

City of Cle Elum
Regular City Council Meeting
March 24th 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. by Mayor Charles Glondo. Members present included Bonnie Reay, Ron Spears, Arthur Scott, Jim Eidemiller, Mickey Holz, Ken Ratliff and Warren Perry. Also present was City administrator Gregg Hall, City Planner Matt Morton, Public Works Director Jim Leonhard, City Attorney Mike Kenyon and Fire Chief Dave Campbell. Also present was City Clerk Toni Fields.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Administrator Hall requested an executive session for potential litigation be added to the agenda. **A motion was made by Arthur Scott and seconded by Warren Perry to adopt the agenda as presented with the addition of an executive session for possible litigation. Motion Carried.**

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Ken Ratliff to adopt the consent agenda s presented which included the minutes of the March 10th, 2009(with the inclusion of an amendment to the February 24th, 2009 meeting). Vouchers and warrants numbered 28067-28114 in the amount of \$125,567.74; payroll warrants numbered 19887-19944 in the amount of \$77,801.88. Motion Carried.

Officer Reports

City Administrator Gregg Hall reported:

- Gave an update on the progress of the city hall project. He said he has been exploring several options and recently met with Kerry Clark to tour his available office space. He said he will prepare a report with several options sometime this spring.

City Planner Matt Morton reported:

- A Transportation and Town Hall Meeting & Design Charette on Tuesday April 7th, 2009 -6:30 p.m.

Public Works Director Jim Leonhard reported:

- Citywide Cleanup will be May 5th-9th.
- Weight restrictions are in effect on the city streets.
- Received a request to move the Taste of the Valley from Harris Ave. to Pennsylvania Ave. for the 4th of July celebration.

Police Chief Scott Ferguson reported:

- A mass casualty drill was held on March 10th.
- Officer Kirk Bland, arson investigator, has received additional training
- Announced Mickey Holz is the new city representative on the Law & Justice Committee
- Made a presentation on underage drinking to the Freshmen at the high school
- Request council considers Resolution No.: 2209-08- surplus of equipment for the police department. **A motion was made by Ron Spears and seconded by Mickey Holz to approve Resolution No.: 2009-08- Providing for the disposal of certain inventory items deemed to be surplus. Motion Carried.**

Fire Chief Dave Campbell reported:

- 8 EMS calls , several fire calls, 1 meetings and 1 training
- Participated in joint training for the mass casualty drill
- Provided EMS stand by for the wrestling tournament at the school last Saturday.
- Advised there are 39 members on the fire department roster.
- EMT classes will be completed in May.

Citizen Comments

Beth Marker and Kandis Branum gave a presentation on the Vogue Theatre Center for the Arts. They requested council authorize the mayor to sign a letter of support for the center. **A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Bonnie Reay to authorize the mayor to sign a letter of support for the Vogue Theatre Center for the Arts. Motion Carried.**

Public Hearings

None

Public Appearances

None

Unfinished Business

East End Sewer-Discussion of CDBG Grant Opportunity

- Gregg Hall said this is an ongoing effort of the city to obtain some of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant funds. He continued the city and the East End Sewer Project is eligible for funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, however

only four million was allocated to Washington state though the program so the competition will be great. He said a letter of intent and grant eligibility criteria form for consideration was sent and if the city is asked to apply we need to be prepared to move ahead quickly & spend money upfront on engineering and environmental review. He asked council to authorize staff to use sewer reserves to pay for design and environmental review if the city is asked to apply for a CDBG grant for the East End Sewer Project. **A motion was made by Ron Spears and seconded by Ken Ratliff to authorize staff to use sewer reserves to pay for the design and environmental review if the city is asked to apply for a CDBG Grant for the East End Sewer Project. Motion Carried.**

New Business

Discussion of nursing home property:

- Gregg Hall offered several options for the old nursing home property. Do nothing, fence the property with security fencing, demolish the nursing home and retain the property, consider selling the property to the hospital district or sell through the public bid process. A discussion was held on the building as it now sits and the contents. **A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Warren Perry to authorize staff to secure the building for liability purposes. 6 yes, 1-no (Arthur Scott) Motion Carried.**

Identity Theft Prevention Program:

- City Attorney Mike Kenyon gave an overview of requirements of the FTC red flags rule. The red flags rule requires financial institutions and creditors that hold consumer accounts to develop and implement a written Identity Theft Prevention Program by May 1, 2009. **A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Bonnie Reay to adopt Ordinance No.: 1313-approving and adopting an identity theft prevention program; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date of five days after the ordinance is published. 6-yes; 1-no (Arthur Scott) Motion Carried.**

Discussion of the Mark Bierek rezone request:

- Councilman Spears withdrew himself from discussion and voting on this issue.
- City Planner Matt Morton gave a history of the request (from residential to general commercial which came before council as part of the 2008 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Update Cycle) that was a public at the April 14th, 2009 city council meeting. He said the request "died" because no motion could be made or seconded either in affirmative or negative. Mr. Bierek has now requested that council take action on his project proposal. M. Morton said it could be placed on the next meeting agenda if council wishes but advised them they are not under any obligation to do so. **A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Mickey Holz to put the rezone back on the agenda for the April 14th, 2009 meeting. 5 yes-1-no Bonnie Reay.**

Interlocal Agreement-Libraries in Kittitas County for a Reciprocal Borrowing Program-

- Gregg Hall said the pilot project for this was implemented in 2008. In January 2009 the Kittitas County Regional Library Board evaluated this program and concluded it successfully achieved its objectives. The request is to make the reciprocal borrowing program a regular component of the services that libraries provide. **A motion was made by Bonnie Reay and seconded by Warren Perry to approve and authorize the mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement between all Cities Public libraries in Kittitas County for a reciprocal borrowing program. Motion Carried.**

Committee Reports

None

At 8:00 p.m. Mayor Glondo informed all in attendance there would be an executive session for pending litigation which would last approximately 15-20 minutes with no action to be taken during the session or none when the meeting reconvened. The meeting reconvened at 8:19 p.m. Mayor Glondo advised there was no action to be taken.

In other business, Council was reminded by Councilman Scott to file their public disclosure forms.

A motion was made by Arthur Scott and seconded by Bonnie Reay to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be Tuesday April 14th at 7:00 p.m.



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Mayor