

City of Cle Elum  
Regular City Council Meeting  
March 11, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Glondo at 7:00 p.m. Council members in attendance were Bonnie Reay, Arthur Scott, Ron Spears, Warren Perry, Jim Eidemiller, Mickey Holz and Ken Ratliff. Also present was City Administrator Gregg Hall, City Planner Matt Morton, Police Chief Scott Ferguson, Assistant Fire Chief Nathan Henderson, Public Works Director Jim Leonhard was absent but submitted a written report and City Clerk Toni Fields.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

**A motion was made by Warren Perry and seconded by Mickey Holz to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion Carried**

Announcements, Appointments, Awards and Recognition

None

Consent Agenda

**A motion was made by Mickey Holz and seconded by Bonnie Reay to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included the minutes of the February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, vouchers and warrants 26077-26133 in the amount of \$72,222.77; payroll warrants numbered 18552-18593 in the amount of \$68,688.74 as approved by the auditing committee. Also voided warrants numbered 26107-\$874.65-Les Schwab Tires and 26113-\$155.00-WMTA. Motion Carried**

Officer Reports

City Administer Gregg Hall reported the next regular scheduled council meeting March 25<sup>th</sup> will begin at 6:30 p.m. An executive session is also being scheduled for that meeting. Attorney Doug Nicholson will give an update on pending litigation.

City Planner Matt Morton reported

- a meeting with Kittitas County on transportation planning next week.
- He also advised the parks and recreation element of the comprehensive plan was accepted by the state so now the city is eligible for RCO grants. He said he has been looking and found a grant that will “double the money” (the city has budgeted \$100,000.00) so now restrooms could be constructed at swimming pool park and centennial park. The award process would be in June. He will be acquiring additional information and will update council.
- Requested a meeting be scheduled for the UGA committee to discuss a few annexation and preannexation issues.

Administrator Hall read a written report submitted by Public Works Director Jim Leonhard: city crew have been sweeping and patching city streets, Spring cleanup will be April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. Jim Casassa has been hired for the newly created city maintenance worker position. He will begin work on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Police Chief Scott Ferguson reported:

- He is short three officers because of illness
- He had attended the Red Cross Heroes Breakfast. Curtis Vance, who assisted a police officer was nominated by the department and acknowledged.
- Presented a resolution for approval that declared 13 guns surplus. **A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Bonnie Reay to approve Resolution No. 2008-06-Providing for the disposal of certain inventory items deemed surplus to the reasonably foreseeable needs of the City of Cle Elum. B. Reay complimented Chief Ferguson on the process. Jim Eidemiller commented he was concerned about recycling weapons. Chief Ferguson reassured the firearms would be sold to a federal licensed gun dealer and the money would be used for tazers. 6 yes-1 no (Eidemiller) Motion Carried.**

First Assistant Fire Chief, Nathan Henderson, reported:

- Four fire calls, 2 EMS, one meeting and one “other”. He invited all council members to the 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Fireman’s Ball on April 5<sup>th</sup> at Centennial Center.

Citizens Comments

None

Public Hearings

Continued Public Hearing on the Draft Water Policy for the City of Cle Elum:

Mayor Glondo opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Mary Jane (Squeak) Giaudrone commented to have caution regarding changes to the water policy for annexation or deliverance of water to people outside of the city limits. She said to “listen to the engineers”.

David Blanchard, Sapphire Skies, referenced sections of the proposed policy: 13.20.040- What is the recourse for what happens when water rights are transferred prior to annexation and then something happens along the way. It is not clear what will happen to the water right. Also he mentioned the one for one transfer-that combined with cost for ERU could be financially difficult to pull off. He commented on the 300 acre feet that is available to be allocated out as 50 acre feet per project. He felt there should be other ways to allocate the water. The cost of \$4,500.00 per ERU is really a significant amount, well above the current price for water rights and it sets a high mark for prices of water rights he continued. Lastly he said the time period requirement of ten years was problematic for larger projects. He felt that needed to be more specific. Overall he said the policy is close and felt the public process needed to be extended for a while.

Anne Watanabe, Central Cascade Land Company, commented the water policy is on a good track. She commented on the amount of water available and use determination noting it should prioritize the uses and types of uses. In the excess water rights section she noted that the measuring of the excess should be based on actual metering. Lastly, commenting on the 10 year process, she felt the time clock should be restarted or a new clock should start depending on the development.

Matthew Sweeney, Attorney representing MVO/Prium Development, felt the policy had good compromises-it is a workable solution and it should pass allowing for it to be amended. He continued the policy is not fostering annexation and economic development in large parcels of land.

There were no further public comments. The hearing was closed at 7:35 p.m.

Administrator Hall asked council to review the written comments submitted by Pat Deneen. The water committee will meet to discuss and consider the additional comments that have been made and report at the next meeting. An ordinance will also be prepared for consideration.

Public Appearances

None

Unfinished Business

Acceptance of Appraisals for property sales to Gavin and Willette:

City Administrator Hall asked for acceptance of the appraisal amounts, done by Columbia Consultants LLC for the sale of the airport property to Mike Gavin and Wayne Willette. He reviewed the history of the requests-on October 9, 2007 the city council by motion authorized the sale of two half acre pieces of airport property to Mike Gavin and Wayne Willette. The Gavin’s and Willet’s retained Columbia Consultants to complete appraisals on the properties. G. Hall said the appraisal amounts were satisfactory. He also noted the money received would be used for the runway reconstruction at the airport. **A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Warren Perry to accept the appraisal amounts for the sale of the airport property to Mike Gavin and Wayne Willette. Motion Carried.**

New Business

Rex Building (Bull Durham Building) for the local historic register nomination: **A motion was made by Mickey Holz and seconded by Ken Ratliff to accept the nomination of the Rex Hotel/Bull Durham building to the Cle Elum Register of Historic Places with Resolution No. 2008-4. Motion Carried.**

Ordinances & Resolutions

Resolution No.: 2008-03-Placing the Livetti Building on the Cle Elum Register of Historic Places: **A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Ron Spears to approve Resolution No. 2008-03-Placing the Livetti Building on the Cle Elum Register of Historic Places. Motion Carried.**

Resolution No. 2008-05-Releasing retainage to the contractor for the TIB Stafford Ave. Sidewalk Improvement Project. **A motion was made by Mickey Holz and seconded by**

**Bonnie Reay to pass Resolution No.2008-06-Releasing retainage for the Stafford Ave Second Street Sidewalk Improvement Project to MRM Construction Inc. Motion Carried.**

Committee Reports

Utility Committee: W. Perry reported the city will make an earnest effort to get information out about the East End Sewer. Administrator Hall noted a Town Meeting is being planned to present information about the LID process. It will probably be in mid-April.

Regional Sewer Committee- Administrator Hall said the committee discussed the regional rate for South Cle Elum, Roslyn and Suncadia.

J. Eidemiller inquired about progress for the new municipal building.

A motion was made by Ron Spears and seconded by Arthur Scott to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

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Mayor

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