

City of Cle Elum
Regular City Council Meeting
26-November 2013

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Glondo at 7:00 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Members present included Warren Perry, Lindsey Ozbolt, Jim Eidemiller, Mickey Holz, Arthur Scott and Ron Spears. Jay McGowan was absent and excused. Also in attendance 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 Lindsey Ozbolt and seconded by Mickey Holz to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried

Announcements, Awards & Recognition

None

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Lindsey Ozbolt to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included the minutes of the November 14, 2013 City Council Meeting ;vouchers and checks numbered 34344-34403 in the amount of \$112,352.24 and payroll checks in the amount of \$62,249.16. Motion Carried.

Officer Reports

City Administrator Matt Morton:

-will be reporting on agenda items

Public Works Director Jim Leonhard:

-The railroad crossing on Oakes Ave. will be closed on Monday November 25 through Wednesday November 27-approximately 1:00 p.m.

-reminded citizens moving vehicles for the snow removal especially in the alleys.

Police Chief Scott Ferguson:

-Police Officers assisted with a gas main break on East First Street.

Citizen Comments

Ken Ratlif said the Community Choir will be singing at Christmas in Cle Elum.

Public Hearings

2014 Budget:

Mayor Glondo opened the public hearing for public comment at 7:05 p.m.. There were no public comments. The hearing was closed.

City Administrator Morton said he had been in contact with council members regarding the proposed 2014 budget . He said in the salary ordinance there is a proposed 3% wage increase for employees-the first increase in 4 years . A small increase for monthly water service. and a 2% increase in the garbage service charge.

Arthur Scott commented the proposed budget lacks interest in improving the appearance of the city. He added the code enforcement has no focus in budget.

Lindsey Ozbolt stated she has a concern of the current staffing levels. She feels the city needs a staff planner that also could take care of code enforcement.

Warren Perry said funding needs to be put into the budget for streets and alley improvements.

Unfinished Business

None

New BusinessMunicipal Engineering Services

Public Works Director Jim Leonhard reported the city had advertised for municipal engineering services and received two statements of qualifications. One from the current engineer Huibregste, Louman Associates, Inc and Ken Ratliff. He said city staff recommends Huibregste Loumans associates be retained and also Ken Ratliff for small projects. ***A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Mickey Holz to approve the recommendation of City staff to retain Huibregste, Louman Associates for Engineering services and also Ken Ratliff for the smaller projects. Motion Carried.***

Ordinances & Resolutions

Ordinance No. 1393-Amending Ordinance No. 1392-Setting the Tax Levy for 2014-

A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Lindsey Ozbolt to adopt Ordinance No. 1392 as presented. Motion Carried

Ordinance No. 1394-Adopting the 2014 Salary Schedule for the Employees of the City of Cle Elum

A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Arthur Scott to adopt Ordinance No. 1394 as presented. Motion Carried.

Ordinance No. 1395-Adopting the Budget for the fiscal year 2014.

A motion was made by Lindsey Ozbolt and seconded by Arthur Scott to adopt Ordinance No. 1395 as presented. Warren Perry -nay- Motion carried.

Committee ReportsWater Policy Update-

Matt Morton reported he will have a staff report for the December 10th City Council Meeting regarding the cost rate adjustment for CEMC Section 13.20-Water Connection and Water Transfer Requirements. He said it has been five years since the rates were revised and the city should consider a slight increase to remain competitive.

Warren Perry-stated the cemetery road is in need of repair. He also mentioned there has been a problem with water runoff on East Fourth Street.

Mayor Glondo announced an executive session at 7:32 p.m. for real estate RCW 42.30.110 (b). He said the session would last approximately 15 with no action anticipated after the session. The meeting was reconvened at 7:59 p.m. Mayor Glondo said there was no action taken during the executive session. City Attorney Mike Kenyon said the executive session lasted 27 minutes. He said City Administrator Morton did formally extend the executive session 12 minutes to the one member of the public. There was no further business to come before the council.

A motion was made by Arthur Scott and seconded by Lindsey Ozbolt to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday December 10,2013


Attest


Mayor