED (5-0) TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

5. Approval of November 07, 2018 regular council meeting minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY CRAGUN, SECONDED BY POLOWSKI; MOTION CARRIED (5-0) TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 07, 2018 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

6. Public Hearings

A. Ad Valorem Taxes for 2019~ Ordinance 2018-978

B. 2019 Revenue Sources

Mayor Verzal reviewed the Public Hearing procedures and opened the hearings at 7:03 p.m.

Mayor Verzal asked for comments from the public on the Ad Valorem Taxes and Revenue Sources.

Former Mayor Michael Wolfe asked what the increase in property taxes would mean to the individual home owner. Mayor Verzal stated the increase would equate to an increase of \$44.00 per year on a home valued at \$100,000.00 and \$88.00 per year on a \$200,000.00 home.

Councilmember Stevens asked for an explanation of the Ad Valorem Tax.

Roger Krieger and City Attorney Charles Zimmerman reviewed the Ad Valorem Tax and its history with those in attendance.

Samantha Shively asked about the talks had between the City and the Sheriff Departments Representatives and how the increase in the Ad Valorem Tax relates to the increase in Law Enforcement costs. Mayor Verzal stated her question would be answered under no. 7 New Business.

Councilmember Schut stated he had concerns regarding the tax increase and moving the Council Meeting to tonight instead of its scheduled time. Since this week is a holiday week and his contacts had prior commitments so they couldn't attend tonight's meeting. He doesn't feel comfortable moving forward with approving the increase.

Tammy Smith asked if the City had considered any other avenue for generating extra revenue besides the Property Tax increase. Mayor Verzal stated we had considered an increase in the Sales Tax but with increasing Sales Tax it is contingent on the County and what they have or have not asked for.

The Public Hearings were closed at 7:15 p.m.

7. New Business

- A. Amendment to Existing Interlocal Agreement for Law Enforcement Services.
AND
- B. Interlocal Agreement for Law Enforcement Services Commencing January 1, 2020.

City Attorney Charles Zimmerman reviewed the Amendment and the Interlocal Agreement stating these documents are the result of multiple negotiation sessions with the County officials. The City negotiating team consisting of Mayor Verzal, Councilmember Cragun, Councilmember Polowski, Community Services Director Krieger, City Clerk/Treasurer Cragun and Mr. Zimmerman agreed the Amendment and new Agreement were much better than the almost \$1,000,000 annual cost initial proposal of the County from late 2017 which the County wanted to begin in 2019. The new Agreement requires the City to pay \$660,000 in 2020 and the Amendment to the existing agreement will cost the City \$500,000 for 2019 law enforcement services.

Samantha Shively asked to elaborate on why it is such a bad idea for the City to start their own force.

Jacob Fischer stated the City should bite the bullet and start its own force.

City Attorney Zimmerman spoke to a number of reasons why, ranging from how many officers would be necessary to provide similar service, costs associated with potential of having to begin providing prosecutor services, public defender services, and court services again.

Former Councilmember Mike Reiter explained one reason why the City eliminated its own police department several years ago was because the City incurred overtime to respond to police calls due to the limited number of officers. If an arrest occurred the City was left without coverage while the suspect was driven to jail in Spokane for processing.

Councilmember Schut stated he is not in favor of approving the Agreements tonight because he received the Agreements on Thursday 11/15/2018.

Following discussion:

IT WAS MOVED BY CRAGUN, SECONDED BY POLOWSKI, TO:

APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AND TO APPROVE THE NEW AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES WITH SPOKANE COUNTY.

MOTION CARRIED 4-1 (Schuf).

C. LDS Church Live Nativity Scene

IT WAS MOVED BY CRAGUN, SECONDED BY BABB, TO:

APPROVE THE LDS CHURCH LIVE NATIVITY SCENE FOR THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

8. Resolutions

- A. Resolution 2018-008 ~ Approving Submittal of an Application for Grant and/or Loan Funding for Construction of Cedar Road Infrastructure Serving the Light Industrial Area of the City

Penni Loomis, grant writer explained the Resolution.

Following discussion:

IT WAS MOVED BY CRAGUN, SECONDED BY BABB, TO:

APPROVE RESOLUTION 2018-008.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

9. Ordinances (Second Readings and Public Input)

- A. Ordinance 2018-978 ~ 2019 Ad Valorem Taxes (Waive the Third Reading)

Discussion occurred on this matter as part of the public hearing identified above in these minutes.

IT WAS MOVED BY CRAGUN, SECONDED BY POLOWSKI, TO:

WAIVE THE THREE READING PROCESS.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-1 (Schuf).

IT WAS MOVED BY CRAGUN, SECONDED BY POLOWSKI, TO:

APPROVE ORDINANCE 2018-978 ~ 2019 AD VALOREM TAXES.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-1 (Schuf).

B. Ordinance 2018-980 ~ Regulating the Sale and Use of Fireworks

Council heard from interested members of the audience concerning this "compromise" Ordinance which changes the number of day's consumer fireworks may be sold and ignited in the City.

Following discussion:

IT WAS MOVED BY CRAGUN, SECONDED BY POLOWSKI, TO:

WAIVE THE THREE READING PROCESS.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-1 (Schuf).

IT WAS MOVED BY CRAGUN, SECONDED BY POLOWSKI, TO:

APPROVE ORDINANCE 2018-980 ~ REGULATING THE SALE AND USE OF FIREWORKS, CHANGING THE TIMES WHEN CONSUMER FIREWORKS MAY BE SOLD TO FROM 7AM TO 8PM ON JULY 3 AND 4 AND CHANGING THE TIMES WHEN CONSUMER FIREWORKS MAY BE DISCHARGED TO FROM NOON TO MIDNIGHT ON JULY 4 AND ON DECEMBER 31 FROM 5PM TO 12:30AM JANUARY 1.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-1 (Schuf).

C. Ordinance 2018-979 ~ Banning the Sale and Use of Fireworks

IT WAS MOVED BY CRAGUN, SECONDED BY POLOWSKI, TO:

REMOVE THIS ORDINANCE FROM FURTHER COUNCIL CONSIDERATION.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

10. Consent Agenda

Items listed below were distributed to Council Members in advance for study and were enacted with one motion.

- A. Approval of Voucher Claim Check Nos. 37148, 37193 through 37232 including EFT Debits in the amount of \$414,439.71 for the First Half of November 2018.

IT WAS MOVED BY CRAGUN, SECONDED BY BABB, TO:

APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

11. Interested Citizens: Oral Communications, Requests, Comments from Audience

Tammy Smith, Ginger Short and Robert Benedetto all shared their concerns about the new cable boxes being installed around their homes by Comcast.

12. Report of Officers

There were no reports.

13. Report of Departments

Roger Krieger explained the ALERT Spokane Program Flyer that was inserted in the October Utility Bills.

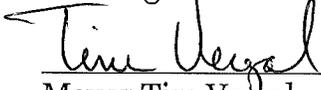
Darold Schultz gave an update on the FAA Grant Project.

14. Executive Session

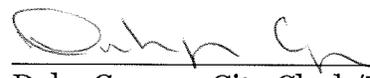
- A. The Council convened to an Executive Session for fifteen minutes to discuss potential litigation. The Executive Session began at 8:58 PM and ended at 9:13 PM.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Verzal adjourned the meeting at 9:14 P.M.



Mayor Tim Verzal



Deby Cragun, City Clerk/Treasurer