

City of Cle Elum
Regular City Council Meeting
May 27th 2008

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Glondo at 7:00p.m. Members in attendance included Arthur Scott, Warren Perry, Bonnie Reay, Mickey Holz and Ken Ratliff. Jim Eidemiller and Ron Spears were not in attendance and asked to be excused. ***A motion was made by Warren Perry and seconded by Bonnie Reay to excuse Jim Eidemiller and Ron Spears. Motion Carried*** Also in attendance were City Administrator Gregg Hall, City Planner Matt Morton, Public Works Director Jim Leonhard, Police Chief Scott Ferguson, Fire Chief Dave Campbell and City Clerk Toni Fields.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Arthur Scott and seconded by Ken Ratliff to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

Announcements

Ken Ratliff said the Memorial Day celebration at the cemetery was impressive and thanked all that participated.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Arthur Scott and seconded by Mickey Holz to accept the consent agenda as presented which include the minutes of the May13, 2008 city council meeting; vouchers and warrants numbered 26404-26452-\$137,718.55; payroll warrants numbered 18808-18867-\$76,259.10 and voided warrants numbered 26339-\$9.67; 26344-192.72; and 26403-\$9786.52. Motion Carried

Officer Reports

City Administrator Gregg Hall reported:

- Revenues are down including a sales tax difference of 30%

City Planner Matt Morton reported:

- Meeting of the Transportation Working Group
- Many sign complaints received
- June 4th 6:30 p.m. planning commission will conduct a public hearing to address comprehensive plan amendment requests
- Park grant is going well

Public Works Director Jim Leonhard reported:

- Receiving a petition for the East end sewer LID
- Pine Street project going well
- Oakes Ave. project will go out to bid next week.
- Pre-con meeting May 29th for the Sportland sewer line
- Dust oil will be applied in the alleys in the next two weeks
- Complimented Garianna Carek for her work at the cemetery.

Police Chief Scott Ferguson reported:

- 70 calls for the holiday weekend
- attended WASPC seminar

- Requested surplus of four office shredders. ***A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Bonnie Reay to declare the four shredders surplus. Motion Carried.***

Fire Chief Dave Campbell reported:

- EMT classes are completed. There are 7 new EMTs in the department.
- 1 fire, 5 EMS calls, 1 meeting, 1 training and 1 other (drill)
- There are a total of 41 members in the fire department.
- Fire department is gearing up for summer fires.

Citizen Comments

Louis Musso, 305 East Second Street called attention to "talk" in the community regarding the water supply issues. 1- It is apparent that some of the people advocating tight restrictions on the allocating of the water are motivated by the desire to control growth not water supply 2. concept around water reserves are like a bank account. 3. allocating any of the unallocated water supply means the dams burst and it will all be gone.

Public Hearings

George Chambers Annexation:

M. Morton presented Resolution 2008-018-Indicating the City of Cle Elum's intent to allow the annexation of two acres of land located at the East end of Spansky Way in the SW ¼ of the SE1/4 of Section 25, Township 20N, Range 15 E.W.M., situated in Kittitas County within the Cle Elum Urban Growth Area and adjacent to the current Cle Elum incorporated limits to move forward procedurally.

The public hearing was open for public comment at 7:18 p.m. Matt Chambers, said they just want to annex in and asked for questions from the council. The hearing was closed for public comment at 7:19 p.m... Arthur Scott questioned the zoning designation for the property. M Morton said it is currently in the county and is zoned suburban. B. Reay questioned the type of sewage disposal being used and also the source of water. Chambers said he has a septic system and has a well for water. B. Reay asked why they have asked for annexation to the city. M.Chambers said they already own Mac-a-bees which is adjacent to the proposed property. ***A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Warren Perry to pass Resolution No.: 2008-018- indicating the City of Cle Elum's intent to allow the annexation of this property. Motion Carried***

Public Appearances

None

Unfinished Business

Hearings Examiner Contract:

M. Morton reviewed the agreement for hearings examiner services with Toweill, Rice and Taylor. He said the agreement is for one year. He noted they are requesting an increase in the hourly rate by \$20 and requested a one hour a month administration fee for the months there are no hearings. ***A motion was made by Art Scott and seconded by Bonnie Reay to authorize the mayor to sign the agreement as presented. Motion Carried.***

Horse Park Agreement:

G. Hall reviewed the three party agreement and a Resolution for consideration which would authorize the execution of the three party agreement leaving some room for minor modifications. K. Ratliff questioned page 4: Infrastructure (e): who will take care of the dust on the temporary gravel road. M. Morton said the Horse Park Authority will be maintaining the roads.

K. Ratliff also questioned page 6: Water Rights: Where do the water rights come from? Paul Eisenberg, representing Suncadia said Suncadia will be providing water rights with the obligation/development of the UGA. This will be the first increment to be transferred over to the city. He said there is no question Suncadia provides the water. Ken Ratliff asked it be clarified in the agreement. ***A motion was made by Mickey Holz and seconded by Warren Perry to accept the agreement regarding the Suncadia property donation for the benefit of the Washington State Horse Park Resolution No.: 2008-19. There will be additional language included on page 6-(L) Water Rights. Motion Carried.***

New Business

Belsaas and Smith Contract-Airport Improvement Project :

G. Hall said on April 8th the city council awarded the construction bid for the Airport Improvement Project to Belsaas & Smith Construction Inc. for \$1,392,688.40. They have since provided the required performance bond and liability insurance documents. He asked council to authorize the Mayor to sign the Notice to proceed and Contract Agreement with Belsaas & Smith Construction for the Airport Improvement Project. ***A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Arthur Scott to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Notice to Proceed and the Contract Agreement with Belsaas and Smith for the Airport Improvement Project. Motion Carried.***

CEDA National Main Street Funding Request:

M. Morton said he, Councilman Holz and Louis Musso-CEDA, had attended a meeting with Timothy Bishop from the City of Ellensburg for the National Main Street Program, a program that assists downtown businesses. He said the Main Street program provides technical resources and training resources to engage the citizens in the private/ public sector for the downtown area.

M. Holz added there was a big emphasis on the volunteers. They work hard on the training of volunteers. One thing is Cle Elum is the smallest town they have come to. He felt it is a plus/ plus program.

Louis Musso reported several developments since the last meeting: the annual conference in Wenatchee of which several attended. There they learned there will be three slots this year instead of two which raises the odds considerably in success. In order to be eligible to apply a community had to have the executive director and two members of there board attend the conference. He said the application had to be in Olympia by Wednesday afternoon May 28th. He said one thing that is needed is an appropriation from the city- \$20,000.00. He said they cannot get into the program without the commitment of funds. G. Hall asked if this was a one time \$20,000.00 or annually. L.Musso answered the training process takes three years. It would be a certain amount of money annually for that time from the city. G. Hall said the city could use the hotel/motel tax money along with a written agreement- what services they will provide. B. Reay wished there was

more time to study. G. Hall said the city would be only obligated if they were successful. L.Musso said that is not true. They do not accept contingent obligations. The \$20,000.00 is paid to the downtown association. A discussion was held on the program. Gregg Hall suggested waiting until next year, then agreements can be made and the funds can be budgeted.

Ordinances & Resolutions

Resolution No.: 2008-17-Veterans area of the cemetery:

A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Bonnie Reay to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution No.: 2008-17-designating additional area at Laurel Hill Cemetery for Veterans gravesites with any proceeds from the trees to be used for the cemetery. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports

M. Holz gave an update on the pool election to be held in August.

B. Reay said the UGA committee met for the first time.

Utilities Committee –Water Bill Relief- K. Ratliff reviewed a list of requests for water charges due to leaks per Ordinance 1158. He said the ordinance needs to be revisited and the guidelines be adjusted. The total amount requested was \$6,388.42; the amount recommended be allowed by the utility committee is \$2,257.64.

A motion was made by Arthur Scott and seconded by Bonnie Reay to accept the recommendation of the committee to allow the relief requests in the amounts proposed: Hugh Brannon-\$500.00, Cle Elum Trading Post 176.59; Ron Dalle 303.79; Rod Evans 136.22; Jim Gallagher 145.00; Kenneth Martinez 354.12; Murlin Varner 141.92 and Willettes Shell 500.00, for a total of 2,257.64 . Motion Carried

An executive session was called at 8:50 p.m. for potential and pending litigation RCW 5.60.060 (A) potential and pending litigation. He noted the session is expected to last 5 minutes with no action to be taken during the session and it is anticipated no action will be taken afterward. The meeting s reconvened 8:54 p.m. No action was taken during the session. ***A motion was made by Bonnie Reay and seconded by Arthur Scott to adjourn the meeting at 8:55p.m. Motion Carried. The next scheduled meeting is for Tuesday June 10th at 7:00p.m.***

Mayor

Attest