

City of Cle Elum  
Regular City Council Meeting  
June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Warren Perry at 7:00. Members in attendance were Jim Eidemiller, Ken Ratliff, Mickey Holz, Arthur Scott, Ron Spears and Bonnie Reay. Mayor Glondo was absent. Also in attendance were: City Administrator Gregg Hall, City Planner Matt Morton, City Attorney Phil Lamb, Public Works Director Jim Leonhard, Police Chief Scott Ferguson and City Clerk Toni Fields.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

***A motion was made by Arthur Scott and seconded by Ron Spears to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion Carried***

Consent Agenda

***A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Bonnie Reay to approve the consent agenda as presented which included the minutes of the May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008 council meeting; vouchers and warrants numbered 26453-26518 in the amount of \$218,261.38; payroll warrants numbered 18868-18913 in the amount of \$ 74,253.10; Progress Estimate No. 1-Granite Northwest Pine Street Improvements Project-\$116,568.13 and Change Order No. 1- Pine Street Improvements-\$16,430.00. K. Motion Carried***

Officer Reports

City Administrator Gregg Hall reported:

- A “budget academy” presented by the Association of Washington Cities will be held in Leavenworth on August 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>
- Being contacted by Craig Nevil, Four Seasons Rec. Ctr., concerning a funding commitment from the city. G. Hall said he will have a resolution for the next meeting and have it budgeted for next years budget 2009.
- Read an informational letter from Hartwig Vatheuer that stated the Cle Elum Kiwanis club would be selling “safe & sane” fireworks from 9:00 am on July 1 to later than 11:00 p.m. on July 4<sup>th</sup>. He added the fire works sales is a major fund raiser for the club

City Planner Matt Morton reported:

- The \$100,000. recreation funding grant is past the first round
- Good public turnout for the planning commission hearing on the comp plan amendment.

Public Works Director Jim Leonhard reported:

- Receiving a letter from the chamber of commerce requesting the city to allow closure of Harris Ave. between 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> (instead of Railroad and First as in previous years) Thursday July 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4th 3:00 p.m. to 6:00p.m. Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup> for the “Taste of the Valley” event. ***A motion was made by Bonnie Reay and seconded by Ken Ratliff to accept the change in the events by the chamber of commerce-Taste of the Valley Event- for Thursday July 2<sup>nd</sup> thru Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup> as stated in the letter received. Motion Carried.***

- The “issues” on the Pine Street Project have been resolved, the underground utilities are completed, the sidewalks & gutters are coming along.
- Basketball tournament scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration has been cancelled.
- Requested permission to have an engineer inspect 850 feet of sewer main for repair/replace and cost, from Mama Vallones to Farm & Home. He advised there have been problems with this section of sewer line. ***A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Bonnie Reay to authorize staff to proceed with getting an estimate for engineering & construction of 850 feet of sewer line from Mama Vallones to Farm & Home. Motion Carried***

Police Chief Scott Ferguson reported:

- Presented scholarships at the high school on June 5<sup>th</sup>
- Introduced Corporal Kirk Bland as a new police officer.

#### Citizen Comments

Hartwig Vathuer, Cle Elum Chamber of Commerce, gave a brief history of the tree and flower planting around the city. He also asked the city to consider the maintenance of these areas. Arthur Scott volunteered to coordinate efforts.

Janice Engels, 104 West Third, requested the city consider hiring an animal control officer. She said a “pit bull” had entered her property and fought with her dog, cat and also was aggressive with her daughter. She is concerned that the dog will attack other people especially young children. Police Chief Ferguson noted funding (with "Proposition 2"-sales tax revenue) for an animal program is under discussion.

#### Public Hearings

##### Budget Amendment:

- City Treasurer Sandy Sutton explained the amendment was for a \$225.00 grant was given to the police department for a digital camera. The street maintenance cd will be cashed in to pay for necessary street maintenance; the coal mine trail commission had received revenue to fund new brochures; \$29,836 was transferred from the hotel/motel reserve fund to the construction fund to pay for public restrooms at the park.; \$20,000.00 from the contingency fund to the water/sewer fund to pay for new meter and fittings at the cemetery; additional funds from the sale of land surrounding the airport and \$1,150.00 for the library aide. The hearing was opened for public comment at 7:35 p.m. There were no public comments. The hearing was closed for comments from the public. ***A motion was made by Mickey Holz and seconded by Arthur Scott to adopt Ordinance No.: 1292-Amending the 2008 Budget. Arthur Scott questioned Gregg Hall about his comment at the last meeting concerning the declining revenue from sales tax. G. Hall it is ok at this time. Motion Carried.***

##### Green Canyon LLC, Annexation-2008-21-ANX-2007-004; Hansell Annexation-2008-22-ANX-2007-001 & Deneen Annexation 2008-23-ANX-2007-002:

- City Planner Morton said the annexations were already “accepted” procedurally by the City Council at a previous meeting. Staff was instructed to file a Notice of Intent to Annex with the county review board however the

KCBBRB is requesting that a resolution of acceptance for procedural purposes must accompany each BRB Notice of Intention. The hearing for the Green Canyon annexation was opened at for public comment at 7:45p.m. There were no public comments. The hearing was closed. ***A motion was made by Bonnie Reay and seconded by Jim Eidemiller to Approve Resolution No.: 2008-21-Green Canyon-ANX-2007-04. Motion Carried*** Attorney Lamb said the action on the annexations should be decided on separately because Ken Ratliff is an employee of Mr. Deneen.

The hearing for the Hansell Annexation-ANX-2007-001 was opened for public comment at 7:46 p.m. There was no public comment. The hearing was closed for public comment at 7:47 p.m. ***A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Mickey Holz to approve Resolution No.:2008-22- 2007-001-Hansell-ANX -2007-001. Motion Carried.***

The hearing for the Deneen Annexation-ANX-2007-002 was opened for public comment at 7:48 p.m. Ken Ratliff excused himself and left the room. There were no public comments. The public hearing was closed for public comments. ***A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Ron Spears to approve Resolution No.: 2008-23- 2007-002-Deneen Annexation. Motion Carried.*** K. Ratliff rejoined the meeting.

Public Appearances

None

Unfinished Business

#### Water Policy:

- B. Reay read a statement she had prepared regarding the current draft water policy. She said giving away water, in any amount, without a long range plan broaches dereliction of duty. She noted she had attended a workshop on exempt wells in Ellensburg that was very informative. She suggested putting the water policy on hold for now. J Eidemiller and K. Ratliff agreed this be turned over to staff to collect more data as the staff report reflected. A. Scott said his strategy on the policy is: the community is going to grow and the question to be asked is how can growth be revolved in a responsible fashion; need to deal with the water carefully- we need to do something with the water. B. Reay said she disagrees with him after listening to professionals. K Ratliff said the city is not looking to give away water just use what we have and add to it. W. Perry said the policy does not meter giving out 200 acre feet in five years. B. Reay asked if the water is metered at the cemetery. J. Leonhard said it will be soon. City Administrator Gregg Hall said staff is working with City Engineer Jeff Louman on the amount of seasonal water the City can except and whether of not the 1/3 requirement needs to be adjusted. Work is being done to obtain numbers to establish the current cost to purchase and transfer water rights so the City can set a fair rate for the payment in lieu of section of the policy. He asked no action be taken at the meeting and allow staff to work with legal counsel and city engineer to determine what numbers the city should use in their water policy and develop

detailed findings for an ordinance that supports the councils goals in adopting a new water policy. When the findings are complete staff will bring the findings and the draft water policy back to council for review prior to preparing a final ordinance.

- ***A motion was made by J. Eidemiller and seconded by R. Spears to return this back to staff to continue with the process to acquire data that is needed to make a decision-J Eidemiller amended his motion to read to be returned back to the committee and staff to come up wit the numbers needed . Motion Carried.***

New Business

None

Ordinances & Resolutions

Resolution No.: 2008-24-Carpenter House Nomination-200-05-

- City Planner Matt Morton said the nomination was proposed by the Northern Kittitas County Historical Society to contribute to local historical preservation and take advantage of local, state and federal financial incentives. ***A motion was made by B. Reay and seconded by K. Ratliff to accept the nomination of the Carpenter House to the Cle Elum Local Register of Historic Places. Motion Carried***

Resolution No.: 2008-25- Proceed with the East End Sewer LID:

- City Administrator Gregg Hall said the east end of the city is without sewer service and property owners are interested in forming an LID. The resolution is needed to authorize the city engineer and city staff to take necessary steps to begin the formation of the LID. ***A motion was made by K. Ratliff and seconded by Mickey Holz to authorize the city engineer and city staff to take the necessary steps to begin the formation of a LID for a portion of the East end of the city. Motion Carried***

Committee Reports

J. Eidemiller reported on the regional sewer meeting.

***A motion was made by B. Reay and seconded by A. Scott to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.***

The next regular scheduled meeting is June 24<sup>th</sup> 2008 at 7:00 p.m.