

City of Cle Elum
Regular City Council Meeting
January 12, 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.

Oath of Office

New Council Members Ken Ratliff and Jodi Larsen, and re-elected Council Members Arthur Scott and Ron Spears were sworn in by the City Clerk.

Council Member Appointment Interviews

John Glondo was the first to be interviewed by the Council. Mr. Glondo stated he would like to be a member of the Cle Elum Council again. He was on the Cle Elum City Council from 1993 through 1998 and also served on the South Cle Elum City Council for 7 years. He stated that growth is inevitable in the City of Cle Elum and the right people on the council can assure growth goes in the right direction. Ken Ratliff asked what Mr. Glondo remembers as the biggest accomplishment during the 1993-98 tenure; he responded that Trendwest first came to town during that time frame. He attended many Study Sessions and meetings to work towards meeting the needs of Cle Elum.

Lindsey Ozbolt was the second applicant to be interviewed. She stated that she has been engaged with the City of Cle Elum as a City Council member during the last four years, adding that she regretted her decision not to rerun. She is a planner by profession and would like to use her expertise to help the City plan to handle the expected growth to the City. She added that she is always cautious about her position with the County in regards to conflicts of interest and was curious to see if someone else would step in. Steven Harper encouraged Ms. Ozbolt to stay vocal if not selected for the vacant Council position. In response to a question by Ken Ratliff regarding any hot points, Ms. Ozbolt responded there should be focus on the downtown area as there is not as much of a housing issue as there is a commercial issue.

Applicants Steven Senger and Warren Perry were not present for interviews.

Executive Session

Council went in to Executive Session from 7:10 to 7:20 to discuss the applicants. At 7:20, the regular Council meeting was re-called to order. Steven Harper nominated Lindsey Ozbolt to fill the vacant Council seat. Jodi Larsen seconded the nomination. Motion carried unanimously. Lindsey Ozbolt was given the Oath of Office by the City Clerk.

Mayor McGowan suggested to John Glondo that he consider submitting an application for Appointment to Office on the Planning Commission for the open alternate position.

Ron Spears recommended that the new council members attend the AWC seminar offered to new City Officials. Mayor McGowan stated he will be recommending several seminars, some of which are mandatory.

Selection of Mayor Pro-Tempore

Lindsey Ozbolt nominated Arthur Scott; Ken Ratliff seconded the nomination. Steven Harper nominated Ken Ratliff; Ron Spears seconded the nomination. Mickey Holtz nominated Lindsey Ozbolt; there was no second to the nomination. A poll vote was taken; the results were:

Arthur Scott voted for Arthur Scott

Ron Spears voted for Ken Ratliff

Mickey Holtz voted for Ken Ratliff

Steven Harper voted for Ken Ratliff

Jodi Larsen voted for Arthur Scott

Ken Ratliff voted for Arthur Scott

Lindsey Ozbolt voted for Arthur Scott

Arthur Scott was named as Mayor Pro-Tempore by a majority of the vote.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Mayor McGowan noted that Floyd Rogalski, Louis Osmonovich and Lloyd Olson had cancelled their Public Appearance regarding the EMS Levy for Hospital District No.2; and David Bowen had asked to be added to Public Appearance. *A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Jodi Larsen to approve the Meeting agenda as amended.*

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Arthur Scott and seconded by Steven Harper to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, which includes the minutes to the December 8, 2015 City Council Meeting, the vouchers and checks numbered 36869-36920 in the amount of \$168,514.07; payroll checks in the amount of \$61,299.72; the minutes to the December 30, 2015 City Council Meeting and the vouchers and checks numbered 36921-36971 in the amount of \$23,474.17; payroll checks in the amount of \$135,567.63 and voided check number 36718 in the amount of \$2,500.00. Motion Carried.

Officer Reports

City Administrator Rob Omans:

- o Reported he has been meeting with members of the public and checking on some unfinished projects from last year. Now that there is a new council with new committees assigned, he will *meet* with the Utilities Committee, the Finance Committee and the Transportation Committee to unfinished projects to completion.

Public Works Director **Jim** Leonhard:

- o Reported the city crew has been busy moving snow.
- o Contractors Belsaas and Smith have completed the installation of a 12-inch water line on Swiftwater Boulevard; the system has been charged and the project has been accepted and approved; there is now good fire flow.
- o He has contacted the Department of Ecology regarding the two tanker spills that have occurred on I-90. He has been assured that there is no fear of any petroleum contamination to the water system and the City is on a list to be notified if there is ever cause for concern.
- o *Arthur Scott asked if the snow removal was going smoothly and Jim Leonhard responded that, although there have been some equipment breakdowns, everything is currently in good working order. Mayor McGowan commented that, due to complaints regarding snow plowing, the City will work with the local newspaper to help residents understand the process.*

Police Chief Scott Ferguson:

- o Absent - no report (a report of calls was submitted to the Council in the absence of the Police Chief)

Building Official and Network Administrator Rob Omans:

- o Year end totals include 72 building permits; permit valuation \$2,046,106.20; Building Permit Fees collected \$36,880.35
- o The Building Codes will need to be adopted in July; there will be a lot of work to do before July 2016

Fire Chief - Dave Campbell:

- o Reported there were 393 calls in 2015, 82% of which were EMS.
- o Reported there will be EMT classes starting January 12, 2016 and continuing every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday through May 2016
- Reported he is in the process of writing a grant application for bunker gear. The existing gear the Fire Department is using is 11 years old, making it obsolete by NFPA standards. The grant is requesting \$115,000.00 for gear with a matching \$6,000.00
- Reported he was re-elected by the Fire Department Volunteers to proceed as the Fire Chief.

A motion was made by Lindsey Ozbolt and seconded by Jodi Larsen to accept the nomination of David Campbell as Fire Chief for 2016. Motion carried.

- Chief Campbell expressed that he is looking forward to the increase in the Fire Department Budget due to the approved levy and intends the money to be used towards many projects.

Network Administrator Rob Omans:

- Reported the installation of a new Firewall Device "by Fortinet"
- Reported that a new public WiFi system is now in place
- Reported that the network has been restructured to accommodate a positional connection between City Hall and other City buildings.

Veolia - Tom Hastings

- Reported that the Waste Water Treatment Plant processed 40 million gallons in 2015, with a peak day of 3.4 million. The allowed peak average is 3.6 million

- Reported that the Water Treatment Plant treated 17 million gallons of water with a peak of 774,000 on September 22, 2015. This number does not include irrigation water, which is not treated.
- Reported that the one-year agreement with Puget Sound Energy Optimization Program reduced electricity at both plants; Rebate checks of \$380.00 for the Waste Water Treatment Plant and \$2,562.00 for the Water Treatment Plant have been received.

Citizen Comments on Non Agenda Items

Kelli Conner - 8511 Teanaway Road: Commented that the City should use the money budgeted for the year to the position vacated by a City employee should be reallocated to the Fire Department and not to a new Planner. Ms. Conner also commented that it has been a year since Julie Palmer has filed the Brad Page complaint with regard to vehicles and buildings and has not been resolved, although Rob Omans has been diligent on attempting to resolve the situation.

Business Requiring Public Hearings

None

Public Appearances

a. Gary Hammons 1081 Wapiti Drive: Spoke regarding the proposed Incubator and Economic Development. He provided a hand-out that he comprised based on research regarding the feasibility of establishing a one-stop "Entrepreneur Center in Downtown Ellensburg" (Not in Upper Kittitas County). Economic Development is about helping companies become more efficient and profitable. He questioned the legality of a Port Authority adding a levy to the citizens of the County. He commented that there is a large trust deficit between the citizens of the community and the City of Cle Elum, the Chamber of Commerce and government in general. There is no evidence to support that Incubators make a difference. Distressed Sales Tax funds are available to help small businesses. He noted that there has been only 24% growth recorded in the past ten years in Kittitas County, which averages out to 1.2% per year. Mr. Hammons stated that there is no incentive to bring people to town without proof of sustained growth. He went on to say that there is traditionally a very low voter turnout in Kittitas County because people are not happy with a system that works only for itself and is not in the best interest of the community. Council of Governments, City Councils and Chambers of Commerce are using the 2009 Transportation Plan proposed 200% growth numbers to evaluate their projects; they are not putting their money and efforts in the right place. An Incubator has a low probability of success. The building that was purchased by the Chamber of Commerce is Class C office space, which is too old. The County will need to spend \$500,000.00 to renovate the space to Class A. Mr. Hammons asked for assurance that all of the money spent is kept in the Upper County by using local contractors and requiring competitive bids. He also asked that they implement the TIP strategy. It is of the utmost importance to rebuild trust between the citizens of the community and their local government.

b. David Bowen - Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce: Provided a handout titled "Why Small Town Coworking is a Great Idea and How to Get Started". Mr. Bowen stated that he agrees that there is a trust issue since the Cle Elum-Roslyn Chamber of Commerce was defunded. However, Economic Development can also create new investment in the communities. The Chamber is trying to rebuild trust by dedicating .09 funds to create enhanced jobs. The Chamber has \$70,000.00 to renovate the building, including some private funding. He added that it is important to involve the Upper County and the Lower County, referring to his handout. Mr. Bowen stated that Economic Development can go a long way in rebuilding community trust by establishing a tourism program that will bring people to the area; by establishing a Main Street Revitalization Program and a Port District.

Mayor McGowan stated that this is a new year with a new council and they will work at it.

New Business

a. Progress Estimate No.3 - McClure and Sons, Inc. - \$241,651.22

Ken Ratliff asked how far along the project has progressed. Arthur Scott asked if the project is on schedule and cost. Jim Leonhard responded that the project is on cost; however it is several weeks behind schedule due to slow delivery of some parts and the contractor had asked for a 21-day extension. HLA gave them a 5-day extension at no additional cost to the City. *A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Mickey Holtz to approve payment of Progress Estimate No.3. Motion carried unanimously.*

b. EMS Interlocal Agreement - \$6,922.00

A motion was made by Ron Spears and seconded by Steven Harper to accept the EMS Interlocal Agreement as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances and Resolutions

A motion was made by Ron Spears and seconded by Lindsey Ozbolt to pass the Resolution adopting the City of Cleburne Water System Plan as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Mayor McGowan will make the final selection of committees and provide the completed list to the members of the Council as soon as possible.

Council Members Comments and Concerns


- a. Mayor McGowan stated he understands the concerns that Mr. Hammons and Mr. Bowens addressed under Public Appearances. He added that the Main Street Committee is working to make things better. He invited Mr. Hammons to the Main Street meeting being held at City Hall on January 14, 2016 at 12:00.
- b. Steven Harper voiced his disapproval of the Council outlawing Fireworks in winter and would like to see the issue revisited.
- c. Ken Ratliff voiced his concerns with traffic on Safeway Hill. He would like to see the Oakes Street exchange made into a full freeway access exchange, saying the City should talk to the Department of Transportation to make it happen.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ron Spears and seconded by Steven Harper to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



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