

City of Cle Elum
Regular City Council Meeting
November 22, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Glondo at 7:00 p.m.. Members present included Ron Spears, Arthur Scott, Jim Eidemiller, Mickey Holz and Ken Ratliff. Jay McGowan and Warren Perry were absent and excused. Also present was City Administrator Mat Morton, City Attorney Mike Kenyon, Police Chief Scott Ferguson and City Clerk Toni Fields.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Arthur Scott and seconded by Mickey Holz to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

Announcements, Appointments, Awards & Recognition

Mayor Glondo announced to move the Committee Reports before the Citizens Comments on the Agenda

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Ron Spears to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included the minutes of the November 8th 2011; vouchers and checks numbered 31774-31820 in the amount of \$ 228,553.43; payroll checks in the amount of \$66,161.23 and voided check #31571 in the amount of \$261.00 Motion Carried .

Officer Reports

City Administrator Matt Morton said the city will be issuing a \$160,320.00 check to Kittitas County as per the UKC Law & Justice Facility Interlocal Agreement.

Christmas in Cle Elum is Saturday December 3rd.

Police Chief Scott reported attending a conference in Chelan. He also said the police dept is in the new facility located in the Price Chopper building.

Public Works Director Jim Leonhard and Fire Chief Dave Campbell were absent.

Committee Reports

Jim Eidemiller commented that on the second page of the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund Committee Report –correction to second line - “appear to be ~~duplicitous~~- redundant “.

Ron Spears said two meetings ago the current hotel/Motel committee was dissolved and a new council committee was appointed by Mayor Glondo. Ron Spears was named the Chairman along with Jim Eidemiller and Mickey Holz. The committee reviewed the hotel/motel tax fund to assess the available funds for distribution to the applicants.

The disbursements recommended were \$4,000.00 to the Coal Mine Trail (\$2,000.00) and other parks/trails (\$2,000.00). \$7,000.00 to the welcome to Cle Elum signs. The Chamber of Commerce: \$1,800.00, Visitor Guide \$1,500.00; Cruise Cle Elum \$1,800.00; State Magazine \$2,500.00; rooming Map \$2,700.00; Impact Ad Program \$4,000.00; Community Activities sign update \$1,600.00. Total funds requested were 22,600.00 and amended to \$15,900.00.

The funding and operation of the Vision Center –funding a tourism and events manager- \$14,400.00 Labor and \$3,500.00 promotional materials.

The committee recommends \$20,200.00 be held in reserve.

K. Ratliff asked about the comparison of the chamber funding from last year. Ron Spears said the service agreement is not in the budget. The visitor center is paid \$1,700.00 per month now. Art Scott said there needs to be transparencies between the two agencies-the chamber and vision.

Steve Locati, current treasurer for the chamber of commerce, said he felt the chamber met the parameters of the V.I.C. Contract. He also said the chamber had no forewarning that this Visitor Information Contract was not going to be funded. They have a real concern over this.

Karen Bailey and Bernard Kramer also spoke in favor of the visitor center funding.

After a discussion it was proposed the city and chamber meet to resolve the issues.

Public Hearings

2012 Budget-M Morton said there are two changes since the public hearing November 8th-the mayors message has been added and a line item for the total of the hotel motel expenditures; this does not change the bottom line. Also changed was the coal mine trail budget to reflect the amount from the county; added has been the police/city hall improvements to the capital projects fund. \$8, 583.00 has been added to the ending cash line item. Not confirmed is KittCom-which may be less than budgeted.

The hearing was opened for public comment at 7:53 p.m. Steve Locati, inquired about the tourist support fund-106-what the difference is for total revenue and the expenditures –why is there more revenue than what the city is spending. Treasurer Sandy Sutton said it is a projection for revenue. The city does want to have a reserve.

There were no further public comments. The hearing was closed at 7:55 p.m.

Ken Ratliff asked how the Salary Ordinance is compared to last year. Sandy Sutton said there is no cost of living increase.

There were no further comments. Mayor Glondo read his budget message for 2012. Action on the 2012 budget will be taken at the December 13th meeting.

Natural Gas Utility Tax- The hearing was opened for public comment at 8:02 p.m. Steven Harper 616 West Second, commented on the verbiage, PSE presently does not pay the “unusual” and customary 6% City B & O tax on the natural gas utility. M Morton said it should be “usual”. E said this tax is levied through the utility provider and then is passed through to the customer. There were no further public comments. The hearing was closed at 8:08 p.m.. ***A motion was made by Arthur Scott and seconded by Ron Spears to adopt Ordinance No. 1359-A 6% tax on the selling or furnishing of natural gas. 4-yes, 1 no-Ken Ratliff.***

Annual 2011 Comprehensive Plan Updates 2011-001 &002: Matt Morton said there two applications for consideration-COMP-2011-001-Steiners Subdivision and COMP 2010-002-Owens Rezone. The hearing for 2011-001-Steiners Sub Division 2011-001 was opened for

public comment at 8:18 p.m. Cindy Steiner a resident of the subdivision said she will speak at the next public hearing after she hears the presentation. Van Hockenbury 412 West First Street, would like to move ahead with the rezone. Brett Bierek property owner said he will return at the next hearing. The hearing was continued to the December 13th meeting.

2011-002-Owens Rezone- The hearing was opened at 8:22 p.m. There were no public comments. The hearing was continued to the December 13th 2011.

The staff reports will be presented at the December 13th meeting.

Citizen Comments

Steven Harper said a good question to ask about the chamber is if they are meeting their contractual agreement. Is that what the city wants and also to pose the question to Vision. Van Hockenbury commented about the current charges for permits . He said there should be a revision for the fees.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Interlocal with Kittitas County for Jail Services

A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Arthur Scott to authorize the Mayor to pursue Option A-Per Diem for Interlocal Agreement for Jail Services with Kittitas County for the next two years. Motion Carried

Historic Preservation Grant Award-

A motion was made by Mickey Holz and seconded by Ken Ratliff to approve the partial payment request in the amount of \$1,998.00. Motion Carried.

Ordinance & Resolutions

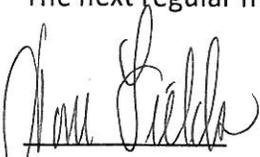
Ordinance No. 1356-Levy Certification for 2012-***A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Ron Spears to adopt Ordinance No. 1356-Levy Certification for 2012-Motion Carried***

Ordinance No. 1357-Salary Ordinance for 2012-***A motion was made by Mickey Holz and seconded by Ken Ratliff to adopt Ordinance No. 1357-Salary Ordinance for 2012-Motion Carried.***

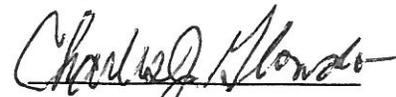
An executive session was called at 8:40 p.m. for pending litigation. He said no action would be taken during the session and no action is anticipated when reconvening.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:08 pm. Mayor Glondo said there was no action taken during the session. There was no further action before the council. ***A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and Seconded by Ron Spears to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m. Motion Carried.***

The next regular meeting will be on December 13th 2011



Attest



Mayor