

City of Cle Elum  
Regular City Council Meeting  
December 8, 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 Arthur Scott, Ron Spears, Jim Eidemiller, Lindsey Ozbolt, Mickey Holz, Steven Harper and Jay McGowan. Also present were City Administrator Rob Omans, City Attorney Mike Kenyon, Public Works Director Jim Leonhard, Police Chief Scott Ferguson, and City Clerk Toni Fields.

**Approval of the Meeting Agenda**

*A motion was made by Lindsey Ozbolt and seconded by Jay McGowan to approve the meeting agenda as presented with the amending of agenda items: Ordinance No. 1441-Capital Computer Upgrades at the Water Plant and Loan Resolution No. 2015-013 to item 8-Public Appearances. Motion Carried.*

**Announcements, Awards & Recognition**

Mayor Glondo thanked Jim Eidemiller and Lindsey Ozbolt for their service to the City of Cle Elum.

**Consent Agenda**

*A motion was made by Jay McGowan and seconded by Lindsey Ozbolt to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included the minutes of the November 24, 2015 City Council Meeting, vouchers and checks numbered 36795-36863 in the amount of \$ 175,651.01; payroll checks in the amount of \$108,630.40 and the Third Filter Bed invoiced in the amount of \$ 30,579.45-Suncadia-\$6,314.99 City of Cle Elum and voided check numbered 3683 in the amount of \$1,558.12. Motion Carried.*

**Officer Reports**

**City Administrator Rob Omans:**

- Will be reporting on agenda items

**Public Works Director Jim Leonhard:**

- Because of the heavy rains; the city crew has been keeping storm drains clear and watching for high waters throughout the city.
- Belsaas & Smith have been putting a 12 inch "loop" on the Kerry Clarke Property.
- Presented the water comp plan, which has been approved by the WA. State Dept. of Health, and asked for council approval-as presented, with a Resolution at the next scheduled council meeting. City Attorney Kenyon noted the action will be presented on the next council agenda-January 12, 2016.

**Police Chief Scott Ferguson**

- No report

**Building Official & Network Administrator**

- no report

**Fire Chief Dave Campbell**

- absent & excused

#### **Code Enforcement**

- City Attorney Mike Kenyon reported on the Motion for Contempt of Court against Mr. Wivag and the Trading Post Property. He said almost \$20,000.00 in fees was awarded to the City. Mr. Wivag was ordered to clean up the property by January 15, 2016. The property had been foreclosed on at a sheriff's sale and it reverted back to the original seller. A letter will be sent to the owner of the property.

#### **Citizen Comments**

##### **Kelli Conner-Teaway Road**

She said in regards to the Port District Formation, she was in favor of forming two districts (one lower county and one upper county). She also commented she had heard about Suncadia "fighting the tax assessment again". She also inquired about the cleanup of the Brad Page property on East First.

#### **Public Hearings**

None

#### **Public Appearances**

##### **Amy McGuffin-Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce**

Presented a monthly report for the Chamber of Commerce. She also requested council to consider the Tourism Promotions Agreement. She reviewed the marketing strategy for the next year (2016). She said there were five objectives: 1-enhance the city's desirability as a visitors destination, 2-increase the impact of a main street campaign, 3-expand the strategy of cooperating marketing, 4- increase the awareness in the niche markets, 5-increase the foot traffic in the visitor center. *A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Ron Spears to accept the tourism agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign it. Motion Carried.*

##### **Cynthia Weed-K&L Gates LLP (bond Counsel)**

Presented Ordinance No. 1441: Water & Sewer Bond Ordinance. She advised her firm had been working with the USDA. She said the total is \$402,600.00 over 25 years with an interest rate of 2.65 %. The city already has two loans with the USDA. And this will be a parity lien with these outstanding loans. *A motion was made by Arthur Scott and seconded by Jay McGowan to adopt Ordinance No. 1441-Water & Sewer Bond, 2015. Jay McGowan questioned if the Resolution is pertaining to the loan. Mike Kenyon advised they needed to be adopted separately. Motion carried.*

*A motion was made by Jay McGowan and seconded by Ron Spears to adopt Resolution No. 2015-013-Loan Resolution. Motion Carried.*

#### **Unfinished Business**

##### **Continuation for discussion at the 12-2-2015 Special Joint Council Meeting-Port District Formation**

Lindsey Ozbolt asked if any information had been received back from Jim Armstrong or Commissioner Berndt. Rob Omans answered no. After a discussion about the formation of two

separated districts a *Motion was made by Jay McGowan and seconded by Ron Spears to support the formation of an Upper Kittitas County Port District. Motion Carried.* A letter will be sent reflecting the council decision.

#### New Business

**Progress Estimate No. 2-Water Treatment Plant Improvements McClure & Sons \$195,368.85.** *A motion was made by Jay McGowan and seconded by Steven Harper to approve Progress Estimate No. 2-McClure & Sons in the amount of \$195, 368.85 Motion Carried.*

**Progress Estimate No. 2-WesTech \$182,727.15 and Progress Estimate No. 3-Wes Tech \$41,511.95.** *A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Arthur Scott to Approve Progress Estimates No. 2-\$182,727.15 & No.3-\$41,511.95 to Wes Tech. Motion Carried.*

#### Ordinances & Resolutions

**Ordinance No.: 1442-Amending Water Rates & Resolution No. 2015-010-Water Fee Schedule**

Rob Omans said the water increase is now an ordinance and to simplify process-amend the current ordinance and the new rates would be adopted annually by Resolution. It was noted a resolution would come back each year to give an option to make the increase. *A motion was made Mickey Holz and seconded by Lindsey Ozbolt to adopt Ordinance No. 1442-Amending Water Rates-question/comment: Lindsey Ozbolt said this of appropriate to set the rates through resolution instead of ordinance which gives flexibility. Motion Carried.*

*A motion was made by Lindsey Ozbolt and seconded by Jay McGowan to approve Resolution No. 2015-010-Fee Schedule as presented. 6-yes, 1-no (Steven Harper) Motion Carried.*

**Ordinance No. : 1143-Increase Sewer Rates & Resolution No. 2015-011- 2016 Sewer Rate Fee.** City Administrator Omans said this is the same reasoning as the previous water rates. *A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Lindsey Ozbolt to adopt Ordinance No. 1443-Amending Sewer Rates. Motion Carried.*

**Resolution No.: 2015-011-Sewer Fee Schedule**

*A motion was made by Jay McGowan and seconded by Art Scott to approve Resolution No. 2015-011-Sewer Rates as presented. 6-yes-1-no (Steven Harper)*

**Ordinance No. 1444-Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicles**

Rob Omans said council had been previously approached about the possibly of considering the use of these type of vehicles on city streets. Police Chief Ferguson had no objection. *A motion was made by Ron Spears and seconded by Steven Harper to adopt Ordinance No. 1444-Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicles. Motion Carried.*

**Resolution No. 2015-012-Hotel/Motel Fund Grants**

*A motion was made by Ron Spears and seconded by Steven Harper to accept Resolution No. 2015-012-Hotel/Motel Fund Grants as presented. Motion Carried.*

#### Committee Reports

None

**Council Members Comments & Concerns**

**Resignation of Council Member Jay McGowan-RCW42.12.010 (2)**

Councilman Jay McGowan submitted his resignation effective immediately so the process of appointing his replacement can move forward. City Staff was directed to start the process for the vacancy. It was noted applications for the vacated position would be available at the Cle Elum City Hall during regular business hours. The deadline for submitting applications will be January 4, 2016- 4:30 p.m. The process will be for council to review the applications and interview qualified candidates at the January 12, 2016 City Council meeting.


Steven Harper clarified his position on the amending of the rates. He is for the code but would not vote for the increase this year.

Mayor Glondo thanked retiring City Clerk Toni Fields for her 35 years of service to the citizens of the City of Cle Elum.

There was no further business to come before the council. *A motion was made by Art Scott and seconded by Steven Harper to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion Carried*

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

 Attest

  
Mayor