

City of Cle Elum  
Regular City Council Meeting  
8-May 2012

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Glondo at 7:00. Members present included Lindsey Ozbolt, Jim Eidemiller, Ron Spears, Jay McGowan, Mickey Holz, Warren Perry and Arthur Scott. Also present were City Administrator Matt Morton, City Attorney Mike Kenyon, Public Works Director Jim Leonhard, Police Chief Scott Ferguson and City Clerk Toni Fields.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

***A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Jay McGowan to approve the meeting agenda as presented.***

Consent Agenda

***A motion was made by Lindsey Ozbolt and seconded by Jay McGowan to approve the consent agenda as presented which included the minutes of the April 24th 2012, vouchers and checks numbered 32392-32454 in the amount of \$119,247.03 and payroll checks in the amount of \$94,689.18.***

Officer Reports

City Administrator Matt Morton requested the utilities committee meet to discuss the sewer standby charges and the employee committee-Mickey, Jay and Ron to discuss the new employees manual.

Public Works Director Jim Leonhard reported the city crew working at the new police dept. site; city crew member Jim Casassa attending training in Spokane and city cleanup is next week.

City Administrator Morton reported on the cleanup of the Cle Elum Trading Post. Attorney Kenyon said the city is complying the costs of the abatement and under the existing conjunction the city can present a supplemental judgment to the court to recover the costs.

Police Chief Scott Ferguson said officers have been receiving weapons qualifications ; Officers Bland and Rogers attended a three day homicide training session and he participated in the upper county youth coalition fund raiser at Lake Easton. The department also participated in a mock DUI fatality at the high school. There will be a ribbon cutting/ open house at the new police building on May 16th 2-5 p.m.

Citizen Comments

Kathy Cox 301 Danko Road, commented on the airport beacon.

Public Hearings

None

Public Appearances

Judy Tokarsyck, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, gave a monthly report on activities of the Chamber of Commerce.

Unfinished Business

**Fireworks Discussion**-Matt Morton said an ordinance is being prepared for the discharging of fireworks at Memorial Park. He said this year personal fireworks will be banned inside of the park. Officers will be enforcing the restriction.

**Airport Beacon Update:**

Matt Morton reviewed a letter from Mary Vargas-Project Manager for the Seattle Airports District Office regarding the beacon installation project. She responded to three questions he had asked: Is the city required to install an airport beacon at the municipal airport? She said yes and refers to the citations -Could the City install an air to ground radio control to turn on the airport beacon ? She responded no and Is the city required to operate the airport beacon from dusk to dawn? She cited yes and refers to the references . He said an adjustment has been made to the beacon .

New Business

**Yakima Basin Plan Endorsement:** Cynthia Wilkerson and Wendy Christenson presented an overview of the Yakima River Basin Integrated Water Resource Management Plan. The plan is to set strategies in addressing water supply and stream flow imbalances in the Yakima Basin and to create a plan to implement a solution to the basins water shortage in the future. They asked that the council endorse this plan. Council commented they were unclear how the plan would benefit or affect Kittitas County and the communities within.

Matt Morton said he supports the overall framework of the plan. He said the endorsement would give the city a better position in the early stages before details are funded and implemented. ***A motion was made by Arthur Scott and seconded by Jay McGowan to endorse the proposal for the Yakima Basin Plan. Motion Carried.***

**Employee Manual-**

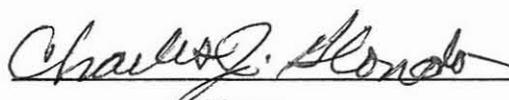
M. Morton said he should have a final draft by the end of the week. He said the employee committee will be meeting to review the new updated manual.

Ordinances & Resolutions-None

Committee Reports-None

Jay McGowan suggested the city hire an individual to evaluate the development agreement the City of Cle Elum has with Suncadia before it expires in five years. He felt since the recent recapitalization and partnership with Oak Tree Capital the city needs someone to review the agreements and prepare an itemized report to the council. Staff will review the request. There was no further business to come before the council. ***A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.*** The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday May 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Mayor