

City of Cle Elum
Regular City Council Meeting
November 8, 2016

Call to Order – Roll Call of Membership

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jay McGowan at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present were Tom Hastings, Burt Okitsu, Ron Spears, Steven Harper, Mickey Holz, Christine Simpson and Ken Ratliff. Other members present were City Administrator Robert Omans, City Attorney Alexandra Kenyon, City Treasurer Lindsey Vaughn and City Clerk Kathi Swanson.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Mickey Holz to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements – Appointments, Awards and Recognition

a. **Election of Mayor Pro-Tempore:** *A motion was made by Mickey Holz and seconded by Steven Harper to nominate Ken Ratliff as Mayor Pro-Tempore. Motion carried unanimously.*

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Ken Ratliff to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, which included the meeting minutes of the October 25, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting; vouchers and checks numbered 37847 through 37896 totaling \$59,225.02 for the November 8, 2016 voucher run. Motion carried unanimously.

Officer Reports

City Administrator Robert Omans:

- Reported Cle Elum was nominated by 3 out of 9 organizations for the Complete Streets Grant Program. TIB will be making their decision in January.
- Reported the City of Cle Elum was awarded \$47,500.00 from the Distressed County Sales and Use Tax to be used for a stormwater design. The City has been in contact with USDA to obtain an additional \$30,000.00. *Mayor McGowan noted the .09 funds can be used as a match with the Federal USDA grant.* Work will begin in 2017 to begin designing the stormwater system.

Building Official – Robert Omans:

- Reported the City continues to receive a constant flow of building permit and inspection requests.

Network Administrator: Robert Omans:

- Reported City Hall was cut over to the Noel Communications Fiber.
- Reported the network has been reconfigured to begin the process of adding other city departments

• **Public Works Director – Jim Leonhard:**

- Reported the installation of a 1½” water service to the old Longhorn Building to serve the new business and upstairs apartments.
- Reported all snow removal equipment is ready for the winter.
- Reported maintenance salt has been delivered and will be mixed with sand in preparation for winter road maintenance.

- *Mayor McGowan asked if the Yakima River Intake Project is underway. Jim Leonhard responded the project is moving slowly; however, the project may get started in late November or early December.*

Police Report – Chief Scott Ferguson:

- Reported officers responding to a man lying in the roadway on 9/21/16, an apparent victim of a hit and run. Officers used adjacent business surveillance and scale house cameras to identify the suspect vehicle and driver. The WSP crime lab is assisting in the on-going investigation. Chief Ferguson commended the outstanding job done by the CEPD.
- Reported a robbery at the Warrior Quick Mart on 10/15/16. With the help of store surveillance, the Police Department was able to notify the WSP and Kittitas County Sheriff, who arrested the suspect in Easton. The investigation is on-going.
- Reported the Police Department is working with the Tribune to notify the community of the Winter Parking Ordinance, which goes into effect on 11/15/16.

Fire Department Report – Dave Campbell:

- **No Report**

Mayor McGowan:

- Reported the Tree City Committee received a donation of 100 Norway Spruce seedlings, which are stored safely for the winter. In the Spring, the Committee will sponsor an Arbor Day project to determine where the trees will be planted.
- Reported the Mainstreet Committee has been meeting to select their officers to get the organization together. The purpose of the Mainstreet Committee is responsible for Organization, Promotion, Design and Restructuring.
- Reported progress on the Broadway Street cul-de-sac with regard to the Code violations relating to collection of junk. The City will continue to help the resident voluntarily clean up the area.
- Reported the Save-A-Buck Store on East First is working through a voluntary correction order to clean up the items left on the sidewalk.
- Reported the sign issue in the 700 Block of East First is being resolved.

Veolia – William LeRue:

- Reported the plants are running well; cross training and maintenance is up to date.
- Reported the winter preparation has been completed and snow removal equipment is ready.
- Reported the well fields have been exercised.
- Reported Veolia is working with Noel Communications for placement of fiber at the Water Plant
- Reported working with Gray and Osborne to complete the Tracer Study as a part of the Third Filter Bed Project.

Citizen Comments on Non-agenda Items

Kathy Wyborski – 231 Sagebrook Lane: Commented on the junk collecting in the cul-de-sac on Broadway Street, stating there are a number of volunteers who will help clean up. However, the resident should not be allowed to collect more garbage. Wyborski asked that a City timeline for cleanup be submitted to the Sagebrook Board.

Public Appearances

None

Business Requiring Public Hearings

a. **Resolution #2016-007 – Comprehensive Plan in Compliance with RCW 36.70A.130 – Robert Omans:** Omans presented the resolution council, stating it has been completed and reviewed by the staff and legal departments. Mayor McGowan opened the Public Hearing for comments at 7:25. No comments were received. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:25. *A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Mickey Holz to approve Resolution #2016-17 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

b. **2017 Preliminary Budget: Robert Omans and Lindsey Vaughn:** Omans presented the preliminary budget to the council for their review. Mayor McGowan opened the Hearing for Public Comment at 7:30. Katy Wyborski commented the budget looked appropriate. After no further public comment, Mayor McGowan closed the public portion of the hearing and opened the meeting for discussion by the council. Discussion included procedures for crediting customers' accounts for water leaks, street repairs, impact fees, code enforcement fees implementation of permits for oversize/overweight vehicles and long term goals of the department heads. Council members agreed to review the proposed budget and discuss again at the November 22, 2016 regular Council meeting.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Ordinances and Resolutions

None

Committee Reports

a. Steven Harper reported the Hotel/Motel Committee will be completing their review of 2017 applications for the 11/10/16 deadline. Christine Simpson asked the committee to complete their reviews one week earlier for the 2018 Applications.

Council Members Comments & Concerns

a. Christine Simpson thanked Jim Leonhard for the repairs completed on the broken water line on Fourth Street.

b. Simpson thanked Audrey Casassa and Kerri Farnum for their customer service during the time the City Hall phones were being cut over and incoming calls were reduced to a cell phone.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Ron Spears and seconded by Mickey Holz to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday November 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Kenneth C. Reddick
 Mayor Pro-Tem
 Mayor

Kathi Swanson
 Attest