

City of Cle Elum
Regular City Council Meeting
10-March 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 Mayor Glondo, Arthur Scott, Ron Spears, Jay McGowan, Jim Eidemiller, Mickey Holz, Lindsey Ozbolt and Steven Harper. 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 Steven Harper and seconded by Lindsey Ozbolt to approve the meeting agenda as presented with the addition of Don Owens -Public Appearances. Motion Carried

Announcements, Awards, Appointments and Recognition

None

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Jay McGowan and seconded by Lindsey Ozbolt to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which include the minutes of the February 24, 2015 City Council Meeting; vouchers and checks numbered 35971-36012 in the amount of \$50,061.71; payroll dated February 28th in the amount of \$115,126.06. Motion Carried

Officer Reports

City Administrator Matt Morton:

-reporting on agenda items

Public Works Director Jim Leonhard:

-city crew have been filling potholes; water filling station is now open-West Tec-contractor for the Third Filter Bed have been at the water treatment plant.

Police Chief Scott Ferguson:

-suspects of local burglaries have been captured in the City of Snoqualmie; new animal control officer is at the academy for two weeks.

Fire Chief Dave Campbell:

-submitted a written report and added the Training Day on Saturday March 7th went well

Code Enforcement:

-M. Morton said reports had been placed in council boxes.

Citizen Comments

Jodi Larsen-Interact Club Rep-inquired about ownership of a "Welcome to Cle Elum-Home of the Warriors" sign on West First Street. The club would like to take over the maintenance of the sign. City staff will check on the ownership.

Public Hearings

Ordinance No.1425-Cle Elum Fire Dept. Levy for November Ballot

-M. Morton said the Ordinance was for the submission to the registered voters of the City of Cle Elum at a general election to be held on November 3,2015, a fire department maintenance and operations levy on the proposition of whether the City shall increase its

regular property tax levy to the rate of 2.79 for the fire department . He asked council to take public testimony but do not take action but to continue during a closed record hearing on Tuesday March 24th council meeting. The hearing was opened for public comment at 7:11 p.m. Jodi Larsen said she supported the levy and would like to head the campaign. Fire Chief Dave Campbell said by having the levy would help move the fire dept into the future . There were no further public comments. The hearing was closed at 7:12 p.m.. Council discussion: J. McGowan questioned the role of the council for the levy.

City Attorney Mike Kenyon said the council is not being asked to adopt the Ordinance at this meeting but it will be brought back in two weeks or next month for consideration of adoption. Once adopted he continued, then there is formally a ballot measure set for the vote. Once there is the ballot measure set then council and city staff cannot be used in any way to support or oppose the ballot measure other then council has the right to take a collective vote at an open meeting supporting it or opposing it. The laws are very strict on measures or supporting candidates on a ballot measure.

Ordinance No. 1426 Amending Water Rates

M. Morton said he brought two options for the rate hike. One is 10% and the other is 20% . He said over the past five years, because of the recession staff has been balancing the budget with ending net cash and reserves. He said staff recommends the 20% increase for this year. This would keep the revenues in check with the expenditures. If the 10% is approved next year the increase would be the 10% plus at least the 3%.

The hearing was opened for public comment at 7:18 p.m. Ken Ratliff said he supports the 10% increase option. He also inquired about the regional component. There were no further comments. The hearing was closed at 7:22 p.m. Matt Morton the regional rate has been studied for the past few months. He said Cle Elum has a 46% ownership stake in the plant. The costs are assessed by share of ownerships stake in the water rights in the plant. Public Works Director Jim Leonhard reminded council this includes all of the water system costs not just the water plant. Council had a discussion of the regional components.

A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Ron Spears to adopt Ordinance No. 1426 with the 10% increase of water rates. J. Eidemller questioned the 10% for in the long run it will cost more next time around. A poll vote was taken: Arthur Scott-yes; Ron Spears-yes, J. McGowan-yes, Jim Eidemiller-no; Mickey Holz- no; Lindsey Ozbolt-no; Steven Harper yes.4-yes; 3-no

Ordinance No. 1427-Prohibiting Medical Marijuana

M. Morton these ordinances went through 6 months of public process. This ordinance creates a prohibition against medical marijuana, collective gardens and dispensaries which are also not legal by state law at this point in time.

The hearing was opened for public comment at 7:40 p.m. Howard Briggs felt marijuana is harmful. There were no further public comments. The hearing was closed at 7:42. p.m.

Lindsey Ozbolt asked if the vote was unanimous by the Planning Commissions and if anyone came to the public hearings. Mayor Glondo said there was no one at the public hearing. He added the vote was unanimous to ban the medical marijuana. *A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Mickey Holz adopt Ordinance No.1427 as presented by the Planning Commission.* Jay McGowan reminded this is legal in this state. Steven Harper said there are federal laws against the marijuana.6-1 (J. McGowan) *Motion Carried.*

Ordinance No. 1428-Prohibiting Recreational Marijuana

This ordinance creates a prohibition against recreational marijuana, collective gardens and dispensaries which are also not legal by state law at this point in time.

The hearing was opened for public comment at 7:48 p.m. Howard Briggs felt the recreational marijuana will cause a problem for law enforcement and it will not enhance the city. There were no further comments from the public. The hearing was closed at 7:49 p.m.

A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Ron Spears to adopt Ordinance No. 1428-Prohibiting Recreational Marijuana, as presented by the Planning Commission. Lindsey Ozbolt said there is a bill in the legislature to pass tax revenue on to the cities & counties.6-1 Jay McGowan) Motion Carried.

Public Appearances

Don Owens requested council consider passing an ordinance allowing ingress and egress of ORV vehicles in the City of Cle Elum possibly creating a corridor to the Taneum Area. He said Kittitas County already is allowing certain UTV'S to be street legal and using the roads. Police Chief Ferguson said there are age limits for use. He said it can be created to fit the city. City Administrator Matt Morton said this could be taken to the Planning Commission.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Renewal-O & M Agreement with Veolia for the Waste Water Treatment Operation

City Administrator Matt Morton reviewed the agreement. J. Leonhard said he supports the agreement. Jay McGowan said the agreement is for 10 years One of his concerns is the high cost for electricity. M. Morton said there is a five year right-just like the previous agreement. J. McGowan said he does have reservations about contracting the sewer plant out. He asked what it would cost to publish a RFP. M Morton said it would be a long process and also have to meet several requirements. J. McGowan said the purpose for him bringing this out was to inform the public. *A motion was made by Lindsey Ozbolt and seconded by Steven Harper to authorize the Mayor to sign the Wastewater O & M Agreement Extension as presented. Motion Carried*

Ordinances & Resolutions

None

Committee Reports

None

Council Members Comments & Concerns

Arthur Scott commented on the code enforcement reports from City Administrator Morton.

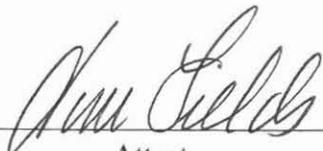
Mayor Glondo announced an executive session at 8:27 p.m. for pending litigation RCW 42.30.(110(1)(i)

He said it would be for 10 minutes with no action to be taken during the session and no action after the meeting is reconvened.

The meeting was reconvened by Mayor Glondo at 8:27 p.m.

There was no further action to come before the council. ***A motion was made by Steven Harper and second by Lindsey Ozbolt to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m***

The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday March 24th at 7:00 p.m.



Attest



Mayor