

City of Cle Elum

Regular City Council Meeting
December 9th, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Glondo at 7:00 p.m... The pledge of allegiance was recited. Members present included Jim Eidemiller, Warren Perry, Arthur Scott, Ron Spears and Bonnie Reay. Ken Ratliff and Mickey Holz were absent. ***A motion was made by Warren Perry and seconded by Ron Spears to excuse Ken Ratliff and Mickey Holz. Motion Carried.***

Announcements

Attorney Kenyon introduced his daughter and son-in-law who are visiting from North Carolina and will be deployed to Iraq for a year tour of duty.

Approval of the meeting agenda:

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

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Warren Perry to adopt the consent agenda as presented which include the minutes of the November 25th, 2008 council meeting; vouchers and warrants numbered 27176-27257 in the amount of \$411,426.63; payroll warrants numbered 19520-19566 in the amount of \$ 73,182.67. Motion Carried.

Officer Reports

City Administrator Gregg Hall reported:

- After reviewing the 2008 budget the fire department had an unspent dollar amount of 14,500.00. He said the fire department is requesting to spend \$12,000.00 of that for a replacement vehicle (command vehicle). ***A motion was made by Ron Spears and seconded by Jim Eidemiller to approve the request by the fire department. Bonnie Reay suggested and Arthur Scott agreed time should be taken on the purchase because next year could bring better deals. Motion Carried.***

City Planner Matt Morton is on Vacation

Public Works Director Jim Leonhard reported:

- the newly purchased bucket truck was used to attach Christmas decorations to the light poles.
- Had problems making contact with individual property owners on the east end so he has sent letters regarding the sewer LID.

Police Chief Scott Ferguson reported:

- Business as usual & assisting with traffic control for the Christmas in Cle Elum parade.

Citizen Comments

Jim Barich commented about the newly received property assessments and the increases. He said it directly affects the city.

Wes Jones commented that he opposes the tax increase. He suggested the council get a grip on reality and cut back on spending and lower taxes. The city does not need to be like Issaquah.

Stan Murphy addressed the tax increases. He felt the increases were based on realtors views of what the properties were worth.

Public Hearings

Budget Amendment for 2008:

City Administrator Hall said the amendment include in Current Expense-ASPEN Grant for the police department to by a video camera.-as per envelopers contracts \$20,000. Was added to revenue to pay for staff time for development planning;-surveying/engineering done on rezone for railroad street and city property south of the railroad tracks-to come out of contingency. Police Reserve- life support donation of \$1,500. To buy medical kits for the patrol cars; street equipment fund-\$30,000. From the street equipment CD for the down payment on the grader; water sewer equipment fund-\$20,000. CD for the down payment on the grader; Water Rehab Fund-Close out fund-transfer to water fund to pay off retainage for the well field project; water/sewer Fund-transfer in water rehab funds of \$2,000.; transfer in capital reserve funds to pay for water plant capital expenditures; Water Sewer Reserve Fund- take regional funds from reserve to pay for capital projects at the water plant; Athletic Fields Fund- Close out athletic field fund(this fund is for capital purchase only per the state auditor) and transfer to current to put into the park CD; UGA Shortfall Fund- Increase shortfall reimbursement to pay for the planner salary shortfall; transfer funds from the Current Expense to pay for administrator and planner salaries for December.

Mayor Glondo opened the public hearing for public comment at 7:22 pm. There were no public comments. The haring was closed for public comment at 7:23 p.m.

Veolia Water Contract-

Administrator Hall requested council to consider the amendment to the O & M contract with Veolia to make its annual budget term consistent with Cle Elums calendar year budget term. He said the regional sewer committee recommended the amendment the approved.

A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Arthur Scott to approve Resolution No.: 2008-32-Authorizing the Mayor to sign the amended Veolia Contract. Motion Carried.

Public Appearances

Marsha Weyand-Kittitas County Assessor-

Introduced Cindy Adams-administrative assistant

She explained the process of the property tax system. She said there are eight appraisers in the office. They do the field inspections, study sales and set values. After the city turns in their budgets the rates are set. There are limits; t he city can only raise their budget by 1%. She continued if the value has gone up 80% the tax may go up 37-43 %. As for the city limits the tax is not rising directly proportionately to the value increase. The typical property in Cle Elum City limits has an increase of 22-27%. She invited citizens to contact the assessor's office for questions. . Forms are also available and the appeal deadline is 12/25/08. She noted an appeal can be filed without evidence being ready. There is available a senior citizen/disabled exemption with an income limit of \$35,000.00.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Cle Elum Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center Contract Renewal

Administrator Hall said the chamber is requesting \$200.00 a month additional for 2009-previously the contract was for \$1,500.00 per month for the visitor center hours of operation. He said the increase will allow the visitor center to be open on weekend's year around.

A motion was made by Warren Perry and seconded by Ron Spears to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2009 Agreement with the Chamber which includes an increase of \$200.00 for the visitor's center operation. Motion Carried.

Gary Berndt, chamber member, request ed a rollover of \$1,640.00 of the \$2,000.00 for renovating the freeway signs to new sign in front of the chamber. ***A motion was made by Ron Spears and seconded by Warren Perry to approve the rollover of \$1,642.44 from t he freeway way signs line item to the chamber sign. Motion Carried.*** Berndt thanked the city for their support with the chamber during 2008.

Airport Project-Pay Estimate No. 6 & Change Order No. 2:

Administrator Hall said the sixth pay estimate amount is \$98,657.43. The change order no.2 includes a new PAPI, additional grading, over excavation cost, securing the tie downs, pavement apron off the county road, securing the tie-downs, pavement apron off the county road, quarry spalls and additional fabric. The total cost for the change order is \$48,224.44. /he noted the change order will not require additional funding to the airport project. The change order cost will be obtained from the net savings of the original contract amount and we anticipate that the project will still be complete slightly under the contract amount.

A motion was made by Arthur Scott and seconded by Bonnie Reay to approve and authorize that Mayor to sign the Pay Estimate No. 6 and Change Order No. 2 for the Municipal Airport Runway Improvement Project with the condition the proper signature are obtained. Motion Carried.

First Amendment to the Three Party Agreement for the Horse Park:

Administrator Hall said the proposed amendment to the donation agreement enables the deed conveying the property to the city be promptly recorded contemporaneously with the long term lease between the City of Cle Elum and the Horse Park Association, and makes provision for creation and recording/delivery (in the case of the instrument that will create access rights to equestrian trails to be developed in the future by Suncadia) at a later date within a specified time frame. Erin Anderson, the city's special land use counsel, has been in frequent contact with the WSHPA and Suncadia, county offices, the city's insurance and the escrow agency to ensure that the transfer and lease of the property may proceed in advance of expiration of any appropriations for the further development of the property as the Washington State Horse Park.

A motion was made by Ron Spears and seconded by Jim Eidemiller to authorize the mayor to sign the First Amendment to the Agreement regarding Suncadia property donation for the benefit of the Washington State Horse Park. Motion Carried

Ordinances & Resolutions

Ordinance No.: 1300-Amending the Water Rates for 2009; Ordinance No.: 1301- Amending the Sewer Rates for 2009; Ordinance No.: 1302-Amending the Garbage rates for 2009:

A motion was made by Arthur Scott and seconded by Warren Perry to adopt Ordinance No.: 1300- Amending the water rates for 2009; Ordinance No.: 1301- Amending the Sewer Rates for 2009; and Ordinance No.: 1302-Amending the Garbage rates for 2009- Motion Carried

Committee Reports

None

A motion was made by Arthur Scott and seconded by Bonnie Reay to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.
The next regular scheduled meeting is January 13th 2009 at 7:00 p.m.



Attest



Mayor