

City of Cle Elum
Regular City Council Meeting
March 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Glondo at 7:00 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Members present included Bonnie Reay, Ron Spears, Jay McGowan, Jim Eidemiller, Mickey Holz, Ken Ratliff and Warren Perry. Also in attendance were City Attorney Mike Kenyon, City Administrator Matt Morton, Public Works Director Jim Leonhard, Police Chief Scott Ferguson City Clerk Toni Fields and City Treasurer Sandy Sutton.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Jay McGowan and seconded by Warren Perry to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion Carried

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Jay McGowan to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included the minutes of the February 22, 2011 council meeting ; vouchers and checks 30866-30914 in the amount of \$41,772.78; payroll checks in the amount of \$44,147.48. Motion Carried.

Officer Reports

City Administrator Matt Morton:

- Working on the electronic vehicle recharging ordinance.
- Planning commission will be looking at the sign ordinance next week to consider the digital message center and other sign issues.
- City received \$1,500.00 for the first recorded 5% income from waste management. \$19,000.00 is budgeted for the money from Waste Management. He asked council to consider a motion to reinvest up to \$8,000.00 of that for purchasing replacement cans for the city. ***A motion was made by Jay McGowan and seconded by Bonnie Reay to authorize staff to allow up to \$8,000.00 for replacement garbage cans. Motion Carried***
- Sales tax collection for January 2011 matches the 2006 levels. He noted February is also up.
- Working with Hubregste, Louman on Railroad ownership issues. The final request for the Railroad Street cutoff has been sent to the Seattle office.

Public Works Director Jim Leonhard-

- The city crew have been plowing snow
- A problem with drainage on the reconstructed portion of Railroad Street-Contractor will be returning in spring to correct the problem.

Fire Chief Dave Campbell was absent. He submitted a written report earlier - 8-fire calls; 15-EMS calls, 2-meetings and 3-trainings.

Police Chief Scott Ferguson had no report.

Citizen Comments

None

Public Hearings

2011 Budget Amendment:

City Treasurer Sandy Sutton said this is the first budget amendment in 2011. Current Expense: Fire Station Repair Insurance recovery of \$2,500.00 and Life Support donation of \$1,500.00; City hall roof repair/phone system; Police Clerks salary-Vacation sick leave buyouts; street-beginning cash more than anticipated because of grant funds; Billings bypass project; public safety fund-new hire expenses (animal control) Tourist support-beginning cash more than anticipated-Vision Support Personnel; Consultants Fund transferred to Sewer to pay Suncadia share rate study; Capital Projects fund-sale of nursing home and Mohar Road Property; Water Sewer Fund-\$50,000.00 –sewer rate study-equally paid by Suncadia, Roslyn, South Cle Elum and Cle Elum; Sanitary anticipated \$19,000.00 in 5% contract fee-\$8,000.00 to replace garbage cans; Airport Fund-beacon project.

The hearing was opened for public comment at 7:15p.m. There were no public comments. It was closed at 7:16 p.m. ***A motion was made by Ron Spears and seconded by Jay McGowan to adopt Ordinance No.: 1341-Amending the 2011 budget. Motion Carried.***

Amending/Repealing Animal Control Code:

Bonnie Reay said she had received many calls from residents that were concerned about dogs being picked up and causing arguments with neighbors- “ill will”. Scott Ferguson said what the “ill will” people are seeing is that they are enforcing the ordinance council created. He continued, the officers are enforcing laws already on the books. For ten years the city has not had an animal control officer to enforce the rules. Previously violations were criminal offenses; now first and second violations involve penalties. Warren Perry voiced concerns the city would be trapping cats and that dogs like his are used to playing with other animals in the neighbor’s yard might be picked up. He felt this was “heavy handed”. Jay McGowan said the money had been provided to put an animal control officer in place and the city needs to go with it and see what happens. Jim Eidemiller said the officers need the tools to address animal control issues.

The hearing was opened for public comment at 7:39 p.m. Caroline Kurtz said we need to protect the dogs also with the ordinance. There were no further comments. The hearing was closed at 7:42 p.m. ***A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Ron Spears to adopt Ordinance No. 1342-Animal Control. 6-yes; 1-no (Perry).***

Public Appearances

WSDOT I-90 Construction Update-Randy Giles gave an update on the 2011 Construction of I-90.

Chamber of Commerce Monthly Report –no one in attendance but submitted written report.

Caroline Kurtz gave a presentation on the Work Source Program.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Waste Management Contract Amendment/Clarification- Matt Morton said this is an amendment to the rate structure (Exhibit A) of the solid waste collection agreement with Waste Management. He said Waste Management was billing the monthly rate on a weekly basis for the roll off containers. They

should have been charging tonnage. There were three accounts affected-1-temporary and 2 permanent. During the summer more accounts would have been affected. He said the city has been billing commercial customers the correct rate, just the roll off accounts were affected. ***A motion was made by Ron Spears and seconded by Jay McGowan to authorize the Mayor to sign the correction to the solid waste collection agreement between the City of Cle Elum and Waste Management of Washington, Inc. Motion Carried***

Northern Kittitas County Historical Society Membership-

A motion was made by Mickey Holz and seconded by Ken Ratliff to authorize the city to join the Northern Kittitas County Historical Society. Motion Carried.

Emergency Moratorium on Fences in the General Commercial and Old Town Commercial Zones –

Matt Morton said he is asking council to put an Ordinance in effect that would put a six month moratorium on fencing in the downtown-in the General Commercial, Entryway Commercial and Old Town Commercial Zones and any lot that is fronting on Railroad street that is within 100 feet of the Old Town Commercial Zoning District. Mickey Holz questioned if this includes special events and construction. Attorney Kenyon suggested adding to the end of Section 2 a clause stating- provided however that this moratorium shall not apply to temporary fences for construction activities or special events requiring a city permit. ***A motion was made by Mickey Holz and seconded by Jim Eidemiller to adopt Ordinance No. 1343-Emergency Moratorium on Fences and add to Section 2. Provided however that this moratorium shall not apply to temporary fences for construction or special events as per legal counsel. 6-yes-1-no(Bonnie Reay)*** Bonnie Reay commented she was disillusioned because there was no information in the packet about this. Matt Morton said it was an emergency moratorium.

Resolution No. 2011-01 setting a date of Tuesday April 12th for a public hearing- street vacation

A motion was made by Jay McGowan and seconded by Ron Spears to pass Resolution No. 2011-01-a resolution to fix a date(April 12th, 2011) for a Public Hearing for a Right of Way Vacation Request. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports

None

Mayor Glondo announced an executive session at 8:35 p.m. for real estate & pending litigation RCW42.30.110 for approximately 30 minutes. He said no action would be taken during the session but action was anticipated when the meeting is reconvened. At 9:05 pm. It was announced the session would be extended for 15 more minutes. The meeting was reconvened at 9:14 p.m. Mayor Glondo said no action was taken during the session. ***A three part motion was made by Jay McGowan and seconded by Ron Spears to: 1. Authorize staff to delist the city hall and forest service property from the market; 2. Withdraw the MOU with Kittitas County on the Clark property, 3. Move ahead with the project of constructing a police department building at the forest service property. Motion Carried***

A motion was made and seconded by Mickey Holz to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m. Motion Carried. The next regular scheduled council meeting is Tuesday March 22nd at 7:00 p.m.



 Attest



 Mayor