

City of Cle Elum
Regular City Council Meeting
May 13, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Glondo at 7:00 p.m. Members in attendance included Bonnie Reay, Ron Spears, Warren Perry, Jim Eidemiller, Ken Ratliff and Mickey Holz. Arth Scott was absent. A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Bonnie Reay to excuse Arthur Scott. Motion Carried
Also in attendance were City Administrator Gregg Hall, City Planner Matt Morton, City Attorney Phil Lamb, Police Chief Scott Ferguson, Assistant Fire Chief Nathan Henderson and City Clerk Toni Fields.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by J. Eidemiller and seconded by M. Holz to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

Announcements- Appointments

None

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by J. Eidemiller and seconded by W. Perry to accept the consent agenda as presented which include the minutes of the April 22nd, 2008 city council meeting, vouchers and warrants numbered 26318-26402 in the amount of \$160,743.90; payroll warrants numbered 18761-18807 in the amount of \$78,616.74, Approval of Progress Estimate No. 7-\$11,838.85-P.O.W Contracting, Inc- Cle Elum River Well Field and Transmission Line.

Officer Reports

City Administrator Gregg Hall reported:

- The ecology grant in the amount of \$160,000. the Kittitas Conservation District received includes \$60,000. for the city storm water study.
- Department of Health approved the water comp plan.
- Received a letter from ICS a phone and internet service provider expressing interest in a franchise with the city.

City Planner Matt Morton reported:

- The contract with the hearings examiner has expired. Changes requested were: the hourly rate increase of \$20.00 per hour-\$120.00 to \$140.00.; charge the city 1 hour per month for contract administration. Morton will bring a draft contract to the next meeting.
- Planning commission meeting on transportation
- Restroom funding has to have a recreation component. He presented a playground structure for the park.

Administrator Hall announced a meeting sponsored by the CE/Roslyn Chamber of Commerce concerning the impact of the Suncadia Resort on the communities May 28th 7:00p.m to 8:00p.m.

Public Works Director Jim Leonhard was absent.

Police Chief Scott Ferguson reported :

- A mass casualty drill would be held at the high school on Thursday May 15th.
- Requested council to surplus a 1986 Mazda pickup. ***A motion was made by K. Ratliff and seconded by B. Reay to declare the 1986 Mazda pickup as surplus. Motion Carried***

Assistant Fire Chief Nathan Henderson reported:

- 5-fire calls, 13 EMS calls, 3 mutual aid,1-training and 2 other. On 4-28 CEFD had EMTS stand by at the USFS pack test at the John Wayne trail head in South Cle Elum; 05/03 held the annual bike and rodeo and safety fair, the firemans park is now open and being rented out and there would be a controlled burn on Grant Street Saturday May 17th.

Citizen Comments

Louis Musso, 305 East Third, presented a banner for the downtown historic district. He also said the National Mainstreet Community Application process is detailed and noted application can only be made if there is a budget of \$60,000. per year of which a third comes from the city. He also noted the application is due May 28th. Mayor Glondo appointed a committee of M. Holz, R Spears and Arthur Scott to work with Musso and report at the next meeting.

Melissa Bates-Aqua Permantente, commented on the importance of water to the city. She noted it is a fallacy on owning too much water and more discussion is needed. She continued it is important to remember all water rights are not created equal and the point of diversion is important, the water belongs to the public. Residential growth only is a drain on the economy and resources. She advised of a website skagitonians.org-“Cost of Community Services Study”.

Public Hearings

None

Public Appearances

Lloyd Olson-VFW Post 1373- requested the city to consider designating gravesites for veterans in an area adjacent to the veterans cemetery. The approximate space is 280’ in length (East and West) and 35’ in width (North and South). The space would accommodate and additional 140 gravesites for the future. ***A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Ken Ratliff to instruct staff to start the process to transfer the property to the veterans for the extension of section. Motion Carried.***

Unfinished Business

Water Policy Update:

Administrator Hall reviewed the changes to the draft water policy. He also noted the changes advised by Attorney Adam Gravely. He requested no action to be taken at this time to allow staff to work with the city engineer and staff on the changes. The intent he added is to have the draft policy ready to present to the council at the June 10th council meeting.

Attorney Phil Lamb called attention to a memo he had prepared regarding the question presented at the last meeting if Councilman Ratliff was able to vote on the water policy. His conclusion was that he can vote on this issue. Administrator Hall advised a copy of the memo was made available to the public for review.

Horse Park Agreement:

Attorney Lamb updated council on the horse park issue. He said staff is trying to work on determining how to accommodate the desires of the Horse Park and Suncadia's concerns without compromising safety issues. The issue is the signing of the three party agreement.

Todd Trewin, chairman of the horse park authority said the delays could jeopardize the state funding.

Paul Eisenberg, Suncadia, said Suncadia wants to see the Horse Park move ahead but is not in a position to provide infrastructure at this time.

An agreement for review will be presented at the May 27th meeting.

New Business

Contract for Services with Environ:

Administrator Hall said the contract is for the monitoring the Bullfrog Pond and surrounding wetlands from being impacted by the well field project.

A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Bonnie REay to authorize the mayor to sign the contract with Environ. Motion Carried.

Purchase Agreement for Visions Software & Professional Services:

Administrator Hall said this is an agreement for the upgrading of the financials and payroll software. The amount being budgeted for 2008 is \$30,000.00. ***A motion was made by Bonnie Reay and seconded by Ken Ratliff to approve and authorize the City Administrator to sign the Purchase Agreement for the Visions Software and Professional Services with the understanding it is limited to \$30,00.000. budgeted this year and with the City Administrator checking to see if it is okay to pay the \$30,000.00 or versus the five year payment plan.. Motion Carried***

Resolution No.: 2008-16-Investment of city property tax receipts.

Administrator Hall said as per RCW36.29.020-directs the Kittitas County Treasurer to either pay the city interest for the property tax funds they collection behalf of the city or remit the revenue to the city daily so the city can invest the funds. The county currently invests the funds daily and only remits the tax collected (not the interest) once a month to the city. The county treasurer is not required to give the city the interest until the resolution is passed. A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Warren Perry to pas Resolution No. 2008-16-Investment of city property tax receipts. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports

City Hall Committee-Municipal Building- City Planner Matt Morton reported a tour being made of the old hospital building.

A motion was made by Warren Perry and seconded by Ron Spears to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

Mayor

Attest