

City of Cle Elum
Regular City Council Meeting
March 9, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Glondo at 7:00 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Council members present included: Jim Eidemiller, Ron Spears, Jay McGowan, Bonnie Reay, Ken Ratliff, Mickey Holz and Warren Perry. Also present was City Administrator Gregg Hall, City Planner Matt Morton, City Attorney Kenyon Disend- Noel Treat, Public Works Director Jim Leonhard, Police Chief Scott Ferguson, Fire Chief Dave Campbell and City Clerk Toni Fields.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

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

Announcements

Tom Hastings, Veolia Water, presented an Operational Excellence Award for 2009 to the Mayor & Council.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mickey Holz and seconded by Warren Perry to adopt the consent agenda as presented which included the minutes of the February 23rd, 2010 council meeting, vouchers and checks numbered 29505-29564 in the amount of \$122,438.24; payroll checks in the amount of \$91,120.18 and voided warrant #29415 in the amount of \$102.93. Progress Estimate No.: 6- Well Field Project-Knobel Electric-\$53,228.30, Progress Estimate No.: 7-Well Field-Knobel Electric-\$53,228.30 Motion Carried.

Officer Reports

City Administrator Gregg Hall:

- Received a quote of \$3,000.00 from Columbia Consultants for the nursing home property assessment.
- Fire station roof-received a quote of \$6,889.00 + sales tax from Nelson Creek Construction to reroof the North East valley over the public restrooms and bays. ***A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Warren Perry to authorize the spending of \$6,889.99 + sales tax to repair /reroof the fire station roof. Motion Carried.***
- Received a letter of thanks from school district for support in the passing of the levy.
- Internet Service from Inlandnet would be a cost savings of \$280.00 per month.

City Planner Matt Morton had no report.

Public Works Director Jim Leonhard:

- Crew is grading alleys
- Annual spring cleanup is April 27th-May 1st.

Police Chief Scott Ferguson:

- Cameras & equipment acquired through grants have been installed in patrol cars.
- Jennifer Rogers attending a National Conference in Texas
- Burglaries & car prowls on the increase.
- Participated in a Dr. Seuss birthday program at the school.

Fire Chief Dave Campbell:

- Gave Kindergarten classes a tour of the fire station,
- Participated in "Warrior Mania" at the Middle School
- Had 1 training, 6 EMS calls, 1 mutual aid, 1 meeting and 2 trainings

Citizen Comments

Gannon Geiger, Upper County Youth Baseball, gave an update on the ball field. He said they had received hotel motel funding from Kittitas County.

Gary Kurtz spoke about the Outside Seattle website.

Public Hearings

Continue Public Hearing-Proposed Pre-Annexation Land use Designation and Zoning for City Heights

City Planner Matt Morton said this is a continued hearing from the January 26th Council Meeting to take public comments and council discussion regarding the Comprehensive Planning and Zoning for City Heights. He reiterated the city had received agency and public comments from Bonnie Reay, Don Owens, Larry Fudacz, Deidre Link, Wayne & Connie Wanachek, Brad Page John & Judy Waldemeier, U.S. Dept of BPA WSDOT and WA. State Dept. of Ecology. Also, the planned mixed use designation means a minimum of 35% of the land would be used for open space and the adoption of a Comprehensive Plan designation and zoning for the UGA area does not necessitate annexation or mean the city will annex at any time.

The hearing was opened for public comment at 7:35 p.m. David Blanchard-Sapphire Skies-206 West First- offered support for the zoning. Louis Musso, 305 East Second, addressed the procedure the city staff has recommended. It is a better way to handle big projects like this. He urged council to go forward with this stage. This puts the city in a stronger position when other decisions have to be made. There were no further public comments and the hearing was closed at 7:38 p.m.

A motion was made by Mickey Holz and seconded by Jay McGowan to authorize city staff to prepare an ordinance for a preannexation land use designation and zoning for City Heights. Poll Vote was taken: Warren Perry-no, Ken Ratliff-yes, Mickey Holz-yes, Jim Eidemiller –yes, Jay McGowan-yes, Ron Spears-yes, Bonnie Reay-no. 2-no; 5-yes Carried

Public Appearances

2010 Census-Frances Town was not in attendance.

Cle Elum Roslyn Chamber of Commerce Monthly Update:

Dave Bowen presented the results of a survey conducted by the Chamber. He also gave a list of upcoming events which included the Economic Development Expo on Wednesday at Suncadia.

Louis Musso-Main Street Final Legislation Update

He said the state senate voted 9 to 7 and the Senate 45-0 to retain the Main Street Program

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Hotel/ Motel Tax Policy & Procedure Discussion-

Gregg Hall said recently he and City legal counsel had a conference call with the Attorney General Office and State Auditor's Office regarding the lodging tax issue. The interpretation of RCW 67.28.1816- Lodging Tax: Tourism promotions; the marketing and operations of special events and festivals is open to profit and non-profit organizations and the operations / capital expenditures of tourism –related facilities owned by non profits organization as described in section 501©(6) of the internal revenue code of 1986 is for only non-profits. He told council they need to decide whether to: continue to only award hotel/motel funds to nonprofit groups or awards funds to all groups regardless of non-profit status.

Also, to accept applications throughout the year or specify a particular time of the year. Three options: -Applications will be accepted or keep the application process as is (during budget time); - complete it before budget season begins; or- complete it after the budget is adopted during January of the following year (similar to the county process). He stressed a need for written policy regarding.

After a discussion ***a motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Bonnie Reay to retain the present policy of making funds available to non-profits. Ken Ratliff question-a need to consider amending because of the timing of the applications and the application of rules. Motion Carried in addition, A motion was made by Jay McGowan and seconded by Mickey Holz to add in exceptional circumstances ,with the discretion of council, accept applications other than the normal application period. Motion Carried.*** A resolution will be brought back to the next meeting reflecting the motions.

Ordinances & Resolutions

Resolution No.: 2010-02-Franchise Agreements Application Process-

Gregg Hall said the city needs to adopt a franchise application fee and process. Last year Kittitas County P.U.D proposed adopting a franchise agreement with the city. Council directed staff to work with PUD to bring back an agreement for consideration. City legal staff and city staff have worked together and drafted a franchise application process and fee. He asked council to consider approving Resolution No. 2010-02-Adopting a Franchise Application Process and Fee.

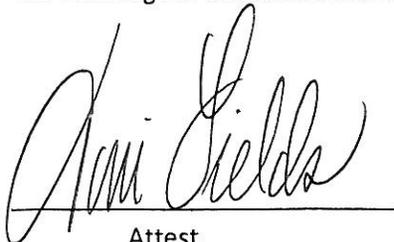
A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Bonnie Reay to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution No. 2010-Adopting a Franchise Application Process and Fee. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports

Mickey Holz reported on the success of the Vision Cle Elum program.

A motion was made by Warren Perry and seconded by Jim Eidemiller to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday March 23rd at 7:00 p.m.


Attest


Mayor