

City of Cle Elum
Regular City Council Meeting
10-November 2015

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Jim Eidemiller at 7:00 p.m. the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present included Arthur Scott, Jay McGowan, Ron Spears, Lindsey Ozbolt and Steven Harper. Also present was City Administrator Robert Omans, City Attorney Mike Kenyon, Public Works Director Jim Leonhard, Fire Chief Dave Campbell and City Clerk Toni Fields. *A motion was made by L. Ozbolt and seconded by Jay McGowan to excuse Mayor Glondo and Mickey Holz . Motion Carried.*

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Jay McGowan and seconded by Ron Spears to approve the meeting agenda as presented with the addition of an Executive Session for potential litigation & review of performance a public employee. Motion Carried.

Announcements, Awards & Recognition

None

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 October 13, 2015 City Council Meeting-October 27th meeting was cancelled; vouchers and checks dated 10-13-2015 and numbered 36624-36680 in the amount of \$179,282.50; vouchers and checks dated 10-28-2015 and numbered 33681-36725 in the amount of \$135,621.55 and vouchers and checks dated 11-10-2015 and numbered 36726-36761 in the amount of \$62,535.84. Also included were voided checks numbered-36679-\$32,449.62(duplicated invoice);36680-\$250.00 (classes cancelled) and 36714-\$3,005.65 (portion of invoice error); payroll checks dated 10-15-15 in the amount of \$56,679.02 and dated 10-30-15 in the amount of \$104,747.84. Motion Carried.

Officer Reports

City Administrator Robert Omans-

- Kittitas County Commissioner Gary Berndt inquired about council direction/decision for the formation of a Port District. He noted a decision has to be made by 12-31-2015.
- USDA Loan-Bond Counsel requirement. He noted K&L Gates have been retained by the city previously. *A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Ron Spears to enter into an engagement letter with K&L Gates in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the USDA Loan process. Motion Carried.*

Public Works Director Jim Leonhard-

- snow removal equipment is operable
- on Wednesday 11-11 at 11:00 am at Flag Pole Park a new flag will be raised which was purchased by Gary & Gail Berndt.

Building Official-

- Robert Omans-no report

Police Chief-Scott Ferguson

- absent but submitted a written report

Fire Chief Dave Campbell-

- dept has responded to 348 calls to date-80% EMS; and one structure fire.

Network Administrator-

- Robert Omans-no report

Citizen Comments**Sarah Thompson-302 Peoh Ave-**

She inquired about if the city was aware of federal funding of rural communities with grants. She said Cle Elum should engage people of the community for grant writing.

Kerri Farnum-

requested the Wye be used as the staging area for the fireworks during the Christmas in Cle Elum. She requested the closure of the new section of road. *A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Lindsey Ozbolt to approve the requested plan as verbally presented. Motion Carried*

Kelli Conner- 8511 Teanaway Road

She inquired about the water meters in the city failing and what the cost would be to the city to replace. She also spoke about the subject of Port District formation. She felt it would support the lower half of Kittitas County.

Public Hearings**2016 Preliminary Budget-**

Jay McGowan-Finance Committee -presented some bullet points taken from the 2016 Budget. Revenues-Fire Dept levy is passing; water & sewer rates will raise 3%; he noted there will be no change in the garbage rates and business licenses are increasing 15 to 18 percent.

Expenditures-Fire dept is receiving all of the .50/thousand as listed on the ballot plus additional money from the general fund. there will be a 3% raise for all employees and city will be adding a Community Development person which will perform planning & code enforcement. He also said the employees medical plan which raises the deductible for the employee and will save the city approximately \$26,000.00. He noted each and every line item of the budget has been gone through .There is still a deficiencies in the general fund-\$12,000.00 and street fund 34,000.00.

The hearing was opened for public comment at 7:25 p.m. Kelli Conner commented about public safety-with numerous violators city may need more enforcement.

Sarah Thompson questioned part time officers.

Lauren Schuck- questioned if with code enforcement, that would bring in more revenue.

There were no further public comments at 7:32 p.m.

There was a council discussion on the proposed budget. Ron Spears said in regards to the code enforcement officer the 2% sales tax was put into animal control instead of a new officer on the street. That is because animal complaints were the highest of any of the complaints. Later on that officer was made dual purpose with code enforcement added. Now the new animal control officer is not code enforcer. Jay McGowan added in 2017 the city comprehensive plan has to be rewritten. Someone has to be on board to work with the planning commission to rewrite the comprehensive plan. Lindsey Ozbolt said a planner and code enforcement is needed in the city. Jay McGowan said a tentative agreement has been discussed with Roslyn for a planner. Also the Bullfrog Development Agreement ends in 2017 so that has to be worked on.

Steven Harper spoke about the Fire Department Levy.

Jim Eidemiller commented about the level of policing in the city.

The next public hearing on the 2016 Budget will be Tuesday November 24, 2015.

Public Appearances

Kerry Clark-Planning Commission Report

Presented the proposed changes to the Parking and Nuisance Ordinances. He said they just received information from the city attorney regarding the enforcement of the nuisance ordinance. He requested council instruct him to take that ordinance back to the planning commission to finish it with the information from the city attorney. *A motion was made by Jim Eidemiller and seconded by Lindsey Ozbolt to send the nuisance ordinance back to the planning commission. Motion Carried.*

Truck Parking ordinance . He said the city does not have any streets to be able to park these trucks. He added an option is leasing property from the railroad . He suggested the city issue parking permits at a set monthly rate. The other option was approaching some of the large property owners. *A motion was made by Jay McGowan and seconded by Steven Harper to delay action until the new council members take office in January. Motion Carried.*

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

**Progress Estimates-Water Treatment Plant Improvements: Wes Tech Engineering Inc.-
Progress Estimate #1-\$289,186.03; #2-182,727.15 and McClure & Sons-#1-\$77,644.31.**

Public works Director Jim Leonhard said McClure and Sons were awarded the contract for the

water treatment plant improvements project for the third filter bed and Wes Tech is a supplier for the project. *A motion was made by Lindsey Ozbolt and seconded by Ron Spears to approve Progress Estimate No. 1-Wes Tech Engineering\$289,186.03 , Progress Estimate No.2-\$182,727.15and McClure & Sons Progress Estimate No. 1-\$77,644.31 as presented. Motion Carried*

Interlocal Agreement for County Wide Planning-Comp Plan and UGA Review-

Jay McGowan said the interlocal agreement is between Kittitas County and the City of Cle Elum concerning cost sharing for planning studies associated with the comprehensive plan update and urban growth area review. *A motion was made by Jay McGowan and seconded by Ron Spears to authorize the mayor to execute the interlocal agreement with Kittitas County fund sharing of planning studies associated with the comprehensive plan update and urban growth area review . Motion Carried.*

2016 EMS -Office Budget Plan-*A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Arthur Scott to approve the 2016 office budget plan for Kittitas County Emergency Medical Services Division. Motion Carried.*

Ordinance & Resolutions

None

Committee Reports

Ron Spears gave a report on the 2016 Lodging Tax Committee.

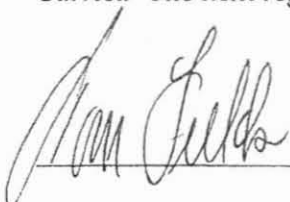
Steven Harper -airport committee-said the lease agreement is in legal review.

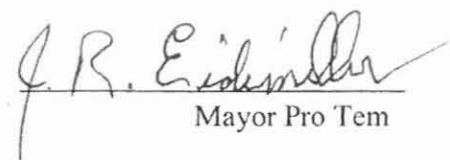
Council Members Comments & Concerns

None

Mayor Pro Tem Eidemiller announced at 8:42p.m. an executive session RCW 42.30.110 (i) for 15 minutes to discuss potential litigation and performance of a public employee.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:02 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Eidemiller said that no action was taken during the session. There was no further business to come before the council. *A motion was made by Jay McGowan and seconded by Lindsey Ozbolt to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried* The next regular city council meeting will be Tuesday November 24th at 7:00 p.m.

 Attest


Mayor Pro Tem