

City of Cle Elum
Regular City Council Meeting
May 28, 2019

Call to Order – Roll Call of Membership

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McGowan at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Roll was called. Members present were Tom Hastings, John Glondo, Steven Harper, Mickey Holz and Ken Ratliff. Ron Spears and Beth Williams were absent. Staff present was City Clerk Kathi Swanson, Public Works Director Mike Engelhart and Cle Elum Police Chief Scott Ferguson. *A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Mickey Holz to excuse the absences of Ron Spears and Beth Williams. The motion carried unanimously.*

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by John Glondo to accept the agenda with the amendment to add J.R. Eidemiller's written statement and the WCIA correspondence regarding Bouncy Houses under Agenda Item 3 – Announcements, Appointments, and Awards & Recognition. The motion carried unanimously.

Announcements – Appointments, Awards and Recognition

Mayor McGowan read into the record a letter submitted by J.R. Eidemiller regarding a fall he took near the crosswalk on the south side of Pennsylvania Avenue and West First Street. The letter suggested the City take appropriate action to repair the crosswalks to abate risks to the citizens using them.

Mayor McGowan read into the record a response from WCIA regarding their position on the use of inflatable devices on City owned property.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by John Glondo and seconded by Steven Harper to accept the consent agenda as presented; which included the minutes of the 05/14/19 Regular Council Meeting; EFTs and Vouchers #41120 – 41173 in the amount of \$96,969.30 and 05/15/19 Payroll Vouchers in the amount of \$75,884.61. The motion carried unanimously.

Officer Reports

Police Chief - Scott Ferguson:

- Reminded Council this is the last meeting he will be attending and stated he has had an amazing career with the City of Cle Elum.
- Reported the City has made great strides in the Police Department in the last 14 years, including:
 - The officers on staff are good people and there is less officer turnover than previous years.
 - No litigation against the City in 14 years.
 - The Police Department has a fleet of newer, professional police vehicles, equipped with equipment such as cameras, computers, scanners, printers, spike strips and Tasers.
 - Increased the quality and number of training hours for officers.
 - A new Police Department building.
 - The creation of an animal control program.
 - A Public Records Officer, Cheryl Montgomery, who does a very proficient and professional job to ensure the City is not held liable for failing to disclose records in a timely manner and as requested.

- Reported the City will appoint Sergeant Kirk Bland as the acting Chief until the final hiring decision is made. Chief Ferguson is very confident that Sergeant Bland is more than qualified to manage the Police Department in the interim.

- Thanked the City of Cle Elum for the past 28 years, noting he has been happy and could not have found a better place to work.

- **Public Works – Mike Engelhart:**

- Reported the new iWorQ software program has been launched and is very successful, both for the City Offices and the Public Portal. To date, there have been 6 Citizen Engagement contacts and 15 internal reports.

- Reported the City is preparing for the upcoming chip seal project for 7 streets in Cle Elum and 5 streets on the south side of the City of Cle Elum. The intersection where Mr. Eidemiller fell is one of the streets slated for chip sealing. No dates have been set as of yet for that project.

- Reported the Memorial Day weekend was successful and thanked his staff for their work in making the cemetery look amazing.

Steven Harper commented the cemetery looked exceptional and the crew made the City proud.

Citizen Comments on Non-agenda Items

None

Public Appearances

Amy McGuffin – Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Association Report:

- Provided status reports for the Website, Facebook, Instagram, Snap Chat, Discover Cle Elum and Google Marketing for April 2019.

- Reported the Upper County Map should be ready for distribution before 07/04/19.

- Reported CEDA has a health benefit program available for small business members @ 15% below market.

- Expressed the Chamber's gratitude for the City's support of the Fireworks show, which should last 25 to 30 minutes on 07/04/19 at Fireman's Park in Cle Elum.

- Reported the Chamber is looking forward to Pioneer Days and the Parade and has applied for additional grant funding for parade entertainers to bring more liveliness to the parade.

- Reported the Chamber has access to capital funding for projects through the Association Development Organization; the ADO can apply for federal funding for small businesses.

- Reported the Chamber is creating a partnership with Kraft 3 to help businesses affected by downtown construction; the partnership would include low interest loans for businesses in affected areas.

- Reported the Chamber is working on a communication plan with CEDA to help businesses deal with issues during the construction phase of the Downtown Stormwater project.

- Reported the Chamber is expanding their business plan to hire an assistant to interview and mentor new business owners, and offer support to the businesses throughout the summer construction project.

Debbie Bogart – Executive Director – Cle Elum Downtown Association:

- Reported CEDA formed a joint partnership with the City and donators for the hanging baskets that are now installed. The baskets were purchased by 1 donor and installed by the City crew. CEDA purchased a watering system, which the City uses to keep the plants watered. Comments from the public have been positive.

- Reported Pioneer Days planning is going well; CEDA is in charge of Pioneer Village and there are many other events going on around town.

- Reported she will be meeting with the City to create a communication plan regarding the Storm drain project in the downtown.
- Reported her office is at the Visitor's Center and welcomed everyone to visit her there, email or call her anytime.

Business Requiring Public Hearing

None

Unfinished Business

- a. **Ordinance No. 1557 – Change Time of Council Meetings:** *A motion was made by Steve Harper and seconded by Mickey Holz to approve Ordinance No. 1557 changing the time City Council meetings are held from 7:00 pm to 6:00 pm on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month, effective with the 06/11/19 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.*
- b. **Resolution 2019-007 – Renaming a portion of So. Cle Elum Way to Hartwig Boulevard:** *A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Mickey Holz to pass Resolution No. 2019-007 renaming the portion of South Cle Elum Way from the intersection of West First Street south to the Bridge to Hartwig Boulevard. The motion carried unanimously.*

New Business

None

Committee Reports

- a. Steven Harper reported the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee met and reviewed the application submitted from the UKC Basketball Club for the 3 on 3 Triple Shot Basketball Tournament scheduled for 07/06/19. The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee recommends approval of \$3,000 to be used toward allowable, reimbursable expenses. *Steven Harper disclosed that one of the applicants is a business partner of his and another is someone his business contracts with, and asked if there were objections to his association. There were no objections from council members. A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by John Glondo to award and reimburse UKC Basketball Club up to the amount of \$3,000 in the following areas: Events Host/DJ, Facebook Advertisements and boosts and a Banner. The motion carried unanimously.*

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by John Glondo to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday June 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor

Jay McHewan

Attest

Katrina Swanson