

City Of Cle Elum  
Regular City Council Meeting  
October 28, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Glondo at 7:00p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Members present included Jim Eidemiller, Ken Ratliff, Mickey Holz, Arthur Scott, Ron Spears and Bonnie Reay. Warren Perry was absent. Also in attendance were City Administrator Gregg Hall, City Planner Matt Morton, Attorney Mike Kenyon, Fire Chief Dave Campbell and City Clerk Toni Fields.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

**A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Mickey Holz to accept the meeting agenda as presented. Motion Carried.**

Announcements

Mayor Glondo announced his youngest daughter Teresa had given birth to a baby girl on Monday.

Consent Agenda

**A motion was made by Mickey Holz and seconded by Ken Ratliff to adopt the consent agenda as presented which included the minutes of the October 14<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting, vouchers and warrants numbered 27010-27059 in the amount of \$173,953.14 and voided warrant # 26970-Department of Licensing-\$312.25. Motion Carried.**

Officer Reports

City Administrator Hall:

- Puget Sound Energy is having a lighting ceremony on Thursday October 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 at Flag Pole Park for the lamp that was dedicated to Hartwig Vatheurer.
- Change order for the airport would be presented in November.
- Contacts are being made for the sound system in the council chambers.

City Planner Morton: had no report. Will report on agenda items.

Police Chief Ferguson:

- Received an \$800.00 grant for a video camera system
- Received a donation from Life Support on the amount of \$1,500.00 to be used for advanced first aid materials.
- Will assist with the annual chamber sponsored Halloween Parade on Friday October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Fire Chief Campbell:

- Fire dept responded to 2 fire calls and 6 EMS calls.
- The addition to station # 2 is coming along.
- Emergency gas generator being installed in station #1
- Received a grant from the Kittitas County Law & Justice Council for river rescue equipment.
- 6 new recruits will be attending fire training at the Tinkam Training Center.

Public Works Director Jim Leonhard was absent.

Citizen Comments

Richard Hill-Homestead Restaurant, presented questions on the preliminary cost analysis/maps on the East End Sewer LID. He said that property owners are assessed whether they hook up or not and he noted by looking at the map there are several properties that are missing from the map and if they were included that would make a difference in helping keep the costs down. He then inquired what the next step would be and added this should be on the agenda for each meeting to keep it going.

Administrator Hall responded Jim Leonhard, public works director, was to contact all the property owners with information of the process then await feedback from them. He noted 50 to 60% of assessed valuation is needed. He said he will check with Leonhard on the progress.

Public Hearings

None

Public Appearances

Melissa Howard-Young Life-Snow Sculpting the Wye area:

She said Young Life would like to hold a community snow sculpting event in the Wye is on December 6<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with Christmas in Cle Elum. She introduced Randy Moser who also added the event is giving an additional activity to the Christmas in Cle Elum event & provides fun for all ages. He said chili, cornbread and hot cocoa would be sold-incompliance with required permits.

**A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Ron Spears to approve the request. Motion Carried.**

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

2009 Budget:

Mayor Glondo read a letter—which was an introduction to the proposed 2009 budget. He said the budget is the blueprint for managing the affairs of Cle Elum—it sets community priorities for the

collection and use of taxpayer money for the benefits of the community. He reflected on the priorities-management will call for stand by plans to address funding shortfalls should they occur; continued commitment to staff in the form of a cost of living increase and provide the necessary tools, equipment and technology to make their workplace safe & efficient; construction of playground equipment and public restrooms at the City Park with grant funding from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program and insurance money from the pool; and additional police officer and part time animal control offer pert the passage of proposition 2; reconstruction of a portion of Railroad Street with distressed sales & use tax money in the form of a grant from the county; paving of progress path with the grant from the safe routes to school.

Council comments included a concern for raising rates for the citizens of the city while there are "partners" should come thru in substantial ways- thru agreements; fixed income residents having to face a 2.5 increase in water/sewer and a 3.5 wage increase in salaries for city employees may not be accepted by residents. Mayor Glondo said this was an introduction to the budget; there would be public hearings to follow.

Agreement for Payment of Professional, Staff & consultant Services:

Planner Morton requested the agreement be pulled from the agenda

Individual Comprehensive Plan Request Comp-2008-02:

Attorney Kenyon presented three questions for council (only). Collectively he asked:

-Do any of you have ownership/leasehold in the property that is subject to this application. Councilman Spears asked if this includes his property. M. Morton answered no. all council members answered no.

-Does anyone stand to gain or lose financially by virtue of your vote on this application this evening. All answered no.

-Has any councilmember had an ex parte communication (outside of an open public meeting) with either a proponent or opponent of this application. All answered no.

He then asked the audience if anyone wished to challenge any council participation in this matter. No challenges were offered.

Planner Morton said this was a closed record hearing for a change of comprehensive plan land use designation & zoning from residential to general commercial by applicant Kristina Willett-Owens. The property is located on the northeast corner of West First Street & North Miller Ave. He advised the subject property is already within the Cle Elum corporate limits and has water and sewer. Also he added any future users will be required to undergo site & design review to ensure consistency with Cle Elum Municipal Code requirements. The application was filed as part of the 2008 Cle Elum Comprehensive Plan update cycle on March 31, 2008 and has had several public hearings through the planning commission. The Sepa Environmental review was concluded July 31, 2008 and no challenge or appeal was filed.

Council discussed the Miller Ave. right of way and future development.

Attorney Kenyon reminded council the request was a change of zoning-from residential to general commercial not approving any type of development.

***A motion was made by Ron Spears and seconded by Mickey Holz to deny the rezone.3 yes, 3 no motion failed.***

***A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Bonnie Reay to approve the rezone.3-yes-3-no. Motion failed.***

Individual Comprehensive Plan Request Com-2008-003-

Attorney Kenyon presented three questions for council (only). Collectively he asked:

-Do any of you have ownership/leasehold in the property that is subject to this application. All council members answered no.

-Does anyone stand to gain or lose financially by virtue of your vote on this application this evening. All answered no.

-Has any councilmember had an exparte communication (outside of an open public meeting) with either a proponent or opponent of this application. Council Spears answered yes -Mr. Page informed him this was coming up. Attorney Kenyon asked R. Spears if Page solicited/asked for his vote. Spears responded yes-Kenyon what was the nature of your response. Spears answered he told him he was not going to vote on it. Kenyon asked based on your conversation with Mr. Page do you believe you can remain fair & impartial in consideration of this application. Spears answered yes I do. Kenyon responded Mr. Mayor for the record-five council members answered no. We have heard Mr. Spear's discussion and based then to the audience would any of you like to challenge any council members continuing participation on this matter. None responded. He then told Mr. Spears he is free to stay & vote.

M. Morton said the subject property is .15 acres is within the corporate city limits and has access to city water and sewer. Any future uses will be required to undergo site and design review to ensure consistency with the Cle Elum Municipal Code requirements. The request is to change zoning from residential to general commercial and is located southeast of the intersection of Second Street and Peoh Ave. The applicant is Brad Page.

The property has gone through several public hearings through the Cle Elum Planning Commission. The SEPA Environmental review concluded July 31, 2008 and no challenge or appeal was filed.

A question of if there is commercial area next or by it. Matt. Morton said there is-Bakery House and Mikes Tavern.

**A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Bonnie Reay adopt the recommendations of the planning commission to approve the rezone. 5 yes, 1 no (Spears)**

Ordinances & Resolutions

Resolution No.: 2008-31-Surplus of Inventory-Police:

**A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Bonnie Reay to pass Resolution No.: 2008-31-Surplus to a 2000 Ford Crown Vic VIN No: 2FAFP71W4YX1160581. Motion Carried**

Committee Reports

Gregg Hall distributed an update on the conceptual design of the new city hall.

Ken Ratliff reported on the utility committee meeting. He said there is a customer with a commercial account that would like a consideration for relief. They are working on changing the requirements for relief of water bills.

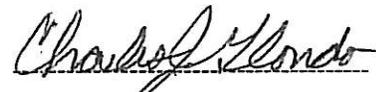
Ron Spears said the applications for the 2009 Hotel /Motel funding are due on Thursday.

**A motion was made by Bonnie Reay and seconded by Ron Spears to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.**

Richard Hill offered a correction to Gregg Hall's statement about the percentage needed for the passage of an LID. He noted Hall said 60 % for approval and actually it is 60% for objection-41% -it will move forward.

The next regular scheduled council meeting has been changed from Tuesday November 11<sup>th</sup> to Monday November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

  
Attest

  
Mayor