

City of Cle Elum  
Regular City Council Meeting  
14-July 2015

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Glondo at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members in attendance were Ron Spears, Arthur Scott, Jim Eidemiller Mickey Holz, Lindsey Ozbolt, Steven Harper and Jay McGowan Also present were City Administrator Matt. Morton, City Attorney Mike Kenyon, Building Official Rob Omans 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.*

**Announcements, Appointments, Awards and Recognition**

Mayor Glondo announced the appointment of Patrick Hogan to the Planning Commission.

**Consent Agenda**

*A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Steven Harper to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included the minutes of the June 23, 2015 City Council Meeting; Vouchers and checks numbered 36347-36410 in the amount of \$ 102,228.12 Payroll checks dated 6-30-2015 in the amount of \$118,104.70 & 7-15-2015 in the amount of \$102,228.12. Also voided checks numbered 36332,36370 & 36411. Motion Carried.*

**Officer Reports**

**City Administrator Matt Morton**

- no report

**Public Works Director Jim Leonhard and Police Chief Scott Ferguson**

- Absent & excused

**Assistant Chief Rick Graham**

- gave a monthly report of the fire department- a few incidents on the Fourth of July. The department also participated in the Pioneers Days celebration.

Mayor Glondo introduced Rob Omans as the new City Administrator.

**Citizen Comments**

**Helga Johnson-**

- South Cle Elum Way mural funding getting closer to goal. She will be asking for donations at the Salmon Bake at the hatchery on Friday the 17th of July.

**Kelli Conner-**

- commented on the truck and trailer parking on residential streets and during the winter will there be an exception when the pass is closed & how it will be enforced.

**Patrick Hogan-**

- commented on the truck & trailer parking-no laws currently so cannot be enforced.

**Julie Garrett Palmer-**

- had a handout that showed the amounts of current overdue utility bill amounts within the City of Cle Elum .

**Ken Prenslow- Madison Street**

- spoke about the condition of Madison Street-speeding and no dust abatement. He noted the residents would pay for the dust abatement.

**Public Hearings**

**Garbage Rate Increase-**

**Garbage Rate Increase-Ordinance 1432-**

Matt Morton said annual garbage rates are fixed within the terms of the garbage services agreements with Waste Management. Section 8.3 Disposable Fee Adjustments permits Waste Management to increase charges to the city in response to a County increase in the tipping/fee tonnage. In June of 2015 Kittitas County approved a resolution increasing the tonnage from \$95.60 to 101.34 per ton.

The hearing was opened for public comments at 7:22 p.m. There were no public comments. The hearing was closed for public comments.

Council Discussion:

Jim Eidemiller- this is not the first time this has happened in this matter.

*A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Mickey Holz to adopt Ordinance No. 1432 -amending the garbage rates.*

*Steven Harper-noted M. Morton had been working on the Solid Waste Action Committee noting he has worked to lower the proposed rate. He also said he would vote in the positive for this under duress.*

*Jay McGowan said with Cle Elum having mandatory garbage service the city should have bargaining power. Motion Carried*

**USDA Rural Development Funding Assistance Application/Amending Water Rates- Ordinance No. 1433:**

This is a loan /grant monies to be used to finance the proposed water treatment plant improvements. Currently these improvements would deplete the reserves. In addition Matt Morton recommends increasing the water rates by 16% because it would balance the water fund which is required by the USDA to guarantee the loan payments.

The hearing was opened for public comment at 7:28 p.m.

Julie Palmer commented on money owed and questioned the collection of the past due accounts. There were no further comments. The hearing was closed at 7:34 p.m.

Jay McGowan said he was concerned about the regional partners-raising their rates. M. Morton said the city is ready to meet with the partners.

*A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Lindsey Ozbolt to adopt Ordinance No. 1433-Lindsey Ozbolt commented now the rates were raised by 26% this year. Previously a*

*10% or 20% increase was proposed. The majority of council voted for a 10% increase. Now proposed is an additional 16%. That being a 26% increase. Mickey said the rates were not raised in the past six years because of the recession. 6-yes; 1-no (Harper) Motion Carried*

**Commercial Truck & Trailer parking in Residential Areas:**

Matt Morton said that the hearing is to get public input on the parking of these vehicles in residential areas. He recommended this go to the planning commission for review. The hearing was opened for public comment at 7:42 p.m. Helga Johnson suggested the trucks park in the old Price Chopper lot. She was advised that was private property. There were no further public comments. The hearing was closed for public comment. Lindsey Ozbolt commented about RVs being addressed.

*A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Lindsey Ozbolt to recommend this be passed on to the Planning Commission. for review. Motion Carried.*

**Public Appearances**

**Clyde & Karen Eastwood 1110 White Road Cle Elum**

Karen Eastwood read a statement she prepared regarding an incident on July 4th at the home of their daughter and son-in-law on Columbia Ave.. She said her family was discharging legal fireworks at the residence and were dissatisfied with the way their children and grandchildren were treated by local authorities. She said they were harassed by law enforcement officers such as Police Chief Scott Ferguson. She said they were trying to conform with the law.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

**Addendum No. 1-Task Order No. 2014-2-HLA-Water Treatment Plant Improvements**

*A motion was made by Jay McGowan and seconded by Steven Harper to authorize the Mayor to sign Task Order No.2014-2. Motion Carried.*

**Ordinances & Resolutions**

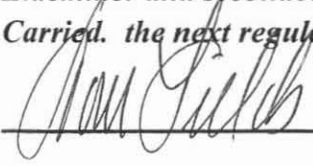
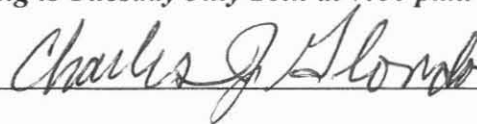
None

**Committee Reports**

None

**Council Members Comments & Concerns**

Steven Harper commented on fireworks being discharged in the winter. He said it needs to be published what is allowed when. Mayor Glondo thanked Matt Morton for his work at the City and wished him the best at his new position in Duvall. There was no further business to come before the council. *A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Lindsey Ozbolt to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion Carried. the next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday July 28th at 7:00 p.m.*

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