

City of Cle Elum
Regular City Council Meeting
May 13, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Members present included Arthur Scott, Lindsey Ozbolt, Steven Harper, Jay McGowan, Ron Spears and Jim Eidemiller. Mickey Holz was absent and excused. Other members present included City Administrator Matt Morton, City Attorney Mike Kenyon, Police Chief Scott Ferguson, Public Works Director Jim Leonhard, Fire Chief Dave Campbell and City Clerk Toni Fields.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Jay McGowan and seconded by Lindsey Ozbolt to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

Announcement Awards and Recognition

None

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 22, 2014 city council meeting; vouchers and checks numbered 34928-34999 in the amount of \$ 111,925.46; payroll checks in the amount of \$ 108,990.14 Motion Carried.

Officer Reports

City Administrator Matt Morton:

- Announced a "Town Hall Meeting" June 5th- 6:30 p.m. at the Centennial Center featuring Brown & Kysar, Inc. to discuss a future energy supply to Cle Elum.
- attended A WCIA Board Meeting in Yakima. The training included "employment law"
- received notification of May 30 being the deadline for the Distressed Sales Funding applications.
- advised he is working on code enforcement.

Public Works Director Jim Leonhard:

- The city crew has been repairing water leaks
- Cemetery Caretaker has quit & currently there is a temporary worker. The city is advertising for the position until May 23rd.
- 360 dump vouchers were given out by the city for the free dump.

Police Chief Scott Ferguson:

- officers have been attending training sessions for weapons qualifications, sexual assault incidents and alcohol detection.
- City has received a Law & Justice grant for another radar sign
- this week is National Law Enforcement Memorial Week. Chief Ferguson will be attending a local memorial for fallen Kittitas County Officers in Ellensburg. He said he will be honoring Bill Rolcik, a Cle Elum police officer, who died in the line of duty.

Fire Chief Dave Campbell:

- submitted a written report for April and added the engines had passed testing.

Citizen Comments

None

Public HearingsWater Use Efficiency Measures in the 2014 Water System Plan:

- Matt Morton said as a part of the 2014 Comprehensive Cle Elum Water/Town of South Cle Elum Water System Plan are required to adopt Water Use Efficiency Measures. The hearing was opened to public comment at 7:11 p.m.. There were no public comments. The hearing was closed. M Morton proposed Resolution #2014-005-Water Use Efficiency Measures. ***A motion was made by Jay McGowan and seconded by Steven Harper to adopt Resolution No. 2014-005-Water Efficiency Measures. Motion Carried***

Public AppearancesAmy McGuffin, Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce:

- As of April 418 people came through the visitor center.
- presented the new visitors guide for Kittitas County
- open house-cookout last week well attended.
- Preparing for Veterans Wall Display in July

Unfinished Business

None

New BusinessDiscussion of Collection Agency:

- M. Morton said the City currently does not use a collection agency. He said the city would like to be able to recover 100% of the debt. The collection agent would assign fees and charges to the debtor. If council approves of the concept, he will bring back an ordinance and contract to the next meeting for approval. Council agreed to allow staff to bring back a proposal from a collection agency and an ordinance so it is reflected in city code.

Horse park Repayment Discussion:

- M Morton said the Horse park is not a bad debtor. He said they have paid all of their bills. He said the land use agreements, etc, to get the horse park done with the capital reimbursement fees due the city in the amount of \$6,000.00 and left over legal fees-which are \$9,623.00 . He said they have been paying consistently. They do not have the cash on hand for these billings. They have proposed a letter to the city for a repayment schedule. He said the auditor was fine with that repayment. He said it would be charged with a 3% finance charge. M. Morton clarified the horse park does pay their utilities; this is the enterprise fund for capital reimbursement. ***A motion was made by Jay McGowan and seconded by Ron Spears to authorize city staff to pursue the agreement with the Washington state Horse park. Motion Carried.***

Ordinance No. 1407- Repealing the City of Cle Elum Municipal Code Sec. 3.20-Claims Against the City-
 Tabled for next meeting-

Committee Reports-Steven Harper, cemetery committee chairperson, reported there will be a proposal brought to the next meeting to reflect a raise in the cemetery rates. He added at a later date there will be a discussion of "green funerals" and a possible pet cemetery be developed.

Council Members Comments & Concerns:

Steven Harper said there is a land use training session on Tuesday June 10th. He asked to be excused from the council meeting to attend the training. Steven Harper : *Steven Harper-Correction to minutes - addition -5-27-2014-Such request was received with unanimous support of the council.*

There was no further business to come before the meeting.

A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Lindsey Ozbolt to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday May 27th at 7:00 p.m.



Attest



Mayor