

City of Cle Elum
Regular City Council
May 10, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Glondo at 7:00p.m. Members present included Ron Spears, Jay McGowan, Jim Eidemiller, Mickey Holz, Ken Ratliff and Warren Perry. Bonnie Reay was absent & excused. Also in attendance were City Administrator Matt Morton, City Attorney Mike Kenyon, 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 and seconded by Mickey Holz and seconded by Jim Eidemiller to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

Announcements, Appointments, Awards and Recognition

Mayor Glondo appointed Mickey Holz, Jay McGowan and Ron Spears to a newly formed Human Resources and Employee Policy and Relations Committee. The purpose is dealing with the Employees Policy Manual Updates, updates to job descriptions and employees responsibilities and other employee issues, including benefits, travel and training.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Jay McGowan and seconded by Ron Spears to approve the consent agenda as presented which included the minutes of the April 26th Council Meeting, checked numbered 31083-31128 in the amount of \$35,114.92. Payroll checks in the amount of \$96,989.35 and voided check 31050 in the amount of \$494.16. Motion Carried.

Officer Reports

City Administrator Matt Morton:

- Still waiting to hear from CDGB for funding of the Cle Elum Events Center.
- Announced the vacated planning commission position has not been filled.
- Vision All Team Meeting May 25th at 5:30 p.m. and Vision/Go98922 downtown cleanup will be Wednesday.

Public Works Director Jim Leonhard:

- Working with Horse Park for signage.
- Meeting with Jeff Louman-HLA, Columbia Asphalt and Pipken Construction regarding Railroad Street drainage problems.
- City Crew has been sweeping streets. He thanked Christine Heimbigner and a group of students for sweeping the sidewalks. Dale Evert has been hired as cemetery caretaker and Kurin Simplot will be the working in the city parks effective May 16th. The Cle Elum Warrior Girls Basketball team raked the city park.
- Pipkin Construction has been working on the Hein Property extensions of utilities.

Police Chief Scott Ferguson:

- About 100 police officers attended the "Gang" Conference on April 28th. He noted there is no gang activity in Kittitas County.
- Cheryl Montgomery has been attending training sessions.
- Noted criminal activity is on the rise. Advised everyone to keep valuables out of their cars and keep the cars locked.

- Document shredder will be at the Middle School on Saturday May 21st.

Fire Chief Dave Campbell:

- Fire Department responded to 2 fire calls, 12 EMS calls, 2 meetings, 3 trainings and 1 false alarm. The annual Fireman's Ball is Saturday May 14th.

Citizen Comments

Greg Luring, McDonalds franchise owner, said a first has happened at the Cle Elum McDonalds- horses were rode through the drive thru. He also commented on the sign ordinance that was scheduled for public comment but since it has been rescheduled until the next meeting. He said they would like to put up an electronic reader board.

Marc Kirkpatrick gave an update on the community gardens.

Ryan Johnson gave an update on the Frisbee Golf Course at Hanson Ponds area.

Steve Ristine said he arranging for the surplus USFS house to be moved to his property on West Second Street.

Citizen Comments

Public Hearings

Sign Code "Digital Message Centers" finding of fact Planning Commission Documents:

Matt Morton said the hearing is rescheduled for the May 24th council meeting.

Public Appearances

None

Unfinished Business

New Business

Encompass Professional Services Contract for Planning Services:

Matt Morton said the contract is for general planning services. ***A motion was made by Mickey Holz and seconded by Ken Ratliff to authorize the Mayor to sign the professional services contract with Encompass for planning services after legal review with City legal counsel. Motion Carried.***

USGS Well Permission:

Matt Morton said his initial reaction to this request was no because you can access public records with a public records disclosure request but the city does not want the setting up for testing or monitoring in our wells. He felt this was in response to the upper county water basin study that is currently underway. ***A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Ken Ratliff to not authorize the USGS access to our well sites. He felt the city had nothing to gain by it. 5-yes, 1-no Warren Perry- Motion Carried.*** Matt Morton said he would send them a letter expressing they can access our public records but would not give permission to access the well sites.

Tree City:

Matt Morton said the Tree City USA status has lapsed and asked council direction on how to proceed. Council gave support to renew the status.

Response to City of Ellensburg Lodging Tax Proposal:

Matt Morton said Ellensburg was hoping Cle Elum would enter into dialogue with them to work on a tourism and marketing plan of which the cities would manage tourism. He said this is not to sidestep the Chambers but have the cities lead the charge. The City of Ellensburg would like more

direct control. M. Morton will invite Ellensburg to come to Cle Elum to a meet with staff and council.

Ordinances & Resolutions

None

Committee Reports

None

Mayor Glondo announced an executive session at 7:42 p.m. for real estate and pending litigation He said no action would be taken during session and no action is anticipated when reconvening. The meeting was reconvened at 8:12 p.m. Mayor Glondo said no action was taken during the session. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday May 24th at 7:00 p.m.


Attest


Mayor