

Cle Elum City Council
Regular City Council Meeting
8-September 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present included Jay McGowan, Mickey Holz, Lindsey Ozbolt, Jim Eidemiller, Ron Spears, Steven Harper and Arthur Scott. Also present was City Administrator Robert Omans, Police Chief Scott Ferguson and City Clerk Toni fields.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

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

Announcements, Appointments Awards & Recognition

2015 Paul P. Pangrazi Award: Mayor Glondo presented the award for 2015 to Dawn Bass. Charlene Kauzlarich and Wanda Goldie were recognized but not in attendance.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Lindsey Ozbolt and seconded by Jay McGowan to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included the minutes of the August 11, 2015 City Council Meeting; vouchers and checks numbered 36494-36537 in the amount of \$122,853.5 dated 8-21-2015; vouchers and checks numbered 36538-36573 in the amount of \$83,923.45 dated September 8th, 2015 and payroll checks in the amount of \$58,034.67 and voided check numbered 36536 in the amount of 92.34 & #36551 in the amount of -0-.

Officer Reports

City Administrator Robert Omans

- Elumwood Apartments have paid their delinquent utility bill of almost \$8,000.00. He also said when a delinquent report is run in the utilities, there will be several accounts with \$5,000.00 due. These accounts, he continued, have the water shut off and most are unoccupied and/or bank owned .
- Business License Software-current program is antiquated. Visions ms is offering the business's license program for just under \$7,000.00. They also offered the city could spread the price over two years interest free starting next year. The noted during the budget process this year an increase in the business license fee will be considered. ***A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Jay McGowan to approve the recommendation to buy the business license software from Vision MS. Question: Lindsey Ozbolt said she supported the purchase but who like to hear more solutions to offset the price. Motion Carried.***

Public Works Report-Rob Omans for Jim Leonhard

- Puget Sound Energy as acquired a grant through the Transportation Improvement Board to upgrade the existing street lights to LED. The grant is for replacements up to \$70,00.00. The annual savings would be \$7,000.00.

Building Official Report

- R. Omans said the building dept has issued 42 in August and have taken in almost \$22,000.00 in permit fees. He said last year at this time \$16,000.00 had been received for permit fees.- reflecting a 30% increase.

Police Chief Scott Ferguson

- referenced the increase in business licenses. He said he would like to see an increase in solicitors licensees.
- he reported the Labor Day weekend was a light weekend.
- business burglaries -with the assistance of several agencies; the suspect was apprehended.
- He also noted that is an abundance of bears.
- complimented Dawn Bass on her work with the youth.

Citizen CommentsJulie Garrett Palmer:

- Inquired about Brad Page. Rob Omans said he had a copy of the Brad Page property. He also said Puget Sound Energy said that is not their pole on his property . Since the pole is private-Labor & Industries will be contacted.

She also inquired about the pot hole in the 800 Block of East First Street,

Helga Johnson

- the painting of the mural on South Cle Elum Way has started.

Public Hearings

None

Public Appearances

Gary Berndt-Kittitas County Commissioner and Nicole Pasi-Yakima Basin Integrated Plan Gave an update on the integrated plan. Nicole Pasi said the Yakima Plan is a balanced package of actions focusing on: fish passage, habitat enhancement, modifying existing structures and operations, surface storage, market based reallocation, groundwater storage and enhanced water conservation. They asked for council support at the federal level. They presented a proposed draft letter and a Resolution for support of the project.

A motion was made by Jay McGowan and seconded by Steven Harper authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution No. 2015-006-Support for S 1694-Yakima River Water Enhancement Project Phase III act of 2015 and the letter of support. Motion Carried.

Kerri Farnum-Vision Cle Elum and Jackie Van Dongen-Animal Control Officer-Dog Park Proposal

Offered a proposal for a dog park to be located on the Southside of the Wye Park. ***A motion was made by Arthur Scott and seconded by Jay McGowan to support the concept of the dog park.***

Question/Comment: Lindsey Ozbolt felt it was a good idea and get a citizens group together. Motion Carried.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Ordinance & Resolutions

None

Committee Reports

Steven Harper, Airport Committee, said City Staff has proposed the removal of trees for safety reasons, at the airport. The revenue from the sale the trees could fund the 10% city share of the grant the city will be receiving, Staff will bring back more information for the next meeting (Sept. 22).

Steven Harper requested a meeting of the cemetery committee at 6:30 p.m on Sept 22nd. Also discussed was additional signage designating the location of the airport

Council Members Comments & Concerns

Ron Spears requested the city take a close look at the funding for street repairs in next year's budget. He commented that the East end of the city has of pot holes. Lindsey Ozbolt suggested contacting WSDOT .

Arthur Scott complimented the efforts for the mural on South Cle Elum Way. He expressed concern of graffiti. It was suggested cameras be installed for security. Rob Omans will check on the cost of cameras for the areas.

Steven Harper suggested the auditing committee review the vouchers and randomly check on the detail of the invoice. Lindsey Ozbolt this has been previously done.

Mayor Glondo acknowledged Gary Wargo Supt. of the Cle Elum Roslyn Scholl District who was in n attendance.

A motion was made by Lindsey Ozbolt and seconded by Steven Harper to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday September 22, 2015 AT 7 P.M.



Attest



Mayor