

City of Cle Elum  
Regular City Council Meeting  
January 13, 2009

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

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Bonnie Reay said she had several questions on the meeting notes from the last meeting which she felt the public needed clarification and also to comment on the weather disaster. **A motion was made by Ron Spears and seconded by Jim Eidemiller to approve the meeting agenda as presented with the additions of questions on the meeting notes for public clarification and discussion/comments on the disaster last week. Motion Carried.**

Announcements

Jim Eidemiller was congratulated on the birth of a new great-grandson.

Consent Agenda

Bonnie Reay wanted the public to understand the budget amendment passed at the December 2008 meeting. She asked Gregg Hall for information/clarification of the UGA Shortfall Fund and the increased shortfall reimbursement to pay for the planner's salary shortfall; transfer from current expense to pay for the administrator and planners salary through December. She also inquired on the comment that Marsha Weyand made about the city only able to raise their budget by 1%. Hall said it was the property tax levy could be raised only by 1%. (Clarified for the record). She also questioned how the weather conditions affected the 2009 budget because there salary increases. Jim Leonhard said a \$10,000.00 "buffer" was put in the budget for snow removal. Gregg Hall said staff members will be reporting on the damage from the storm. Warren Perry said there was a storm drain broken that caused the flooding past his residence and Third Street. He said the city needs to be careful when considering the annexation of the property above the city. Hall advised he would have City Treasurer Sandy Sutton prepare a memo with explanation of the planner's salary shortfall and city administrator/planner transfer of funds from the current fund. **A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Ken Ratliff to adopt the consent agenda as presented with the inclusion of questions/comments from Bonnie Reay for the minutes of the December 9<sup>th</sup> city council meeting; vouchers and warrants dated: numbered 27258-27293; dated December 22, 2008 in the amount of \$55,088.18; voided warrant no.: 27210-Tribune-\$242.23; payroll vouchers and warrants numbered: 19567-19626 in the amount of \$90,915.38 dated 12-26-2008; vouchers and warrants numbered 27294-27349 in the amount of \$96,018.31; voided warrant no.: 27119-Stoel Rives- in the amount of \$12,620.00; dated 1-9-2009; Payroll warrants 19267-19672 in the amount of \$80,924.68. Motion Carried.**

Officer Reports

City Administrator Gregg Hall reported:

- The Horse Park transaction with Suncadia is complete.
- Put the East End Sewer Project on the "list" for the Main Street Economic Recovery Stimulus Package funding.
- Reported an ice dam on the roof blocked the water from draining and damage was done to city hall office. He noted the city insurance carrier was notified and also the city has a \$5,000.00 deductible (which may be reduced because of the widespread damage); the fire station sustained damage in the men's restroom because of an ice dam on the roof causing the water to leak through the ceiling and the library had a facing board come off. The city will be also filing for federal assistance. He said the city as well as the county website will have forms available to the public to fill out for initial property damage assessment. A certain threshold of damage amounts has to be reached in the county to be eligible for federal funding. There is a due date of January 21<sup>st</sup> for the forms to be submitted to Kittitas County. Matt Morton concurred there are two different forms that are available on is for residential and another for businesses. He requested city residents turn them into the city because the city would like understand exactly what happened. Gregg Hall addressed council person Reay question regarding the impact of the time spent/damage of the storm on the 2009 budget. He said on Wednesday morning at 11:30

am the mayor signed a declaration of emergency therefore making any costs incurred by the city will eligible for reimbursement.

City Planner Matt Morton reported:

- The City building official, Rob Oman attended meetings with emergency management officials from Kittitas County and city staff met with state emergency management officials from Olympia. He also reflected on the damage forms.
- Meetings will be held with county officials on the impact of developments on the city including the storm water issues; transportation, water quality & water issues.

Public Works Director Jim Leonhard reported:

- Rain on three feet of snow caused flooding in the city. He felt the city was pretty prepared for the storm. He said the snow saved the city because snow around crystal creek kept the water contained. He said on the East end of the city there were private culverts plugged which caused the backup of the water and flooding. A twelve inch storm drain between Peoh and Montgomery plugged on the hill and caused flooding. Bonnie Reay questioned if there was anything the city could do to help alleviate these problems. Leonhard advised he has a list. Also he said there were problems on No.7 hill. The water supply he said was taken care of. The sewer treatment plant sustained with no violations. He thanked the police department and fire department for all their cooperation. Mayor Glondo commended Leonhard and his crew for all the good work they did.

Police Chief Scott Ferguson reported:

- New Years Eve was quiet.
- Assisted with the tagging/towing of cars for snow removal.
- Felt Jim Leonhard and crew saved the town during the storm.
- Presented crime stats for the three communities.
- Received a \$500.00 from a citizen which will be used for a new bullet proof vest.
- Introduced Shane Poole as a new officer

Fire Chief Dave Campbell reported:

- 11 fire calls; 6 EMS calls, 2 meetings and 2 trainings.
- Assisted with the flooding
- Thanked all volunteers for filling the 4500 sandbags.
- Announced EMT classes being held in Cle Elum.

Mayor Glondo thanked everyone that helped with the flooding.

#### Comments from the Public

Catherine Clerf, Ellensburg, said Whatcom County created an ordinance for wind or renewable energy. She said Kittitas County is drafting an ordinance for this and advised the cities need to do their own.

Public Hearings

None

Public Appearances

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

#### Technology Purchases Agreement:

**A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Mickey Holz to authorize the Mayor to sign the Information Technology Purchase Agreement with the State of Washington Administrative Office of the Courts. Motion Carried.**

#### Jail Services Agreement:

**A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Ken Ratliff to authorize the Mayor to sign the City/County Agreement for Jail Services. Motion Carried**

#### Pay Estimate No.7 and Change Order No.2-Municipal Runway Improvement Project;

**A was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Warren Perry to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Pay Estimate No. 7-\$120,335.30-Belsaas & Smith, and Change Order No. 2 54,099.02 for the Municipal Airport Run way Improvement Project. Motion Carried**

Ordinance & Resolutions

Resolution No. 2009-01- Disposal of Certain Inventory Items Deemed to be Surplus-

**A motion was made by Arthur Scott and seconded by Jim Eidemiller to accept Resolution No. 2009-01- Disposal of certain inventory items deemed to be surplus. Motion carried**  
Ordinance No.: 1305-Denying Houglan Rezone and Comp Plan Amendment-

**A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Warren Perry to adopt Ordinance No, 1305- Denying the Houglan Rezone and Com Plan Amendment. Ron Spears- abstained- Motion Carried.**  
Ordinance No. 1306-George Chambers Annexation:

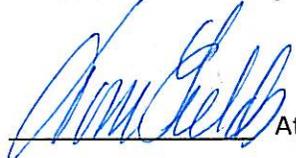
**A motion was made by Arthur Scott and seconded by Bonnie Reay to adopt Ordinance No. 1306- George Chambers Annexation. Motion Carried**

Committee Reports

Jim Eidemiller inquired about the new city hall building

Mayor Glondo reminded council to inform staff of any questions that may be presented at the meeting

**A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.**

  
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Mayor 