

City of Cle Elum
Special City Council Meeting
November 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 included Arthur Scott, Lindsey Ozbolt, Jay McGowan, Mickey Holz, Ron Spears, Jim Eidemiller and Steven Harper. Others 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 Lindsey Ozbolt and seconded by Jay McGowan to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion Carried

Announcements, Awards & Recognition

None

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 October 28, 2014 City Council Meeting, vouchers and checks numbered 35568-35613- in the amount of \$207,619.02. Payroll checks dated October 31st in the amount of \$107,458.92 Motion Carried.

Officer Reports

City Administrator Matt Morton:

-advised there were two items in the agenda for council study with no action tonight-the salary ordinance which is a part of the budget and the water utilities system "door hangers" discontinuation.

-Read a letter addressed to Mayor Council and Citizens of the community-2015 & 2016 budget strategy and state of affairs. There were significant on time charges in 2014 that reflect on the 2015 budget- cross training for two positions, retirement cash out of two employees-capital facilities projects, technology upgrades, new vehicle for the police dept, legal obligations with code enforcement and legal obligations to combat marijuana issues. Also are driving costs for the 2015 budget include 3%COLA city wide as part of teamsters negotiations, PERS II increase of 1.79%, Obamacare impacts. He noted revenues are trending up.

He proposed several options to be worked on in 2016- 20% benefit cost sharing plan for all employees, public safety merger of city hall into the fire station building; increase in development fees, re-bid city hall cleaning project, assets utilization programs, creation of a public utility, position and workflow consolidation, self funding options of the fire dept and street fund, commercial annexations, elimination of part time parks and street employees with the utilization of extra crew member.

Public Works Director Jim Leonhard:

-street lights on new roadway will be installed

-city crew have been working on a water leak and rebuilding a bridge deck. Bryson Simplot attended Safety Training in Lake Chelan.

- have received the sand & salt for the streets
- the hydro- seeding should be done this week

Police Chief Scott Ferguson:

- assisted with the Halloween parade.

Fire Chief Dave Campbell:

- will be receiving epi-pens at a discounted rate
- firefighters will be receiving training on the Ebola virus.
- EMT Training will start in January and end in May 2015
- Hospital District # 2 offering a building for fire training

Comments from The Public

None

Public Hearings

Setting the Tax Levy for 2015: Ordinance No. #1418

City Treasurer Lindsey Ellis said this levy is for the year of 2015. The Kittitas County Assessor Marsha Weyand provides the actual collection amounts.

The hearing was opened for public comment at 7:18 p.m. There were no public comments. The hearing was closed and open for council discussion. *A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and second b Jay McGowan to adopt Ordinance No. 1418-Setting the Property Tax Levy & Levy Certification for the year 2015. Motion Carried.*

Garbage Rate Increase: Ordinance No. 1419

Matt Morton said this is a 1.48% increase(pass through)

The hearing was opened for public comment at 7:20 p.m. There were no public comments. The hearing was closed and opened for council discussion. *A motion was made by Lindsey Ozbolt and seconded by Ron Spears to adopt Ordinance No, 1419 as presented. Steven Harper has a question on the verbiage on the second Whereas. M. Morton said it should read the costs of the service have increased such that an increase in rates is warranted. Lindsey Ozbolt amended her motion to correct the Scribner error and approve Ordinance No. 1419. Motion Carried*

Amending Water Rates for use of the Regional Water Utility System operated by the City of Cle Elum.

M. Morton this ordinance would give a 3% increase to the regional partners (Suncadia MPR, Irrigational and South Cle Elum, -The same as is paid in the City of Cle Elum.

The hearing was opened for public comment at 7:25 p.m. There were no public comments. The hearing was closed and opened for council discussion. *A motion was made by Arthur Scott and seconded by Lindsey Ozbolt to adopt Ordinance No. 1420 amending water rates for the use of the Regional Water Utility System operated by the City of Cle Elum as presented. Motion Carried.*

Public Appearances

Amy McGuffin-Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce

Gave a monthly report from the chamber and also promotions that create a positive image of the community.

Unfinished Business

Amending Water Rates-No action

M. Morton reminded council that Ordinance No, 1397-2013 amends water rates which addresses a 3% increase each year in water rates.

Progress Estimate 4: Belsaas & Smith-Railroad Street Extension-\$176,309.12.

A motion was made by Jay McGowan and seconded by Lindsey Ozbolt to approve Progress Estimate No.: 4-Belsaas & Smith in the amount of \$176,309.12 as presented. Motion Carried.

New Business

Establishing a 60-day Notice Service Charge:

M Morton said there will be a public hearing at the next meeting-November 25th. This addresses the door hangers the city staff has been using for past due accounts. It has been proposed to send certified notice instead of the hangers which is a costly process. Council will be asked to consider and accept the changes to CEMC 13.12.080-Collection of Charges.

Committee Reports

Ron Spears reported the lodging tax committee will meeting in Ellensburg to review the applications for funding on Friday November 21st.

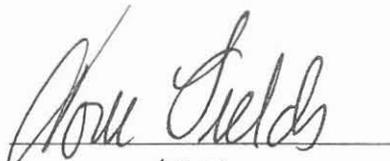
Jay McGowan called attention to the fact the trees were trimmed on South Cle Elum Way. He advised Hartvig Vatheurer trimmed the trees.

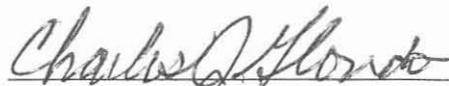
Council Members Comments & Concerns

None

There was no further business to come before the meeting. *A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Steven Harper to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion Carried.*

The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday November 25th at 7:00 p.m.


Attest


Mayor