

City of Cle Elum
Regular City Council Meeting
January 13, 2015

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, Ron Spears, Jay McGowan, Jim Eidemiller and Mickey Holz. Lindsey Ozbolt and Steven Harper were absent and excused. Also present were City Administrator Matt Morton, City Attorney Mike Kenyon, Public Works Director Jim Leonhard, Police Chief Scott Ferguson; Fire Chief Dave Campbell and City Clerk Toni Fields.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

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

Announcements, Awards and Recognition

Mayor Glondo opened nominations for Mayor Pro Tempore- 2015. Ron Spears nominated Jim Eidemiller. There were no further nominations. *A motion was made by Ron Spears and seconded by Mickey Holz to elect Jim Eidemiller as Mayor Pro Tempore for 2015. Motion Carried.*

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Jay McGowan to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included the minutes of the December 9th City Council Meeting ;December 18, 2014 Special City Council Meeting for Public Hearing and Adoption of Ordinance No. 1425-Amending the 2014 Budget; the vouchers and checks dated December 23,2014 numbered 35371-35778 in the amount of \$170,390.94; vouchers and checks dated 1-13-2015 numbered 35779-35834 in the amount of \$59,690.09; payroll checks dated 12-15-2014-\$61,883.44; payroll checks dated 12-31-2014-\$112,789.05 and voided checks 35684-\$332.54 & 35738-\$-0-.

Motion Carried.

Officer Reports

City Administrator Matt Morton:

- Attended Kittcom Executive Board Meeting 1-8-2015-Technology Update.
- Publicly thanked City Employee Jim Casassa and Tom Hastings-Veolia Water for their hard work at the water treatment plant.
- thanked Commissioner Gary Berndt for the monthly roundtable discussions in the Upper County.
- the proposed Third Filter Bed Project has gone out for bids.
- planning commission will be holding a public hearing on Tuesday January 20th at 6:30 p.m. for Medical Marijuana Collective Gardens, dispensaries, collective gardens, retail sales, production and distribution .
- Hospital District is proposing a new EMS program

- advised council staff would like to apply for Kittitas County Hotel/Motel capital funds (\$20,000.00) to overhaul the downtown restrooms. He said there would be a 20% city match of funds and the deadline for submission is January 31, 2015. *A motion was made by Jay McGowan and seconded by Ron Spears to authorize staff to apply for the \$20,000.00 grant for the downtown public restroom overhaul . Motion carried.*

Public Works Director Jim Leonhard:

-will be putting weight restrictions on the city streets next week.
-city crew are repairing water system meters.

Police Chief Scott Ferguson:

-attended an all expense paid two day training in Alexandria, Virginia presented by the Dept of Justice on policy for missing children.

-have been advertising for animal control position. Applications close on January 20th.

Fire Chief Dave Campbell presented a written report of 2014 incidents. There were 357 incidents on record.

-advised the annual officer elections for the fire dept will be on Wednesday January 14th.

Code Enforcement-

-Matt Morton reported five voluntary compliances

-will be working on the parking of semi trucks in residential areas.

Citizen Comments

Teaway Valley Resident Kelli Connors addressed the City Council to inquire about the allegations of the Mayor's DUI arrest. Ms. Connors asked how the Council plans to handle the situation. She felt that after having talked to the County Sherriff's Office (no name given) that the Mayor had received preferential treatment by not having his car impounded and being released. The Mayor advised her facts were incorrect. Councilman Jay McGowan responded to the public and the Council by noting we are all human and all have problems, the Mayor deserves no more or no less scrutiny than anyone else. City Attorney Mike Kenyon noted for the record that "the City and Council has no role in this".

Public Hearings

None

Public Appearances

Friends of the John Wayne Trail:

Kevin Nicholson-Cle Elum Fire Department- said he had received a request from the friends of the John Wayne Trail sponsored by the Greenway Trust for use of Fireman's Park Facility this summer for their support teams overnight stay. *A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Jay McGowan to authorize use of Fireman's Park for an overnight stay for the event. Motion Carried.*

WSDOT-Construction & Impacts for 2015 of the I-90 Snoqualmie Pass Project-Brian White

Mr. White reviewed the projections and gave an update on impacts for I-90 for 2015.

Christina Wollam, Kittitas County-Hanson Ponds Project.

- presentation on the Hanson Pond Inlet Repair Conceptual Plan . She said the grant is for \$250,000.00 & has a 12.5 % match. Construction is to be in 2016.She requested a letter of support from the council supporting the project.

A motion was made by Jay McGowan and seconded by Ron Spears to have staff draw up a letter of support for the Hanson Ponds Inlet Project. Motion Carried.

Madison Aspach -Hope Source-

-advised Hope Source has partnered with Group Cares for a weekend of volunteer work. They will be upgrading up to 30 homes in the Upper Kittitas County for low income, elderly and disabled individuals. She asked for volunteers from city staff and council for volunteering for the project. She left "free home repair applications" at city hall for the public. The project will be June 25th-29th, 2015.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business**Water Rate Discussion**

-Matt Morton advised staff is working on the rate increase process and public hearings will be conducted.

Veolia Waste Water Renewal-

-M. Morton advised the utilities and finance committee met earlier in the evening at 5 & 6 p.m. to discuss the renewal of the contract with Veolia. The recommendation was to have an "advertised public study session" to discuss the proposal.

Ordinances & Resolutions

None

Committee Reports**City Owned Facilities Improvements**

-Matt Morton said the city leases two spaces for commercial purposes at the City Hall and City Hall Annex. They are occupied by Gunnar's Coffee and Salon 2120. He said the city had received a reimbursement request from Gunnar's Coffee for infrastructure items. He and Rob Omans, City Building Official have met to review the request and to also investigate the facade/door/entry at Salon 2120. He said the door to Salon 2120 and the entryway needed to be replaced. He added the facilities committee recommended the improvements and reimbursement of \$3,604.29 to Christine Heimbigner-Gunnars Coffee. *A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Ron Spears to reimburse Gunnar's for City Work Building Owner responsibility in the amount of \$3,604.29 and to update/maintain the Salon 2120 space not to exceed \$3,267.60. Motion Carried.*

Council Members Comments & Concerns

Arthur Scott inquired about the damages house on Fifth. Matt Morton said the owner wants to recommend reconstruct but is waiting for the insurance claim.

There was no further business to come before council.

A motion was made by Arthur Scott and seconded by Mickey Holz to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday January 27th at 7:00 p.m.


Attest

 Mayor