

City of Cle Elum
Regular City Council Meeting
July 28, 2015

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, Steven Harper, Mickey Holz, Lindsey Ozbolt and Jim Eidemiller. Other members present include City Administrator Rob Omans, Fire Chief Dave Campbell, Police Chief Scott Ferguson and City Utilities Clerk Kathi Swanson.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

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

Announcements – Appointments, Awards & Recognition

Ken Sutton, former Water Treatment Plant Supervisor was commended for 24 years of service with the City of Cle Elum. Mayor Glondo offered a public apology for an incident that occurred 9 days prior to Mr. Sutton's retirement. Mr. Sutton accepted the apology and thanked the Mayor. Mayor Glondo presented a plaque to Mr. Sutton thanking him for his years of impeccable, dedicated service.

Mayor Glondo read a letter from the Department of Ecology regarding the 2014 Outstanding Performance Award given to the Upper Kittitas County Regional Waste Water Treatment Facility for the 6th consecutive year. The WWTP was one of 127 statewide plants that achieved full compliance with the NPDES permit for 2014.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Lindsey Ozbolt and seconded by Arthur Scott to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included the minutes of the July 14, 2015 City Council Meeting. Vouchers and checks numbered 36412-36458 in the amount of \$113,651.10 and payroll checks numbered 23196-23217 in the amount of \$86,591.22. Motion Carried.

Officer Reports

City Administrator Rob Omans:

- Reported he has met with the Utilities Committee on the Franchise Ordinance that will be presented under New Business. This Ordinance must be brought before the council twice. Tonight will be the first of those 2 discussions.
- Reported he has met with the Lodging Tax Committee and the Chamber of Commerce on the future of tourism for Cle Elum which will be presented under New Business
- Announced that the nominations for the Pangrazi Award will be given to the Pangrazi Committee for their review. Packets were provided to Ron Spears, Lindsey Ozbolt and Arthur Scott. Their recommendations will be presented at the Council meeting held on 08/11/15 and the award presentation will be made at the September 8th Council Meeting.
- Reported that the Airport Committee will have to be brought together. He has appointed Ken Selzler, Public Works Staff, to take the lead to go through the process to pick a consultant, research new land use leases and work with the

committee on Airport issues. He also reported the City will have to return \$150,000 to the FAA.

- **Public Works Director Jim Leonhard:**
- Absent and excused

Police Chief Scott Ferguson:

- Commented on the letter read at the 07/14/15 meeting by a disgruntled citizen regarding fireworks on the 4th of July. Chief Ferguson commented that there are two sides to every story; and the story presented on July 14th varies from the police report.
- Commended Ken Sutton for the additional help he gave to the Police Department with regard to computers and associated hardware during his tenure

Fire Chief Dave Campbell:

- Reported the Fire Department will provide EMS services, as needed, to the Cle Elum Roundup being held at the Horse Park on the weekend of 07/31 – 08/02/15.
- Stated he does not have a report of calls for July, but will bring the report to the next meeting
- Commented on the death of Derald Gaidos, fellow volunteer fire fighter, on July 17, 2015. The Fire Department is working together to assist the family with the funeral services to be held on August 22, 2015 at the Teanaway Grange Hall. More details will be provided at the next meeting.

Mayor Glondo led the meeting in a moment of silence for Derald Gaidos.

Citizen Comments

Kerri Farnum – Vision Cle Elum:

Ms. Farnum requested a variance from the Noise Ordinance for a Street Dance being held on Saturday 08/01/15, between 9:00 pm and midnight. The dance is being held in conjunction with the Cle Elum Roundup. She also requested a Variance on behalf of the Horse Park for Friday July 31, 2015 from 10:00 pm to midnight, when a live band will be playing.

A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Jay McGowan to grant the variance for both. Motion carried.

Gabe Ergler – Upper Kittitas County Rotary and Cruise Cle Elum:

Mr. Ergler announced the Cruise Cle Elum Car Show would be held on Saturday, August 15, 2015. They have added new categories for Motorcycles and Rat Rods. The Fire Department has been invited to bring their older equipment to display. There will be no Run to Roslyn, so the event is expecting more applications. There will be “non-hosted” information provided for the Kittitas County Barn Quilts tours. The car show will start by directing people through Railroad Street and Harris Avenue. Next year, the event staff would like to use power drops on Harris Avenue by Umpqua Bank and Cascade Funeral Home. He is working with PSE and Brian Lenz on that project. Chief Ferguson

requested that Mr. Ergler meet with him to discuss road closures and signage for the current event.

Sandy Sutton – 180 Cascade View Drive – wife of Ken Sutton – former City of Cle Elum Treasurer:

Mrs. Sutton disputed statements that were made at the Study Session held on June 23, 2015, with regard to the Veolia contract for the Cle Elum Regional Water Treatment Plant. Mrs. Sutton provided a written report of her topics of dispute.

Kelli Connor

Ms. Connor commented on the lack of a Level 3 Water Plant Operator on staff. She stated that she had been told by citizens of Cle Elum that the City of Cle Elum does not have a budget in place.

Ms. Connor commented she has filed a complaint with the State Auditor's Office on the validity of the hiring of the current Treasurer, stating the guidelines laid out in the Employee handbook were not followed.

Public Hearings

None

Public Appearances

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Amy McGuffin – Kittitas County Chamber:

Ms. McGuffin presented the proposed Tourism Assessment Agreement between the City of Cle Elum and The Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce, requesting Council's approval to authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement to make payment in the amount of \$33,000.00 from the City's Lodging Tax Fund to the Chamber. The money will be applied to the Chamber's obligation to develop and maintain a City of Cle Elum website, monthly reports and account of expenses incurred, seek funding, and analyze and apply data related to tourism. Tourism grants may be made available to the City of Cle Elum once the assessment has been completed.

A motion was made by Ron Spears and seconded by Jay McGowan to authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement to make payment from the City's Lodging Tax Fund to the Chamber in the amount of \$33,000.00 for the tourism Assessment Agreement. Motion carried.

Telecommunications Franchise Ordinance No. 1434 – Noel Communications

Administrator Omans reported the City Attorney drafted the Ordinance and has worked with Noel Communications with regard to its contents. Members of the council were reminded that State Statutes require franchise agreements to come before the City Council at least twice. This will be the first of two readings. A public hearing is not required. Josh Wesselius and Jym Schuler, representing Noel Communications, are asking for a nonexclusive telecommunications franchise with the City of Cle Elum to install, construct, maintain, repair and operate a telecommunications system within the

public rights of way. Noel Communications specializes in point to point data transport, internet access and co-location. Steven Harper commented that they are offering a capacity for a potential for growth and asked if Noel Communications had ever received any grievances filed against them due to requests not being remedied. Noel Communications representatives responded they have not, to their knowledge. Lindsey Ozbolt asked if there would be Land Use Permits required for this type of activity within the City limits. The Administrator responded that Public Works permits would be required. Brian Lenz confirmed that PSE is working in conjunction with Noel Communications, which will be using PSE poles for overhead fiber optics. If no poles are available, underground trenches would be available for short distances. The second discussion will be heard on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at the regularly scheduled Council meeting.

Airport Agreement for Transfer of Entitlements with FAA- \$150,000.00

Administrator Omans explained the FAA gave the City of Cle Elum \$150,000.00 in 2012 for use of an airport related project. A project was not completed within 3 years; therefore the money must be returned to the FAA. \$300,000.00 will remain in the fund. \$150,000.00 must be used by the end of 2015. Ken Selzler will work with the Airport committee to identify an engineer and identify a project by the end of 2015, so construction can begin in 2016. Helicopter pads are a possible target project. Steven Harper commented that citizens of the community have told him they would like to be involved in airport discussions.

A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Lindsey Ozbolt (for discussion) to authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement for Transfer of Entitlements with the FAA in the amount of 150,000.00. Lindsey Ozbolt asked if there would be an additional \$150,000.00 added to the fund at the end of 2015. Administrator Omans responded there would not be additional funding at this time. Ms. Ozbolt encouraged the committee to do the best they could to utilize the funds in an efficient manner. ***Motion carried.***

Ordinances and Resolutions & Committee Reports

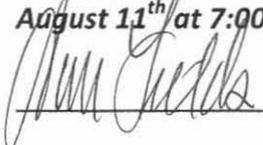
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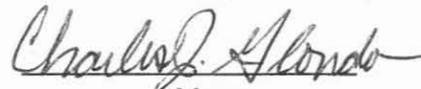
Council Members Comments & Concerns

Arthur Scott commented on the presentation made by Amy McGuffin of the Chamber, saying that it is important to support tourism. Steven Harper added that the money from the Hotel Motel Tax Fund cannot be spent on anything else.

Mayor Glondo asked for input regarding starting the regular Council meetings at 6:00 rather than 7:00. Steven Harper suggested compromising with 6:30. Lindsey Ozbolt cannot make 6:00, but 6:30 is acceptable. He suggested posting a public hearing for comment on the proposed time change. No decision was reached

A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Lindsey Ozbolt to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. Motion Carried. The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday August 11th at 7:00 pm.

 Attest


Mayor