

City of Cle Elum
Regular City Council Meeting
March 25, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. by Mayor Charles Glondo. Members present included Arthur Scott, Lindsey Ozbolt, Jim Eidemiller, Jay McGowan, Mickey Holz, Ron Spears and Steven Harper. Also present was City Administrator Matt Morton, 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 Jay McGowan to approve the meeting agenda as presented-Steven Harper requested a brief comment under unfinished business. Jay McGowan withdrew his second-Lindsey Ozbolt amended her her motion to include the request from Steven Harper, Jay McGowan seconded. Motion Carried.

Announcements, Awards & Recognition

Mayor Glondo recognized Sandy Sutton for her 12 years of employment with the city. There will be an open house on Friday March 28th from noon until two thirty p.m. in the council chambers. Lindsey Ellis, City Treasurer, was introduced to the public.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Jay McGowan and seconded by Lindsey Ozbolt to approve the consent agenda as presented which included the minutes of the March 11, 2014 City Council meeting; vouchers and checks numbered 34793-34830 in the amount of \$123,849.22 and payroll checks in the amount of \$62,508.29. Motion Carried

Officer Reports

City Administrator Matt Morton

- Washington State Conservation Office has opened the grant process. He said there is 40 days to get a grant in for park infrastructure.
- Requested the Mayor to appoint a cemetery commission comprised of three council members. Steven Harper volunteered.
- Advised Regional Water rates need to be raised.

Public Works Director Jim Leonhard

- No report

Police Chief Scott Ferguson

- No report

Citizen Comments

Rob Iverson inquired if the Wye area was going to be a commercial area & the reasoning for a road through the area. He was told the proposed roadway would lessen the traffic impact on the First Street Intersection and added infrastructure would improve that area. He also expressed concerns for the traffic on West First. At one time he said

a roundabout was discussed and wondered if that was still being planned. He addressed the need a the cleanup of the city. He also questioned the process of informing the public of the city council agenda items. He was advised the meetings are the second and fourth Tuesday of the month and the agenda is published(with posting on the City Website) and posted on the door of the council chambers. Copies are also available at the city hall on the Thursday prior to the Tuesday night meeting . Public hearings are published in the newspaper.

Public Hearings

Ordinance No. 1401-Creation of REET (Real Estate Excise Tax) Fund.

- Lindsey Ellis, City Treasurer presented Ordinance No. 1401 noting the reason for the action was the state auditor's office advised the change to a capital fund instead of a special revenue fund. The hearing was opened to public comment at 7:18 p.m. Rob Iverson questioned if it also included a raise in the tax. He was advised there would be no change in the rate. Gary Berndt said the REET fund is a 1/4 tax on all real estate. There were no further public comments. ***A motion was made by Lindsey Ozbolt and seconded by Jay McGowan to adopt Ordinance No. 1401-Creation of REET (Real Estate Excise Tax Fund. Motion Carried.***

Ordinance No. 1404-Amending the 2014 Budget.

- Lindsey Ellis, City Treasurer, reviewed the proposed changes to the budget which included adjusting the current expense fund for the purchase of a new police car, part time police clerk, Fire Chief Contract, retiring treasurer vacation/sick buyout, IT Department , chairs for conference room; cleaning contracts for city hall and library, KITTCOM for Fire Dept., Railroad Leases & Contingency MMA. The Street fund-TIB funds for First Street Overlay Project overlay of First Street; Hotel/Motel funds put into contingency fund; Suncadia Consultant -Third Filer Bed at Water Plant; Capital Project-City Hall re-roof, REET Excise Tax-transfer in /replacement fund.; Water Fund-HLA advised of loss in water fund it was recommended regional reserve be reduced and HLA costs to update water comprehensive plan; Sewer-creation of regional reserve investment ; city shop-repair of building inspector vehicle. The hearing was opened for public comment at 7:25 p.m. **There were no public comments. The hearing was closed. A motion was made by Jay McGowan and seconded by Lindsey Ozbolt for discussion to adopt Ordinance No. 1404-Amending the 2014 Budget. Steven Harper question-cleaning services-spread out over a year. This would bring up the janitor services to minimum wages. Motion Carried.**

Ordinance No. 1402- Renewing the moratorium for the establishment & operation of medical Marijuana. Matt Morton said staff is requesting an extension of the existing

moratorium while planning, zoning, licensing and legal issues are researched and resolved. The hearing was opened for public comment at 7:30 p.m. Rob Iverson questioned the length of the extension. M. Morton said six months from 3/25/2014. There were no further comments/questions from the public. The hearing was closed at 7:32 p.m. Steven Harper said he has had public comments regarding where they would be located in the city and the regulations. Lindsey Ozbolt questioned page one second paragraph from bottom of page the date is listed as October 8, 2012-she asked if it should be October 8, 2013.

A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Steven Harper to adopt Ordinance No. 1402. Motion Carried.

Ordinance No. 1403-Renewing the city's moratorium prohibiting production, processing and retail sales of recreational marijuana. Matt Morton said staff is requesting an extension of the existing moratorium while planning, zoning, licensing and legal issues are researched and resolved. The hearing was opened for public comment at 7:40 p.m. Rob Iverson question the taxing of the marijuana. Matt Morton said now the state is the only agency that has a tax. There were no further public comments. The hearing was closed at 7:42 p.m. **A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Steven Harper to adopt Ordinance No. 1403. motion Carried.**

Public Appearances

None

Unfinished Business

Steven Harper said he was unfamiliar with the proceedings regarding the Wye Project. He met with Bobby Fischer and discussed his lease of the Railroad property.

A motion was made by Arthur Scott and seconded by Steven Harper to take action to get the site cleaned up. Question: Jim Eidemiller said the city does have ordinances on the books to take care of these issues. He suggested staff be directed to coincide the effort by a letter. Lindsey Ozbolt said the city needs to follow the correct steps. Motion Carried

New Business

Teamsters Contract-Tabled -will be on April 8, 2014 Council Agenda

Kittitas County Technology Agreement

Matt Morton said the city needs outside technical support to accomplish the goals and tasks of the Cyber-Liability Audit from the City's insurance carrier Washington Cities insurance Authority. He said private consultant bids solicited were returned on the average of \$120.00/hr for services. Kittitas County IT Department gave a bid of \$60.00 per hour. He added the fiscal impact would be \$5,000.00. ***A motion was made by***

Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Ron Spears to allow the mayor to sign the interlocal agreement between Kittitas County and the City of Cle Elum for Information Technology Services. Motion Carried.

Ordinances & Resolutions

None

Committee Reports

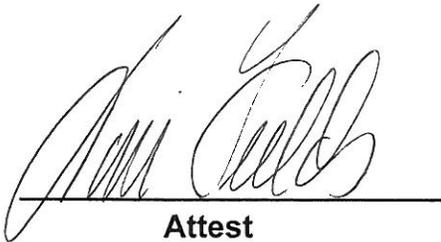
Lindsey Ozbolt questioned the pedestrian safety flags that were installed at different intersections in the city. She said she was not aware of anyone contacting the city council for approval or notification on the intent to install these on the power/telephone poles. She was advised the city crew had installed them. Vision Cle Elum had purchased the flags to add to pedestrian safety. Ms Ozbolt said she is not opposed to the efforts but felt the city/council-staff needs to be made aware of these projects.

Jay McGowan reported on a meeting with the Bonneville Power Administration and the Yakama Nation regarding property owned by the city. He said the representatives will be attending the April 8th city council meeting to discuss their proposal for salmon habitat.

Arthur Scott asked that the Spring Cleanup be promoted on the city billing to help make citizens aware of the free event.

There was no further business brought before council.

A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Jim Eidemiller to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.



Attest



Mayor