

City of Cle Elum  
Regular City Council Meeting  
June 10, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Glondo at 7:00 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Members present were Arthur Scott, Jay McGowan, Ron Spears, Mickey Holz, Lindsey Ozbolt and Jim Eidemiller. Steven Harper was absent as he was attending a land use training session. His absence was excused at the May 27, 2014 meeting. Other members present include City Administrator Matt Morton, Public Works Director Jim Leonhard, Fire Chief Dave Campbell, City Treasurer Lindsey Ellis and City Utilities Clerk Kathi Swanson.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

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

Announcements – Appointments, Awards & Recognition

None

Consent Agenda

***A motion was made by Jay McGowan and seconded by Arthur Scott to approve the meeting agenda as presented which included the minutes of the May 27, 2014 City Council Meeting. Vouchers and checks numbered 35042-35090 in the amount of \$30,272.12 and payroll checks in the amount of \$112,085.68. Motion Carried.***

Officer Reports

**City Administrator Matt Morton:**

- Reported the Supreme Court of Washington denied Gary Wivag's Petition for Review and awarded the City of Cle Elum the original judgment as well as attorney fees and expenses. The case is expected to be finalized by the end of summer 2014.
- The executive session regarding Real Estate RCW 42.30.110(b) will be rescheduled for 06/24/14 due to the fact that legal council is not in attendance.
- The Public Power Meeting was held on 06/05/14. M. Morton suggested the Council go on a "field trip" to Jefferson County, the most recent to convert to Public Power. Council suggested further review before deciding on which district to visit. M. Morton will draft an agenda to bring more information to the Council.
- Reported meeting with the KVH chief financial officer regarding medical bills for inmates RCW78
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> bid to the water filter contracts are in the first phase and moving ahead
- The Vietnam Wall is coming to town on July 17<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>. A temporary parks position has been filled to assist with the City cleanup, including First, Second and Third Streets and the Parks. Cleanup on a volunteer basis has also been organized. Another notice will go out on the next utility statement.
- Brought new City Treasurer, Lindsey Ellis, to allow Council to become more familiar with her as budget time approaches.

(New Book)

**Public Works Director Jim Leonhard:**

- Working with Brad Niebuhr of Cabin Creek Electric to resolve issues with the lighting for the Vietnam Wall
- The Kiwanis monuments will be installed during the week of 06/09/14 or the first part of the week of 06/16/14. Placement will be on the two corners of West First Street and Oakes Avenue. There will be an official unveiling at a later date.
- Three citizens have approached him about pine trees in the City right-of-way. He will contact the Transportation Committee to visit the sites and make decisions on how to take care of them.
- There are old pieces of playground equipment that have been removed from the West Second Street Park that will be surplusd at the next meeting to sell to an interested party.
- Striping has begun and will be completed by July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Police Chief Scott Ferguson:**

Not present - excused

**Fire Chief Dave Campbell:**

- Reported 26 incidents in May; including 1 Fire, 17 EMS, 4 Hazardous Conditions, 3 Good Intent Calls, 1 False Alarm
- Began working with the Horse Park on June 10<sup>th</sup> for 12 continuous days of EMS protection
- Planning a Barbeque for the baseball teams on June 13th

Citizen Comments

**Bonnie Reay – 108 West Second Street:**

Submitted written request to the City to remove the water meter hookup from her property at 108 ½ West Second Street. Asked the City council to reconsider turning her in to the collection agency. When sewer charges were added in 2012, she stopped paying the entire bill. Turned in a Public Disclosure request. Asked the Council why the Code was changed and urged them to find more creative ways to earn money rather than taking it out on the public. Suggested the City downsize. Stated that public servants should put the public first.

**Brian Lenz – representing PSE – 217 N. Pearl, Ellensburg:**

Submitted letter to City Administrator from the Vice President of Corporate Affairs Andy Wappler regarding the 06/05/14 Town Hall Meeting regarding Public Power. PSE was not contacted prior to the meeting. Mr. Lenz asked for the opportunity to present PSE's economic development, low income and energy efficiency programs at a similar Town Hall Meeting.

Public Hearings

**Cle Elum Pines West:** Lindsey Ozbolt recused herself as she has performed work for the proponent. Matt Morton informed the Council the meeting would have to be continued to the 06/24/14 regular meeting due to the fact the Mike Kenyon, City Attorney, was not present as required by law. The opportunity was given to anyone in attendance to speak if they had come to the meeting specifically for that purpose. There were no

public comments. The Closed Record Public Hearing for Cle Elum Pines was continued to the 06/24/14 meeting.

#### Public Appearances

##### Amy McGuffin – Kittitas County Chamber:

- The Upper County map is now available at the Visitor Center, City Hall and local businesses in Cle Elum and Roslyn. The previous edition was published in 2011.
- Over 1630 visitors year to date; 252 over the same time period as last year through May 2013
- Partnering with Jodi Larsen for the Veteran’s Travelling Wall. Advertising will be on statewide TV.
- Partnering with Vision Cle Elum, Historic Society, Carpenter House and the Telephone Museum
- Lodging tax applications will be at the end of August, instead of November, for processing purposes.
- Over 35 relocation requests in May 2014. The goal is to partner with Vision Cle Elum to bring new residents to the Cle Elum area.

Jim Eidemiller commented that the County partnership with the Chamber has done more than he expected. City Council made a positive decision, thanking Amy McGuffin for her effort. Ms. McGuffin gave credit to all of the Chamber departments.

#### Unfinished Business

None

#### New Business

##### Railroad Street Extension Bid Award:

Jim Leonhard announced the apparent low bidder as Belsaas & Smith Construction at \$662,311.50 and asked Council to allow the City to award the low bid to them. Jim Eidemiller asked if the City would be satisfied that their expectations will be met. Jim Leonhard stated they would. Jay McGowan added that Belsaas & Smith does good work. **A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Mickey Holz to approve. Lindsey Ozbolt, Ron Spears and Art Scott voted yes. Jay McGowan voted no. The motion carried with 5 for and 1 opposed.**

##### West First Street Pavement Overlay Bid Award:

Jim Leonard announced the apparent low bidder as Columbia Asphalt at \$218,665.00 and asked Council to allow the City to award the low bid to them. These are TIB funded projects. Art Scott voiced concerns with Columbia Asphalt and the reliability of the contract based on poor chip sealing in South Cle Elum. Jim Leonhard stated that Columbia Asphalt has done approximately 15 asphalt jobs for the City of Cle Elum, all adequate. Lindsey Ozbolt asked if their change requests were prevalent. J. Leonhard stated they are okay. **A motion was made by Lindsey Ozbolt and seconded by Mickey Holz to accept Columbia Asphalt as the low bid on the West First Street re-surfacing project. Motion carried.**

##### Veolia Water – Labor Services Agreement:

Matt Morton advised Council this agreement will allow Veolia Water to provide qualified staff to assist in operations of the Water Treatment plant for an approximate 6

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month period after Ken Sutton retires, allowing time for the current level 2 operator to train for level 3. This will keep the City in compliance and no budget amendment will be needed. **A motion was made by Art Scott and seconded by Lindsey Ozbolt to accept the recommendation for the Agreement for Labor Services for Veolia. Motion carried.**

**City Administrator Contract Amendment:**

The City Administrator is asking for a vehicle allowance of \$375.00 for the continued use of his personal vehicle on behalf of the City. **A motion was made by Lindsey Ozbolt and seconded by Art Scott to approve the contract amendment for the vehicle allowance with the addition that at such time a surplus vehicle becomes available this will be reopened for discussion for the Council to re-evaluate. Motion carried.**

**First Review of the Employee Handbook:**

Matt Morton - No action required at this time. Council was asked to review the draft provided and bring a motion at the 06/24/14 Regular Council Meeting.

**Sno-Parks & Trail Maintenance – Support for Grant Request:**

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission is asking for Mayor and full Council support and approval for grant money. No risk or financial involvement will be required from the City. **A motion was made by Ron Spears and seconded by Jay McGowan to offer support for the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission grant application. Motion carried.**

Ordinances and Resolutions

None

Committee Reports

None

Council Members Comments & Concerns

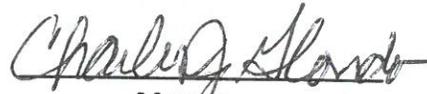
Ron Spears is concerned over Bonnie Reay's statements and asked if the Utility Committee can meet to discuss. Matt Morton will schedule the meeting. Art Scott offered kudos to the City for publishing upcoming events in the utility statements, especially the clean up information.

Executive Session

**Real Estate RCW 42.30.110 (b):** Moved to 06/24/14 Council meeting

There was no further business before the meeting. **A motion was made by Lindsey Ozbolt and seconded by Mickey Holz to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m.** The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Mayor

### Citizen Comments

#### Helga Johnson-South Cle Elum:

- Requested a cleanup/painting of a mural on the retaining wall on South Cle Elum Way.

#### Kerri Farnum-Director of Vision Cle Elum:

- Reminder of Pioneer Days Queen Coronation Saturday starting at 6:00 p.m.
- Received comments on camping area available for the Vietnam Wall Event.

*A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Ron Spears to allow tent camping on the ball fields for the wall event with reasonable conditions as established by the city. Motion Carried*

### Public Hearings

#### Closed Record Hearing-Cle Elum Pines-continued from 6-9-2014 Council Meeting-

- Mayor Glondo said the hearing is being continued to July 22,2014.

#### Six Year Street Program:

- The Six Year Street program is required in order for the City to be eligible for certain funding.

The hearing was opened for public comment at 7:13 p.m. There were no public comments. Council discussion: Arthur Scott commented about the purpose of the "list". Jim Leonhard advised in order to be eligible for funding the projects need to be on a schedule. He added several years ago a monthly charge for street lights was a source of funding for the street fund. It is no longer allowed.

*A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Jay McGowan to approve Resolution No. 2014-008-Adopting the Six Year Street Program for 2015-2021. Motion Carried.*

### Public Appearances

#### Jerry Martens/Arthur Colts-Gallery District:

Art Colts presented a concept plan the plan called the "Gallery". It addresses a four square block area-South being bounded by Railroad Street, Second Street to the North, Peoh Ave, to the East and Wright Ave. to the west. Jerry Martens said the scope would be to include as many new startup businesses as possible. It includes residential and commercial areas. He said the gallery would help businesses in the area gain support through marketing efforts.

Council decided to have the team come to the next council meeting .

### Unfinished Business

#### Employee Handbook:

*A motion was made by Steven Harper & seconded by Mickey Holz to pass Resolution No. 2014-007-adopting a revised employee handbook and personnel policies. Motion Carried.*

#### Surplus of Park Equipment:

*A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Mickey Holz to pass Resolution No. 2014-006-Park/Playground Structures -Surplus of Equipment. Motion Carried.*

### Committee Reports

Steven Harper said the cemetery committee will meet on Tuesday July 8, at 6:00 p.m.

Council members Comments & Concerns

Jay McGowan suggested to change the council meeting times to 6:30 p.m. Council were asked to consider the time change.

Arthur Scott questioned the piece of property near Sage Brooke being cleaned up. M. Morton said it is being addressed.

There were no further comments

Mayor Glondo announced an executive session for Real Estate RCW 42.30.110(b) at 8:47 p.m.. The session is expected to last 15 minutes with no action being taken during the session and no action is anticipated upon reconvening.

The meeting convened at 8:07 p.m. Mayor Glondo said no action was taken during the session.

There was no further business to come before the council. ***A motion was made by Jay McGowan and seconded by Steven Harper to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Motion Carried***

The next regular council meeting will be Tuesday July 8th at 7:00 p.m.

  
Mayor

  
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