

City of Cle Elum
Regular City Council Meeting
March 10, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. by Mayor Charles Glondo. Members present included Warren Perry, Mickey Holz, Ron Spears, Arthur Scott, Jim Eidemiller and Bonnie Reay. Ken Ratliff was absent. Also present were City administrator Gregg Hall, City Attorney Mike Kenyon; Public Works Director Jim Leonhard, Assist. Fire Chief Nathan Henderson, City Treasurer Sandy Sutton and City Clerk Toni Fields.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mickey Holz and seconded by Warren Perry to accept the meeting agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

Announcements, Appointments-Awards & Recognition

None

Consent Agenda

Administrator Hall noted a correction to the minutes of the February 24th meeting-under "Officers Reports"-Police Chief Ferguson advised Office Shane Poole was arrested for DUI and is longer employed as a Cle Elum Police Officer. The word "no" was to be added-"no longer employed as a police officer".

A motion was made by Mickey Holz and seconded by Bonnie Reay to adopt he consent agenda as presented which included the correction of the February 24th, 2009 meeting minutes , vouchers and warrants numbered 28001-28065-\$170,759.31,payroll warrants numbered 19838-19881 in the amount of \$75,942.07. Motion Carried.

Officer Reports

Nathan Henderson-Assistant Fire Chief reported the fire department responded to 2 fire calls,9EMS,1 mutual aid in Roslyn, 1 meeting,1 training. He noted 8 members have completed search & rescue and live fire training at the state facility in North Bend and are now certified to enter structure fires. Three members are attending EMT classes and will be certified in June. He said the membership in the department has risen to 36.

City Administrator Hall said he would be reporting on Agenda items. He advised City Planner Matt Morton was attending a Kittitas County Planning Commission Meeting.

Public Works Director Jim Leonhard said there have been several FEMA meetings & the process is moving along. He commented that included in the budget amendment is \$12,000.00 he has requested from the Water /Sewer Equipment Reserve Fund for a "little" excavator. He said the city has rented one several times and it would be a useful piece of equipment.

City Treasurer Sandy Sutton gave an update on the 2009 Budget. Included in the 2009 budget was a 10-25% reduction of revenue-depending on the fund. Current Expense its self was budgeted with a 16% reduction. Right now, she continued, revenue is down 8.5%. Sales tax is \$4,000.00 ahead of what was projected for this time of year. The only fund she is concerned about at this time is the Real Estate Excise Tax Fund which is funded by a small portion of tax when a home is sold. With the economy like it is & home sales down, the revenue for it is slow. To date only \$500.00 has been received. The railroad land lease comes from that fund. All of the other operating funds are where they should be for this time of year. In the contingency fund, before the amendment, there is \$87,000.00 and \$200,000.00 in the sales tax that can be used for the reduction of revenue. With the budget amendment presented tonight there will be \$100,000.00 more in the contingency fund.

Citizen Comments

Nick Henderson, representing the Cle Elum Improvement Association (Cle Elum Downtown Association), said he is requesting \$7,500.00 that was budgeted for the Green Ways Festival Guide be used for advertising locally. Council requested additional information before making a decision.

Public Hearings

Amending the 2009 Budget:

City Treasurer Sandy Sutton said the first budget amendment of the year always budgets "excess" beginning cash. Most of the excess is put into the reserves, but keep some funds in a contingency line item in case of an emergency. She explained contingency funds are not spent without a council approved budget amendment, but there would not be a penalty like there would be if we had cashed in a CD before the due date. She asked the council if they had any additional questions about the budget amendment.

The hearing was opened for public comment at 7:22 p.m... There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Ron Spears and seconded by Jim Eidemiller to adopt Ordinance No. 1309-Amending the 2009 Budget for a total of \$506,095.00. Motion Carried.

Public Appearances

WSDOT I-90 Project- Randy Giles, project director, and Amanda Sullivan updated council on the proposed highway project that will be done over the next 10 years.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Ordinances & Resolutions

Ordinance No.: 1308-Amending & clarifying Chapter 13.08.370 A-Sewage Service:

A motion was made by Mickey Holz and seconded by Arthur Scott to adopt Ordinance No.: 1308-that would amend and clarify Chapter 13.08.370A of the municipal code. Motion Carried.

Ordinance No.: 1310-temporarily suspending the City's gambling tax.

A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Ron spears to adopt Ordinance No. : 1310-temporarily suspending the gambling tax Motion Carried.

Ordinance No.:1311-Cle Elum Municipal Airport Annexation:

A motion was made by Ron Spears and seconded by Arthur Scott to adopt Ordinance No.: 1311-Cle Elum Airport Annexation. Motion Carried.

Ordinance No.: 1312-Amending the City of Cle Elum Municipal Code Section 13.12-Water

A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Warren Perry to adopt Ordinance No. 1312-Amending Chapter 13.12 of the municipal code. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports

None

A motion was made by Arthur Scott and seconded by Ron Spears to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.
The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday March 24th at 7:00 p.m.



Attest



Mayor