

City of Cle Elum
Regular City Council Meeting
December 13, 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, Ken Ratliff, Warren Perry, Jay McGowan and Ron Spears. Also present was City Administrator Matt Morton, City Attorney Mike Kenyon, Public Works Director Jim Leonhard and City Clerk Toni Fields.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Jay McGowan and seconded by Mickey Holz to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried

Announcements, Appointments Awards & Recognition

Mayor Glondo presented Ken Ratliff with recognition for 11 years of public service on the City Council.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Mickey Holz to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included the minutes of the December 13th council meeting, vouchers and checks in the amount of \$124,623.45; payroll checks in the amount of \$108,791.85. Motion carried.

Officer Reports

City Administrator- Matt Morton presented the year of 2011 in a glance. Noted Police Chief Ferguson and Fire Chief Campbell would be absent from the meeting.

Public Works Director Jim Leonhard reported meeting with the Land Conservancy to discuss work on Crystal Creek to alleviate flooding.

Citizen Comments

Steven Harper, 616 West Second, read a letter for the record commenting on the staff at the Chamber of Commerce office and its impact on Cle Elum.

Craig Nevill, read a letter for the record regarding the funds being distributed to the chamber and the merger with the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce.

Paul Maurer, Silverdale Washington, addressed the council about renewable energy. He will be meeting with city staff.

Public Hearings

Amending the 2011 Budget-M Morton reviewed the reason for the amendment-city received a historical grant of \$5,100.00 to pay for plaques for historical downtown, additional planner overtime from Sapphire Skies. He said the library is an enterprise fund, meaning mainly paid for by user fees of which only \$250.00 a year and the remainder is paid out of current expense, the library will be moved out from an enterprise fund to a separate dept. in Current Expense; also included in the amendment will be additional revenue from Sapphire skies to pay for additional planner (Matt Morton) overtime. The hearing was opened for public comment at

7:40 p.m. There was no public comment. *A motion was made by Jay McGowan and seconded by Ron Spears to adopt Ordinance No. 1361-Amending the 2011 Budget. Motion Carried.*

2011 Comprehensive Plan Updates-

Ron Spears voluntarily stepped down because he is the owner of property subject to one of the amendments. Attorney Kenyon advised technically he is not required to because of multiple parcels here noting comp plan amendment is always legislative and in this case the rezone is also legislative because of the multiple properties so councilman Spears would be legally qualified to participate.

2011-001- Wayne Nelson, Contract Planner, said the property is located in the Northwest intersection of West First and South Cle Elum Way. The owners are Bierek Properties, Ronald E. Spears, Robert Baskette, Lisa Graham and Van Hockenbury, Robert Johnson, Patsy Mahaula and Frances Woodward. They are proposing the land use designation be changed from Residential to General Commercial. The hearing was opened for public comment at 7:50. Cindy Steiner-415 West Second Street-resident in the Steiner sub-division, quoted the minutes of the planning commission dated 8-20-2008. Under new business as a matter of record Matt (no last name) stated that beginning in 2009 any and all comprehensive plan amendment and rezone applications will require a development agreement at the time of the application. She continued, so far nobody has come up with any kind of development and they are not against development and they were wondering why this area needs to be rezoned. She said nobody has come by with any kind of plan for their commercial use of the property so she was wondering why they would consider this rezone. She felt it will have a detrimental affect their quality of life and they ability to sell their home. She said they would feel differently if there was a plan. She pointed out there is problems with the 100 year flood plan in this area and also with Crystal Creek. There is also a historic building not to far across Flag Pole Park. She felt council should "vote it down until someone comes up with a plan that makes sense"

Brett Bierek, property owner at 416 West First Street, felt it was hard to come up with a plan when dealing with residential property. As a property owner he is in favor of the rezone.

Brandon Steiner, Cle Elum resident, stated he was not in favor of the rezone. He said adding more commercial property in the city right now was a good idea. There is now a lot of unused commercial property.

There were no further public comments. The hearing was closed at 7:56 p.m.

Jim Eidemiller questioned a development agreement requirement and also zoning of the area surrounding. City Attorney Mike Kenyon said there is no legal requirement or prohibition of a development agreement as part of a comp plan rezone amendment. Matt Morton said the zoning is public reserve on the East, commercial to the South, residential to the North and residential to the West

A motion was made by Jay McGowan and second by Arthur Scott to approve Ordinance No. 1362-Approving Comp-2011-001 Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Rezone request. 6-yes; 1 no-Warren Perry. Motion Carried.

2011 COMP-2011-002-

Wayne Nelson said the subject property is located at the corner of West First and North Miller Ave. It is comprised of one tax parcel 8,600 square feet. Request is to rezone from residential to general commercial by property owners Don and Christina Owens.

The hearing was opened for public comment at 8:16 p.m. Don Owens property owner said they had purchased the property seventeen years ago for an investment. He said they had no development in mind right now. Steven Harper, 616 West Second Street, was in favor of the rezone. There were no further public comments. The hearing was closed at 8:21 p.m. Warren Perry was concerned about the traffic. ***A motion was made by Mickey Holz and seconded by Ken Ratliff to approve Ordinance No. 1363-Approving Ordinance No. 1363-Approving Comp-2011-002 –Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Rezone Request. 6-yes; 1-no (Warren Perry) Motion Carried. Approved.***

Public Appearances

None

Unfinished Business

MOU with RSVP and Volunteer Center of Kittitas County- A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Ken Ratliff to approve the MOU with the RSVP and Volunteer Center of Kittitas County. Motion Carried.

New Business

None

Ordinances & Resolutions

Ordinance No 1358-2012 Budget- Jim Eidemiller, Lodging Tax Committee member reported two meetings with the Chamber of Commerce to discuss issues pertaining to the 2012 funding request for the operation of the Visitor Information Center. “The following was concluded in partnership with the chamber of commerce after these series of meetings. The city as a whole benefits from an engaged vibrant and healthy chamber of commerce. The city benefits as a whole when all businesses licensed in the City of Cle Elum corporate limits are offered access whether paid chamber members or not to the Cle Elum Roslyn website that serves as the Chamber of Commerce commercial gateway. The City as a whole benefits from unrestricted promotion of licensed city businesses whether paid chamber members are not to all who inquire digitally, telephonically or in person. The city as a whole benefits from having a staffed visitor information center that will respond to digital, telephonic and in person inquiries that direct consumers and the traveling public to any and all licensed businesses within the City of Cle Elum corporate limits. The city lodging tax committee, the Chamber of Commerce President Ron Dalle, Chamber Treasurer Steve Locati and the Chamber Executive Director Judy

Tokarsyck have agreed to work with the City of Cle Elum Lodging Tax Committee, the Mayor and the City Administrator to increase partnership enhance effectiveness and help and support each other to the mutual benefit of the City as a whole. The Chamber of Commerce has agreed to staff the visitor information to the maximum extent practical given the funding offered by the City Lodging Tax Advisory Committee with the goal and intention of being as close to 100% of the 2011 operational hours as financially possible. The Chamber of Commerce has agreed to work toward enhancing their website to accommodate the city's Vision and still provide added value to its membership. It is not the intention or purpose or mission of Vision Cle Elum to replace or supplant the Chamber of Commerce. The City of Cle Elum, Vision Cle Elum and Cle ELum Roslyn Chamber of Commerce hold separate functions that in a coordinated partnership will add to the health and vitality of the city as a whole. If the chamber does not complete the fore mentioned as written into the 2012 VIC contract they not expect any VIC funding in 2013. Given that the Chamber has partnered with the city to address and offer the above, the City Hotel-Motel Lodging Tax Advisory Committee would like to recommend for the 2012 budget the following funding allocations: \$5,934.06 to fund replacement of the easy thru access signs-the design which has been approved, 13,400.00 –Chamber of Commerce Advertising Program reimbursements,\$17,900.00 Vision Cle ELum Executive Director Salary and print promotional media budget,\$14,500.00 for the Cle ELum Roslyn Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center Contract". ***A motion was made by Jay McGowan and seconded to approve the 2012 Budget-Ordinance No.: 1358. Motion Carried.***

Ordinance No. 1360-Right of Way Vacation-Gaub Property-finally done. (Previously approved April 12th 2012 meeting)

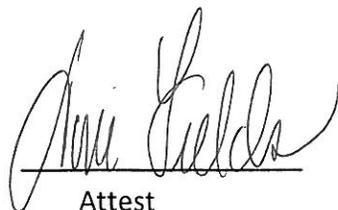
Committee Reports

Ken Ratliff –Water Committee, recommended a water relief request for 200 Madison in the amount of \$224.69 be approved. A motion was made by Arthur and seconded by Ron Spears to approve the water relief request in the amount of \$224.69. Motion Carried.

There was no further business. Mayor Glondo wished everyone a Blessed Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

A Motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Warren Perry to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Motion Carried

The next regular scheduled meeting will be January 10, 2012.


Attest


Mayor