

## City of Cle Elum

## Regular City council Meeting

February 24, 2009

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

## Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Gregg Hall said the airport annexation needed to be added to Public Hearings portion of the agenda.

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

## Announcements Awards &amp; Recognition

None.

## Consent Agenda

**A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Arthur Scott to adopt the consent agenda as presented which include the minutes of the February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 city council meeting; vouchers and warrants numbered 27481-27521 in the amount of \$153,585.84; payroll warrants numbered 19779-19837 in the amount of \$81,104.96. Motion Carried.**

## Officer Reports

City Administrator Gregg Hall reported:

- AWC Elected Officials Training. The workshop covers basic powers of government, different forms of city government, and the statutory duties of the mayor and council.
- He does not have the MOU with the Chamber of Commerce and the Cle Elum Improvement Association and City as advised at the previous meeting. The chamber has comments about the contents.

City Planner Matt Morton reported:

- Transportation meeting with the consultant was excellent. The Planning Commission will be holding public hearings and go through the public process. Anna Lael will be at the next planning commission meeting to discuss storm water.
- Advised grant opportunities are out there and he is keeping on top of it.

Public Works Director Jim Leonhard was absent but Gregg Hall read a written report:

- City crew has been putting up additional banners along Oakes Ave. & West First Street.
- The cleaning of crystal creek has started.
- Has been working with Kittitas County Public Works personnel on the WSDOT Economy Recovery Funds. It looks like Cle Elums share will be \$36,962.00.
- Will be attending, along with Rob Omans, a FEMA meeting Thursday in Ellensburg.
- The approval of the Oakes Ave. project on the agenda is procedural and will get the process started to close out the project.

Police Chief Scott Ferguson reported:

- The county Law & Justice Council needs a representative to replace Jim Eidemiller who has employment conflicts. The meetings are the third Wednesday of each month-8:00 am in Ellensburg.
- Advised Office Shane Poole was arrested for DUI and is longer employed as a Cle Elum Police officer.

## Citizen Comments

Nathan Weis-R&R Cable Company-advised on April 1, 2009 the basic charge for cable TV will be increased by \$3.00-and \$4.00 for extended basic service.

## Public Hearings

Continued Coal Mine Trail Annexation

City Planner Matt Morton said additional public testimony will be taken on the annexation as per request by the City of Roslyn. He said a meeting was held with the City of Roslyn and their attorney. He also advised a letter was received from the City of Roslyn just prior to the meeting and he was unable to read the entire content. In essence he said they (Roslyn) were not trying to hinder the process and they support one of the modified options. He continued the original proposal presented is defunct for two reasons: the cloudy issue of shoestring annexation and the contiguous of the UGA and the Coal Mine Trail. He said he could not advise council or the county commissioners to sign the original application because the city was going to rely on the Boundary Review Board to give a "road map" of the action the state requires, but the Boundary Review Board has been disbanded in Kittitas County. He then offered 3 options for consideration: do nothing; annex a portion of the trail that is in the Cle Elum UGA and owned by the City of Cle Elum (a map showing the options was distributed) He also pointed out, in the transportation plan a North Ridge Road is talked about (a road that runs East & West) which would get traffic off of Columbia and Montgomery, and the final option is come down the 903 corridor. The hearing was opened for public comment at 7:15 p.m.

Anne Watanabe-Cascade Land Company- gave an overview of what the proposal was about. This is an effort to allow Cascade Land Company to annex in the 90 acre parcel and noted it is for economic development. The purpose is to provide a geographical nexus between the property and the City of Cle Elum which is required for annexation. They preferred the option that only a portion currently owned by the city would be annexed making the annexation for municipal purposes. She said they have met with the City of Roslyn staff and city attorney to discuss objectives and concerns of the proposal. She referenced a letter submitted by the Mayor of Roslyn in which the Mayor said provided that the modified proposal meets all legal requirements and is lawful annexation within the City of Cle Elum's UGA; I can state that I would not object to such a proposal.

A.Watanabe responded to a letter submitted by the Coal Mine Trail Commission (Dave Gerth) at the last council meeting concerning the annexation. regarding the traffic impacts of the 90 acre parcel to the Coal Mine Trail-time to comment was 3 years ago when it was proposed to come into the UGA. She added they expect additional mitigation. She continued, when the rezone was done behind the 90 acre parcel the CMTC did not want another vehicle crossing on the trail. Cascade Land Company agreed to only Alliance Road be the only ingress & egress to the property. Also the CMTC objected to the extensive analysis that was conducted on the 90 acres. It was supported by CTED along with the UGA Expansion.

Craig Nevill stressed the economic value of the annexation.

Guy Drew, 321 Shaft Street, expressed concern of Alliance Road being across from the schools & the impact of traffic. He hopes the city does planning to find a different place for the light industrial area.

Louis Musso, 305 East Second, a member of the transportation working group, felt this is a good time to do this with the transportation plan already being looked at.

Nathan Weis responded to questions concerning the traffic issues. He said studies were done about the safety at the Alliance Road & 903 intersection. The turning lanes are for future development. He added the property (90 acres) was historically used for industrial purposes.

The hearing was closed for public comment at 7:49 p.m.

City Planner Morton said there was nothing illegal about the proposal from Cascade Land Company and felt time is of essence. Cascade Land Company has been a community player and by doing this will open up doors.

Arthur Scott added the community needs to pursue all forms of job creations.

Bonnie Reay noted caution with "putting the cart before the horse" for this situation-would someone be willing to come in with a manufacturer and put it on the 90 acres right now. The 90 acres (terrain) is not a flat piece of land for industry to just come in and set up.

Ken Ratliff said business cannot just plan out any further than city planning takes.

Jim Eidemiller said the purpose of this annexation is connectivity with the 90 acres. He asked if this particular annexation proposal gives this connectivity. Matt Morton answered no. Jim Eidemiller

responded having said that the map shows a trail that just stops or does it continue. M Morton said the trail is conceptual. He said the proposal moves us forward and could provide a tool to get there faster.

Bonnie Reay added that she is curious about Roslyns plan.

**A motion was made by Mickey Holz and seconded by Ron Spears to annex the portion up to the city limits to Section line 21-28. 5 yes 1-no-Bonnie Reay Motion Carried**

Gregg Hall said an ordinance would be prepared for the next meeting.

Airport Annexation:

M. Morton said the annexation is for municipal purposes.

The hearing was opened for public comment at 8:15p.m. There were no public comments

**A motion was made by Ron Spears and seconded by Mickey Holz to authorize the mayor to sign the airport annexation. Motion Carried.**

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Oakes Ave. Improvement Project –MRM Construction Inc. Accept the Final Progress Estimate-\$21,522.16 and accept the project as complete.

**A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Bonnie Reay to pass Resolution No. 2009-07-Accepting the final progress estimate-\$21,522.16 MRM Construction and accept the project as complete. Motion Carried.**

Ordinance & Resolutions

**Ordinance No. 1307-Garbage Collection Regulations – A motion was made by Ron Spears and seconded by Art Scott to adopt Ordinance No. 1307-Amending CEMC Chapter 8.08 Garbage Collection. Motion Carried.**

Committee Reports

Gregg Hall said the committee met with Mr. Coonan regarding the request of relief for the gambling tax. He said the committee recommended suspending the gambling tax for gambling and pull tabs through 12-31-09 effective 4-1-09(a 9 month suspension) this would allow a catch up time for owed back taxes. Mayor Glondo allowed public comment. Wallace Miller, 302 East Second, expressed concerns about opening "the box" to requests for deferment of monies.

John Connan thanked the city or their help. He said this solved half of his problem. He had also requested the forgiveness of incurred taxes he has on his books he has not paid the city. He said if he lets his corporate structure go defunct that tax would go away. This past tax if he formed a new corporation and it was profitable would be paid plus a surcharge until it was paid.

Mayor Glondo said the city if trying to help him. He felt Coonan was threatening the city.

Arthur Scott said the city looks at the overall look of the city not individual business.

Mickey Holz commented that at the committee meeting they told Mr. Coonan they could not go along with his plan.

Jim Eidemiller said he does not have a problem with suspending the tax but back taxes needed to be paid and an honest attempt should be made to take care of the debt owed.

**A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Ron Spears to suspend the gambling tax to all gambling establishments in the City of Cle Elum until 12-31-09 effective 4-1-09. 5-yes, 1-no –Ken Ratliff.**

J. Coonan said he had asked for this before and wanted adequate time to explain his request.

City Administrator Hall will meet with MR. Coonan to discuss the request

**A motion was made by Ron Spears and seconded by Bonnie Reay to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.**

The next regular scheduled meeting is March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 7:00 p.m.



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Mayor