

City of Cle Elum  
Regular City Council Meeting  
December 10, 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 Arthur Scott, Jay McGowan, Lindsey Ozbolt, Jim Eidemiller, Ron Spears and Mickey Holz. Warren Perry was absent. Also present were City Administrator Matt Morton, Public Works Director Jim Leonhard; Fire Chief Dave Campbell and City Clerk Toni Fields.

**Approval of the Meeting Agenda**

*A motion was made by Lindsey Ozbolt and seconded by Jay McGowan to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion Carried. Lindsey Ozbolt rescinded her motion & Jay McGowan rescinded his second to the motion. A motion was made by Lindsey Ozbolt and seconded by Lindsey Ozbolt and seconded by Jay McGowan to approve the agenda as presented to include under New Business the search for a new finance officer. Motion Carried.*

**Announcements, Awards and Recognition**

Mayor Glondo acknowledged Warren Perry for his service as a member of the City Council.

**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 November 26, 2013 City Council meeting; vouchers and checks numbered 34404-34487 in the amount of \$93,556.55 and payroll checks in the amount of \$107,912.39. Motion Carried.*

**Officer Reports**

**City Administrator:**

-will be reporting on agenda items

**Public Works Director-Jim Leonhard:**

-City crew have been repairing water main leaks

**Fire Chief Dave Campbell:**

-submitted a written report and advised residences to check their chimneys before building fires in their appliances.

**Citizens Comments**

**Kerri Farnum-Vision Cle Elum**

-Gave a report on Christmas in Cle Elum last Saturday. There were twenty one floats in the parade and was well attended.

**Amy McGuffin, Director of Tourism for the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce** gave a monthly report.

**Virginia Lund-Friends of the Library**-Carpenter Memorial Library will be celebrating 100 years in January and would like to have 2014 the year of the library.

**Public Hearings**

**Ordinance No. 1396-Amending the 2013 Budget-**

Mayor Glondo opened the public hearing at 7:12 p.m. There were no public comments. The hearing was closed. *A motion was made by Jay McGowan and seconded by Ron Spears to adopt Ordinance No. 1396- Amending the 2013 Budget. Motion Carried.*

**Ordinance No.: 1397-Amending Section 13.12.100 Cle Elum Municipal Code amending water rates for 2014.** The hearing was opened at 7:16 p.m.. There no public comments. The hearing was closed. ***A motion was made by Lindsey Ozbolt and seconded by Jay McGowan to adopt Ordinance No. 1397-amending the water rates-CEMC Section no. 13.12.100. Motion Carried***

**Ordinance No.: 1398-Amending Section No 8.08.200 Cle Elum Municipal Code -amending garbage rates for 2014.** The hearing was opened for public comment at 7:18. There were no public comments. The hearing was closed. ***A motion was made by Mickey Holz and seconded by Lindsey Ozbolt to adopt Ordinance No. 1398-amending garbage rates 2014-Section 8.08.200. Motion Carried.***

**Ordinance No. :1399-Lodging Tax Rate Increase-** The hearing was opened for public comment at 7:20 p.m. Amy McGuffin-Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce said she highly recommends going forward with this.-. There were no further public comments. ***A motion was made by Ron Spears and seconded by Jay McGowan to adopt Ordinance No. : 1399-Lodging Tax Increase ( to 4%)..Motion Carried.***

**Public Appearances**

None

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

**Finance Director Position-**

Matt Morton said city staff will be interviewing five applicants on Tuesday December 17 . If after the interviews additional applicants need to be considered, he asked that council authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with a recruiter to find someone to fill the position. He said the cost would be approximately 20,000.00. He noted the funding would come out of the reserves. ***A motion was made by Arthur Scott and seconded by Jay McGowan to give the Mayor the authority to sign an agreement to work with a recruiter to find a finance director . Motion Carried.***

**Outside Utility Agreement-Central Cascade Land Company -**

Lindsey Ozbolt recused herself from the process. She stated she was employed by a company associated with Central Cascade Land Company in the year 2012. She left the council chambers. Matt Morton said Central Cascade Land has requested suburban services to their 90 acres of general industrial property in the City of Cle Elum UGA Boundary which puts it in the water service area and added they have transferred water rights several years ago. He said the city has worked with other developers around the area.

Jay McGowan, UGA Committee , reported the annexation was a big deal and was worked over and over early on in the negotiations. He also added there was an issue with the pipeline and that was resolved. A proper pipeline will be installed. He said they will use the county codes for what they are allowed to do there. Arthur Scott said it will help economic development. ***A motion was made by Mickey Holz and seconded by Ron Spears to enter into an Outside Utility Agreement with Central Cascade Land Company. Motion Carried***

Lindsey Ozbolt was advised the discussion was voted on and she rejoined the council session.

**Railroad Street Project Approval-Road Relocation**

Matt Morton-The proposed project is the arterial by pass from South Cle Elum Way to Railroad Street . The funding is from the State Transportation Improvement Board and Kittitas County. TIB has advised the city they need to prepare a viable "ready to proceed project decision" as soon as possible. There

have been real estate acquisition problems with the first placement of the bypass road He said one strategy is to move that road to the north.

Jeff Louman City Engineer, Huibregste, Louman Associates, reviewed the history of the project and the funding sources. He said that the original intent was to get the road as far South as possible. There has been a problem with some of the property owned by the railroad and leased to another party. So now TIB has given an ultimatum for the city to come up with a plan or lose the funding. He said it has been proposed to realign the property and offer commercial property in the area. He added that TIB has provided approximately \$50,000.00 so far for the design of the project but has not indicated they would want it reimbursed if the project is delayed. He said the \$400,000.00 would go away though. The County Sales & Use Tax could be used for the utilities. He said the conversion of this property for commercial use would be valuable for the city. Arthur Scott said "we need to do something to keep the city moving forward". Jay McGowan commented having the open space in the heart of the city has more value to the people of the city. Lindsey Ozbolt said she felt what is important is to look at this whole area and what it could become. The decision should be whether the city wants to move forward with putting the road in its new proposed location which bisects this piece of property and if this has value for the city - whether or not the city wants to move forward with using the TIB funds granted. Jay McGowan added the Wye area could be used as the center of a trail system for the whole upper county.

***A motion was made by Ron Spears and seconded by Arthur Scott to approve the Railroad Street Project Relocation .Motion carried-(Jay McGowan-nay )***

**Fire Chief Stipend -**

M. Morton asked council to consider authorizing a temporary six months stipend of \$1,500.00 a month , in addition to the chiefs current position, for the purposes of giving him the time to formulate a levy proposal to the city- money is needed for compliance issues and new equipment . A motion was made by Lindsey Ozbolt and seconded by Mickey Holz to authorizing the six months stipend of \$1, 500.00 a month to bring back a work product and plan for moving forward with our options and how we will attain funding of our fire department in the future. Motion Carried.

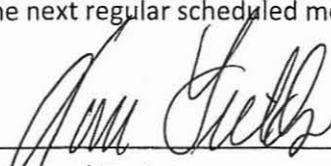
**Surplus Public Vehicles**

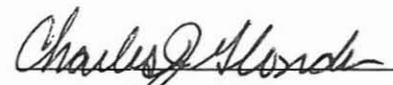
1974 International Dump Truck:	1983 Vactor Truck
Skye Osiadacz- \$1,250.00	550.00
Brad Page-3,288.98	978.77
Chuck Wallick-800.00	
Ray Sidertis-1,300.00	

***A motion was made by Mickey Holz and seconded by Jay McGowan to accept the bid of \$3,288.98 from Brad Page for the 1974 International Dump Truck and the bid of \$978.77 from Brad Page for the 1983 Vactor Truck. Motion Carried.***

There was no further business to come before the Council. ***A motion was made by Lindsey Ozbolt and seconded by Mickey Holz to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.***

The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday January 14, 2014.

  
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Mayor