

City of Cle Elum
Regular City Council Meeting
March 22, 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 Arthur Scott, Lindsey Ozbolt, Ron Spears, Steven Harper and Mickey Holz. Jodi Larsen and Ken Ratliff were absent. *A motion **was** made by **Arthur** Scott and seconded by Ron Spears to excuse Jodi Larsen and Ken Ratliff. Motion carried.* Other members present City Attorney Alexandra Kenyon and City Clerk Kathi Swanson.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Mayor McGowan asked to amend the agenda by moving Carol Newell Pidduck from the 15 Minute Public Appearances to Announcements, Appointments, Awards and Recognition. *A motion **was** made by Steven Harper and seconded by Ron Spears to approve **the** agenda as amended. Motion carried.*

Announcements - Appointments, Awards and Recognition

Mayor McGowan announced his appointment of Lauren Shuck as the City of Cle Elum Alternate to the Coal Mine Trail Commission, replacing Gary Wivag.

Carol Newell Pidduck, Executive Director of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA - Not For Profit) read a narrative describing the organization's efforts to prevent child abuse and asked the Mayor to sign a proclamation designating the month of April 2016 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Members of the organization provided blue ribbons and bookmarks to the council. CASA is asking everyone to wear blue on Friday April 8, 2015 to support their efforts and bring awareness of child abuse to others. Mayor McGowan read the proclamation into the record and stated he would sign it. *Mayor McGowan received the full support of **the** council.*

Consent Agenda

*A motion **was** made by Steven Harper and seconded by Lindsey Ozbolt to approve **the** Consent Agenda as presented, **which** includes **the** minutes of **the** March 22, 2016 City Council Meeting, vouchers and checks numbered 037146 **through** 037194 in **the** amount of \$117,145.92; payroll vouchers for March 15, 2016 in **the** amount of \$56,129.67 Motion carried.*

Officer Reports

City Administrator Rob Omans:

- No Report

Building Official

- No Report

Network Administrator:

- No Report

Public Works Director Jim Leonhard:

- No Report

Police Chief Scott Ferguson:

- No Report

Fire Chief Dave Campbell:

- No Report

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- No Report

Citizen Comments on non-agenda items

- Kelli Connor-SSSt Teanaway Road: Commented that, after the 03/08/16 council meeting, she counted 467 vehicles in 2.5 hours on Highway 97 on Thursday, March 17th. She is concerned about the volume of traffic that will be detoured in to downtown Cle Elum due to the construction on/off ramp closures scheduled from April until July. She asked the City to request the W.S.D.O.T. to paint the center lines and crosswalks on First Street in Cle Elum. She also asked that the W.S.D.O.T. station a representative to assist the local Police Department during the time of construction.
- Ken Prenslo-Madison Street, South Cte Elum: Mr. Prenslo had previously contacted the City of Cle Elum regarding speeders and dust on Madison Street. Mayor McGowan informed the Council he has met with Jim Leonhard, Rob Omans and Councilmen Arthur Scott, Ron Spears and Ken Ratliff of the Transportation Committee to discuss the request. The result of that meeting was that the City of Cle Elum agreed to do what they can to help alleviate the problem. Ken Prenslo informed the council that the residents of Madison Street have offered to pay for dust control; however, he has been told that money spent on dust abatement will be wasted if the traffic is not slowed. Mayor McGowan assured Mr. Prenslo that the City will assist in placing speed bumps along Madison Street to help slow the traffic.

Public Hearings

None

Public Appearancesa. Amy McGuffin - Kittitas **County** Chamber of Commerce:

- Reported the Chamber held a Tourism Committee Meeting. There were about 15 attendees, including advertisers, recreationists, Festival and Events specialists, Motel and Hotel owners, making a broad mix of contributors.
- Reported the Chamber would like to hold a cleanup day the last weekend in April. A cleanup day is scheduled for May and Windermere Real Estate has volunteered to sponsor a cleanup day in June. The goal is to eventually sponsor a cleanup day at least once a month throughout the summer.
- Reported 26 confirmed locations for brochure racks for Tourism and Historic Preservation Guides, Town Guides and Visitor's Guides.
- Reported 8 kiosks for Cle Elum information guides. The Chamber is creating a Town Guide to the intimate attractions in Cle Elum, including Retail and Hotel Services, RV Camps and Lodging Services, recreational attractions and local tidbits. Currently the guide has 24 pages and includes an 11 ½' x 14" downtown map.
- Reported the goal of the Chamber is to clean up and beautify Cle Elum, making it more attractive to tourists. The Chamber would like approval from the council to update the "Welcome to Cle Elum" signs, stating it is not an additional budget request as it is included in the contract for services between Cle Elum and The Chamber of Commerce. The new signs will be 9' x 12' with 2 ½"-inch to 3-inch reflective block letters, large enough to read while driving 25 miles per hour. The target date for completion is May 1, 2016. *Council gave full approval.*

- Reported the Chamber is working with the Theater Arts from Central Washington University to create staged windowing. Ms. McGuffin has a list of owners of vacant building to get permission to participate by allowing their buildings to be staged with props of historic displays, or items from other businesses in town.
- Reported the Chamber is working with the Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt, Pioneer Days, Boo Elum and Christmas in Cle Elum events.
- Reported the Chamber has ordered 10 hanging baskets to be hung primarily along First Street in an effort to help beautify the downtown. The Chamber is also contacting businesses along First Street, including the City of Cle Elum, to ask if they would be interested in purchasing one or more of the fully fertilized baskets at \$76.00 each. Deliveries of the baskets will be made between May 8th and May 16th. Anyone who is interested in a basket can contact the Chamber of Commerce to place their order. *Arthur Scott commented that it is important that weeds be kept trimmed. Ms McGuffin stated she would work **with the Downtown Association and Public Works to accomplish weed control.***
- Requested a Tourism (Lodging Tax) Committee meeting on Tuesday March 29, 2016. Councilman Harper will make the calls to set up the meeting.
- Reported the first edition of the third party "Pay to Play" map has been published and is available at local businesses. Some local businesses did not opt to be published in the Map, but can be added to the next edition if they wish.

New Business

None

Ordinances and Resolutions

a. Ordinance 1449 - Amending the Business License Code: Alexandra Kenyon: Ms. Kenyon presented Ordinance Number 1449, amending the Cle Elum Municipal Code section 5.02.170, related to charitable organization exemptions. The ordinance has been drafted at the direction of council, who requested clarification in the code. Lindsey Ozbolt stated her appreciation for the clarification in code, making it a more level playing field for any other organization to understand whether they qualify for a business license exemption. *A motion **was** made by Lindsey Ozbolt and seconded by Steven Harper to approve Ordinance Number 1449 as presented. Motion Carried.*

Committee Reports

- Mayor McGowan - AWC Board of Directors Recruitment: Mayor McGowan directed the council's attention to the letter from AWC, which was provided in the Council Packets, asking if any council member was interested in applying for any of the open positions on the AWC Board of Directors. Having received no comments from the Council, the matter was closed.

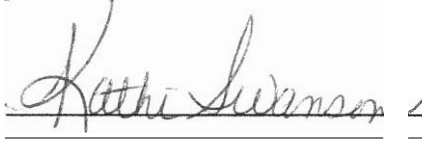
Council Members Comments & Concerns

- Arthur Scott: Asked the council members to follow through with the study session held on March 8, 2016 and continue to meet. Mickey Holz stated that the Council had previously agreed to set a Study Session for 6:00 p.m. on the first regular monthly meeting date. A Study Session has been set for 6:00 on April 12, 2016, just prior to the regular City Council meeting at 7:00 on the same date. The City Clerk will publish the Study Session in the Northern Kittitas County Tribune on April 7, 2016.

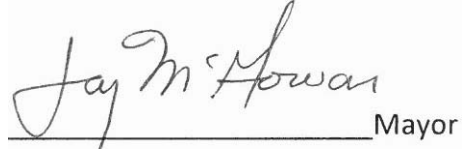
- **Steven Harper:** Stated he would like to see businesses included in the semi-annual Cleanup Weeks. Currently, only residential garbage is allowed to take one free pickup load of garbage to the Transfer Station, according to the contract with Waste Management. Mayor McGowan agreed **it** should be re-negotiated at contract renewal. Steven Harper asked if the Council has appointed a Solid Waste Advisory Committee Representative. Mayor McGowan will research and report back to the council.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Arthur Scott and seconded by Lindsey Ozbolt to adjourn the meeting at 7.45 pm. Motion Carried. The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday April 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. There will be a Study Session on April 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.



Attest


_____ Mayor