

City of Cle Elum  
Regular City Council Meeting  
November 24, 2009

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

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

***A motion was made by Bonnie Reay and seconded by Warren Perry to approve the meeting agenda as presented with the exception of moving item one of New Business –KCCOG Review of Proposed Changes to the County Wide Planning Policies to after Citizens Comments. Motion Carried-Amended.***

Announcements

None

Consent Agenda

***A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Bonnie Reay to accept the consent agenda as presented which include the minutes of the November 10<sup>th</sup> council meeting; vouchers and checks: 29058-29098 in the amount of \$ 91,094.69; payroll checks n the amount of \$81,979.60; voided checks numbered 29022-29027 & 29099-29101-printer error. Motion Carried***

Officer Reports

City Administrator Gregg Hall reported:

- FYI Kittitas County has received \$150,000.00 Hazard Mitigation Grant for a Disaster Mitigation Plan for the county
- G098922 Request for sponsor ship for a banner for Patrick Deneen. The cost of the banner will be \$1,900.00. Attorney Kenyon said it would be a gift of public funds.
- He had attended a meeting with county officials and other city jurisdictions for jail costs. The county is struggling with costs so they are considering opening up the agreements. Several changes were mentioned: the currents charge per day is \$50.00 per bed. Other agencies; nationwide; charge on average \$64.00 per day. It is likely the county will consider the change to \$55.00 to \$60.00 per day. He advised the county that the city does not have the funds available at this time.
- Earlier this year the county commissioners requested a committee be formed to consider a redistricting of district court. The committee was formed and they recommend there be no redistricting. This recommendation will be written up and sent to the commissioners for the public hearing process.

City Planner Matt Morton reported:

- Bidding & paving of progress path will start in the spring as promised.
- Horse Park is moving on. The finalized SEPA and site plan has been received.

Public Works Director Jim Leonhard reported:

- Three representatives from State Dept. of Health will be here Wed. to do a sanitary inspection. This inspection is done every 4-5 years.

Police Chief Scott Ferguson reported:

- Jail costs-city is not booking a lot. It is the probation violations are getting more jail time. He also pointed out there are three state agencies-State patrol, campus police and game agents that do not pay for jail services.
- Officers have been working with area cities for enforcement of the 24 hour winter parking.
- Attended training session with Officer Moore.
- Last Friday officers went to the school for a Thanksgiving Lunch.

Asst Fire Chief Nathan Henderson reported:

- 6 fire calls, 7 EMS Calls, 2 mutual aid, 1 meeting and 2 trainings
- Announced he would be leaving the fire department because of relocating for a job. His resignation is effective January 2010.

Mayor Glondo thanked him for his services to the citizens of the city.

#### Citizen Comments

Tammy Kirkpatrick, GO98922, as if they could share time with Louis Musso discussing the Hotel/Motel allocations under public appearances.

Cascade Rail Foundation- Brian Lee requested time with Louis under public appearances.

Nathan Weis, Inland Networks Co., presented a list of services now being provided by their Company to city residents.

#### New Business

##### KCCOG Review of Proposed Changes to the County Wide Planning Policies-

Gregg Hall said the County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on December 8<sup>th</sup> and KCCOG has a special meeting on November 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am to discuss and take public comment on the proposed changes to the County Wide Planning Policies. He reviewed the history. Kittitas County is under a mandate from the Eastern Washington Growth Hearings Board to bring their Comprehensive Plan compliant. KCCOG is required to make a recommendation to the County Commissioners on the Updates to the County Wide Planning Policies to reflect the removal of the County's UGN designations and replace those with the State approved Limited Areas of More Intensive Rural Development designation. Another part of the state mandate that involves KCCOG is the justification of the City of Kittitas UGA Request. KCCOG is required to allocate population projections for the County and all of its cities. The recommendation to KCCOG is to increase the City of Kittitas's population allocation for their UGA by 666. The City of Ellensburg has submitted a letter in which in part is asking KCCOG to consider allocating a portion of the population that was previously allocated to the UGN's to them. He said the question for consideration is should the City of Cle Elum be asking for a portion of the urban population allocation. He offered three options: Have the Mayor vote on the recommendations that have been presented to KCCOG only. Have the Mayor Vote on the recommendations and request that Cle Elum be considered for some of the additional rural population allocations projections similar to the request that Ellensburg made. Direct staff to complete an analysis regarding the need for additional population allocation to the City and bring the analysis back to the Council prior to making a formal request for reallocation to KCCOG.

Bonnie Reay said the significance of this is major, she would choose option 3 direct staff to complete and analysis regarding the need for additional population allocation to the city.

Gregg Hall suggested directing the Mayor to support the Kittitas request and make a separate request to petition for reconsideration to complete an analysis and let them know it will be forth coming. Mayor Glondo said Gregg Hall will be representing the city at the KCCOG meeting on Wednesday.

### Public Hearing

Administrator Hall reported a meeting of the finance committee and presented their recommendation of changes to the proposed budget last week. Pursuant to their recommendation increased the sales tax revenue projections by 2.5% which would generate an additional \$16,250.00. Increased the gambling tax revenue projections by \$17,750.00 based on the first quarter revenue from 2009. Added \$6,500.00 to current expense for salaries from grants awarded to the city. Reduction of expenses to Kittcom by \$3,200.00 because of the actual budget numbers confirmed. Added to new shortfall accounts. One for the proposed Whispering Pines annexation and the other for processing of the Washington State Horse Park permits.

The finance committee also recommends the city maintain the railroad leases for another year and commit to purchasing that right of way as soon as possible. He continued, the city had spoken with BNSF and they estimated the purchase price to be between \$600,000.00 & \$800,000.00. The mayor therefore recommended the leases lapse. The Mayor and finance committee are recommending to use the current expense reserve fund (rainy day fund) if needed.

Gregg Hall read aloud a letter signed by department heads: Gregg Hall, Jim Leonhard, Matt Morton and Scott Ferguson declining any salary increase for 2010.

The public hearing was opened for public comment at 7:20 p.m.

Beth Marker thanked city staff for the public records request response. She addressed the allocation of costs especially for Kittcom and jail costs (population allocation). Also hotel/motel funding should be spent. On the revenue side she feels there should be a natural gas tax. She felt the railroad leases need to be protected.

Louis Musso spoke about the importance of the railroad street lease. He also addressed the allocations of the hotel motel tax funds. He asked for a consideration of adding \$15,000.00 for CEIA-to be used for contract for services and GO98922 \$15,000.00 to be used as a match for a grant.

The hearing was closed for public comments at 8:15 p.m.

Ron Spears gave a reports on the Hotel/Motel Committee Recommendations for funding in 2010-High Country Artists \$2,500.00; Brewfest \$1000.00; Senior Center \$3,000.00; Youth Baseball \$5,000.00; City of Cle Elum Banners \$5,000.00; Chamber Projects \$22,400.00 and Visitor Center #20,400.00. Denied for funding-Forest Service; GO98922, Vogue Theater; Mountains to Sound; CE Improvement Association Roslyn Market; Stonehouse 101 and Public Restroom.

Ron Spears felt the Railroad Street need to be kept. Ken Ratliff felt there were other concerns that needed to be addressed like a new police, court building. Council discussion of the proposed was tabled until because there were several public appearances.

### Public Appearances

Gannon Geiger-Youth Baseball Association- requested a consideration of additional hotel/motel funds to the Youth Baseball Association (\$20,000.00). ***A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Mickey Holz to allocate \$25,000.00 of Hotel/Motel Funds in the 2010 Budget for UKCYB. Motion Carried.*** Ron Spears reminded Geiger this is a reimbursement program. Geiger said they will provide receipts that qualify as per the RCW's.

Louis Musso-Presented a joint request withGo98922-He said this request arises out of the discussions that have been going on between the chamber and the city with the MOU a few months ago. Since that time he has been discussing with Gregg ways to get additional funding for money that is out here. This funding is needed to make the city eligible for funding.

He is requesting contract for services to do six basic things. 1-Completion of the process of qualification for approval as a:National Main Street Community, 2-Operation of the Cle Elum Telephone Museum for designated dates & hours,3-Maintenance of website([www.cleelumimprovement.org](http://www.cleelumimprovement.org)), 4-Update if 2001 Old Town Subarea Plan,5-Funding & implementation of passenger rail feasibility study, to include

recommendations regarding depot siting, design & parking, 6- Such other services as may be of assistance to the City of Cle Elum, & within the scope of the CEIA/DOC Work Plan.

Tammi Kirkpatrick-GO98922-\$15,000.00 would be used for a matching of a grant.

Richard Hawk-Grid Kids Football-Ron Spears said the request from the Grid Kids was diverted before the committee received it.(He noted it was not a staff member of the city) He felt it was not right so he invited Mr. Hawk to attend the council meeting and make his request. Mr. Hawk said the program is called Cougar Football. There are 40 kids on the team. They would like to host a tournament which would bring in several other teams to town. ***A motion was made by Ron Spears and seconded by Warren Perry to give the "Grid Kids" \$24,000.00 for their project. Motion Carried.*** Ron Spears reminded Mr. Hawk they need to bring receipts for reimbursement.

Gregg Hall reminded council the city will need \$10,000.00 of the Hotel/Motel Funds for Outside Seattle. GO98922- ***A motion was made by Mickey Holz and seconded by Bonnie Reay to give Go98922 conditional funding in the amount of \$15,000.00. Motion Carried.***

Brian Lee,308 East Fourth, Cascade Rail Foundation-Rails to Ales Event-said he had requested \$2,170.00 to help with promoting Rails to Ales but was only given \$1,000.00. He is requesting an additional \$1,170.00. ***A motion was made by Warren Perry and seconded by Mickey Holz to give the Brewfest Event an additional \$1,170.00.5- yes, 1-no Ken Ratliff***

Nathan Weis, representing the Chamber of Commerce, said his opinion was council should have not had to allocate the funds. It should have been a committee's recommendation. Mayor Glondo advised there is an advisory committee. Gregg Hall suggested the city take a look at the process and meet with the committee.

Gregg Hall questioned Mr. Spears on the reduction of the funds allocated to the chamber-\$8,400.00. He said in the past these were allowed. Ron Spears said: Bagna Caulda-\$2,000.00 denied because he said it is a local event not a tourist event. Christmas in CL Elum-\$1,500.00-same reason at the Bagna, Taste of the Valley -\$2,000.00-\$1,000.00 was moved to the Pioneers Days budget. Impart Ad-\$2,400.00-was not worth the money. First Street sign-\$500.00-did not want to put money out to fix it.

#### Unfinished Business

##### Bid Opening for Surplus Equipment-Ripper-Scarifier-

City Clerk Fields opened and Gregg Hall read aloud a bid of \$516.00 for the Caterpillar Grader used ripper and scarifier from Cunningham Equipment Services Inc.-26613 167<sup>th</sup> Pl. SE, Covington, WA. 98042. ***A motion was made by Mickey Holz and seconded by Bonnie Reay to not accept the bid of \$516.00 from Cunningham Equipment Services Inc. Motion Carried.***

##### Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Resolution of Support-

***A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Ron Spears to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution No. 2009-19-in support of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).5-yes, 1-no Ken Ratliff. Motion Carried.***

#### Ordinances & Resolutions

##### Ordinance No. 1321-2010-Tax Levy & Certification-

***A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Mickey Holz to adopt Ordinance No. 1321-Setting the Property Tax Levy for 2010 & authorize the Mayor to sign the Certification. Motion Carried.***

##### Budget discussion-

Salaries-Jim Eidemiller said the letter received from Department Heads offering a token of support was appreciated. Bonnie Reay wants a contingency plan so the city can retain staff.

***A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Ron Spears to retain the Railroad lease by using the reserves. Motion Carried.***

*A motion was made by Bonnie Reay and seconded by Ken Ratliff to give the 4% raise to contract employees that we have with the police for their salaries. 5-yes, 1-no Mickey Holz.*

*A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Mickey Holz to give equally a 4% raise to all city employees. A poll vote was taken: Warren Perry-no; Ken Ratliff-no, Mickey Holz-yes, Jim Eidemiller-yes, Ron Spears-yes and Bonnie Reay –no: 3-yes, 3-no. Attorney Kenyon advised the Mayor has the tie breaking authority on this motion but not ion an Ordinance. Mayor GLondo voted yes. Motion Carried.*

*Gregg Hall said salary & budget ordinances will be brought back to the next meeting.*

*A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Ron Spears to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m. Motion Carried.*

The next regular scheduled meeting will be Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Mayor