

City of Cle Elum  
 Special Council Meeting  
 April 1, 2016 12:00 p.m.

**Call to Order - Roll Call of Membership**

The special meeting was called to order by Jay McGowan at 12:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present were Arthur Scott, Ron Spears, Steven Harper, Mickey Holz, Jodi Larsen and Ken Ratliff. Lindsey Ozbolt was not in attendance with an excused absence granted by Mayor Jay McGowan and council agreed.

**Ordinances and Resolutions**

Resolution 2016-004 is a Washington State Department of Transportation Grant from the Aviation Division that is requesting a grant to cover 5% (of the \$33,333 equals \$1,666.65) of the 10% (\$33,333) that the City of Cle Elum is required to pay of the Federal portion of the Federal Aviation Grant. Resolution 2016-004 accepts the council's permission to do three things

1. Authorizes the City of Cle Elum to apply for the WSDOT Grant for the 5% (\$1,666.65)
2. States that the City has the available matching funds of the 10% (of the Federal portion \$33,333.00)
3. Acknowledges the support of all City of Cle Elum Council Members

The special meeting was called because the WSDOT Grant from the Aviation Division has to be completed by April 8, 2016. This Aviation Project is on an accelerated schedule which is designated to be completed by the end of September or the beginning of October 2016. City Administrator, Rob Omans, requested that the Council Members authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution 2016-004. ***A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Ron Spears to approve Resolution 2016-004 as presented.***

Art Scott stated that he felt it is a great idea, but wanted to know who is out there that wants to use the City of Cle Elum airport facility. Rob Omans stated that our airport is highly used by transient planes and the DNR for fire season which is where they park the helicopter. Steven Harper stated that this is a stepping stone to help the airport become a high enough rated facility so that the DNR can pay for its use. The Helipads are so that the helicopters can launch from Cle Elum instead of Salmon La Sac for emergencies in the future to get over the hill. Mickey Holz mentioned that there are people who own helicopters in the area that keep them in Yakima and with this upgrade it **will** bring them into the area. Mayor McGowan thanked City Administrator, Rob Omans, for all of his time and efforts and stated to remember that the City sent back \$150,000 last year because we did not use the money for our airport. Art Scott thanked the council for the information. Ron Spears added that the reason the airport runway was repaved in the first place was because it was so rough that a plane crashed. The airport needs the upgrades

or people **will** not use the City of Cle Elum airport. *Jay McGowan asked for a vote and all were in favor. Motion carried.*

**Motion to Adjourn**

Jay McGowan moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Kathi Swanson - Attest

Jay McGowan Mayor