

City of Cle Elum  
Regular City Council Meeting  
July 10, 2018

**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. Members present were John Glondo, Ron Spears, Steven Harper, Mickey Holz, Beth Williams and Ken Ratliff. Tom Hastings was absent. Staff present was City Administrator Rob Omans, City Treasurer Robin Newcomb, City Planner Lucy Temple and City Clerk Kathi Swanson. *A motion was made by John Glondo and seconded by Ken Ratliff to excuse Tom Hastings. The motion was carried unanimously.*

**Approval of the Meeting Agenda**

*A request was made by Steven Harper and seconded by John Glondo to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Announcements – Appointments, Awards and Recognition**

*Mayor McGowan announced that ground was broken for the Coal Mines Trailhead Park on 07/09/18, thanks to the volunteer efforts by Jeff Schafer, owner of Merle, Inc. and crew.*

**Consent Agenda**

*A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Mickey Holz to accept the consent agenda as presented; which included the minutes of the 06/26/18 Regular Council Meeting; minutes of the 07/02/18 Special Council meeting; Voucher and Check #39969 to P.O.W. Contracting for Release of Retainage for the Storage Building Roof Replacement; Voucher and Check #40021 to Wesley Craven for cemetery services; Voucher and Check #40022 to the Kittitas County Treasurer for Tax Title Property Application Deposit; Vouchers and Checks #40023-40064 in the amount of \$25,876.20; 05/31/18 Payroll Vouchers in the amount of \$143,193.53; 06/15/18 Payroll Vouchers in the amount of \$66,181.05; and 06/30/18 Payroll Vouchers in the amount of \$122,576.37. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Officer Reports**

**City Administrator – Robert Omans:**

- No Report

**Building Official – Robert Omans:**

- Reported the City received 6 building permit applications in June.
- Reported he conducted 25 inspections in June.

**Network Administrator: - Robert Omans:**

- No Report

**City Treasurer – Robin Newcomb:**

- Provided the 2018 Budget Position for the first 6 months of 2018, indicating revenues are at 60% and expenses are at 50%.

**City Planner – Lucy Temple:**

- Reported she and intern Isaac Anzlovar attended a GMA workshop on this day.
- Reported the .09 grant is due on Friday 07/13/18 and the City's application for the continuation of the Downtown Revitalization Plan is ready to submit.
- Reported the RCO revised application is due on 7/16/18; Temple is working on support letters and matched grant funding, of which \$50,000 out of the required \$130,000 match has been committed from the community.
- Reported the City has received a letter from Senator Judy Warnick in full support of the RCO application for the Hanson Ponds project.

- Reported intern Isaac Anzlovar has GPS-mapped the Whispering Pines Trail to Hanson Ponds, which included the 18 hole disc golf course. The information will also be used to update the City Parks web pages.
- Reported the City has received applications for a Dollar Tree store in the Alpine Plaza.
- Reported the Planning Commission is working on having Cle Elum be a fire adapted community, including ongoing discussion with USFS, DNR and KCCD about fire adaptation. The Planning Commission is planning an event to demonstrate a fire adaptation treatment of City property adjacent to USFS Ranger Station. If possible, the USFS will perform the work.
- Reported Code Enforcement has received numerous calls regarding weed management and garbage; Temple asked the citizens of the community to tend to the weeds and pick up garbage that may have accumulated on their property and adjacent city rights-of-way.

**Public Works – Mike Engelhart:**

- Reported pothole repairs have been completed on several streets.
- Reported the crew has continued to clean and organize the shop facility.
- Reported temporary employee, Brycen Hand, is working on continuing the repairs of the water meter batteries.
- Reported the Pioneer Days event was successful with no incidences or complaints.
- Reported he has met with HLA about TIB funding for projects around town.
- Reported the water fill station at Memorial Park should be completed by the end of the week; the city is waiting for an L & I inspection.
- Reported the crew is working on repairs to the park due to vandalism.
- Reported the crew will continue with pothole repairs, cleaning the shop yard and meter repairs in the coming week.

**Police Chief - Scott Ferguson:**

- Absent - No Report (Provided a report of the 2018 1<sup>st</sup> half activity)

**Fire Department – Chief Ed Mills:**

- Introduced Nate Henderson, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant to the Mayor, Council and public.
- Reported there were no calls during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.
- Reported the Department had 35 calls during the month of June, including 28 medical, 3 hazardous conditions, 1 service call and 1 fire call for an unattended back yard burn.
- Reported he spoke with Tom Dent regarding the Horse Park.
- Reported several members went out on mutual aid to the lower county in response to wild land fires.
- Reported he is working with South Cle Elum regarding mutual training once each month.
- Reported the D. B. Cooper Documentary Premiere on 07/14/18 at 1 pm will benefit the local firefighters.
- Reminded everyone the burn ban is in effect; no open flame is allowed, although gas and pellet type barbecues are acceptable; no briquettes are allowed.

**Veolia – William LaRue:**

- Provided graphs of the Water Plant Flow, Water Plant Run Time, Precipitation, Wastewater Flows and Water versus Wastewater Plant Flows for June 2018.
- Reported Veolia lost an operator in February and he manned the plant alone in March, April and May.
- Reported Michael Burline was hired in June.
- Reported divers will be cleaning out the basins in August.
- Reported lead and copper samplings have been taken and he is waiting for the results.
- Reported the reservoirs are full.

**Citizen Comments on Non-agenda Items**

**Patricia Preston – 906 West Second:** Commented she has been picking up garbage, especially in the ditch behind the Warrior Quick Mart. Ms. Preston thanked the Public Works Director for fixing the potholes.

**Public Appearances**

**a. Chente Benavides – President of the Cle Elum Roundup Association:** Asked the Council for a 2-hour noise variance during the Cle Elum Roundup on 07/27/18 and 07/28/18 to allow the music to play from 10 pm until midnight. *Council member John Glondo noted the event committee had no problem with the variance request when they met to discuss the application earlier in the day; however, the event committee was under the impression the variance was to extend until 11 pm.* Council discussed the issues of security. ***A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Mickey Holz to grant the noise variance between 10 pm and 12 am on 07/27 and 07/28/18. Five council members voted aye. Ken Ratliff voted no. The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 1.***

**Business Requiring Public Hearing**

None

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

**a. Request to purchase Stryker Cot for Aid 512 – Fire Chief Ed Mills:** Chief Mills presented his requested to council, stating this would be a 3-year interest free loan at \$6,000 per year. Mayor McGowan noted the Fire Department Oversight Committee has reviewed and approved the request. ***A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by John Glondo to approve the request to purchase the Stryker Cot for Aid 512. The motion carried unanimously.***

**b. Resolution No. 2018-026 – City Seal and Logo:** City Planner Lucy Temple presented the Resolution to Council and asked for approval. Steven Harper asked for the following amendments to the Resolution:

- 1) Section 3: Change "...Chamber of Commerce shall grant to the City..." to "...Chamber of Commerce shall sell the City..."
- 2) Add Section 4: "The City may also grant any third party the right to use the logo by express permission. Said permission may be granted by the Mayor, City Administrator or Council. Such permission will be subject to revocation by vote of the City Council".

***A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Steven Harper to adopt Resolution No. 2018-026 as amended. The motion carried unanimously.***

**c. Ordinance No. 1495 – Amending the 2018 Budget – Robin Newcomb:** The City Treasurer explained to the Council the purpose of the amendment is to add the Central Cascades Land Development Fund of \$10,000, already being held, into the budget; to eliminate the Shop Fund and transfer the remaining balances to the general fund; to correct the Fire Department budget balance to include the levy; and to include the Coal Mine Trail Project. These actions have eliminated approximately 34 funds. Council member Harper reported the Lodging Tax Committee and the Budget Committee are recommending adding \$7,500 to the Historic Preservation Commission to include Lodging Tax funding, in order to avoid losing historic certification. Loss of this certification would result in the City being ineligible for state and federal grants. ***A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Ken Ratliff to approve Ordinance No. 1495 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.***

**d. Assignment of Lease – SW Corner of Oakes Avenue and Railroad Street:** Mayor McGowan explained to the council the intention of the \$3,500 annual lease is for the purpose of City employee parking. The lease would also enable the Police Department to patrol the area more efficiently and eliminate abandoned cars being parked on the property. ***A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Ken Ratliff to enter into the lease agreement at the SW***

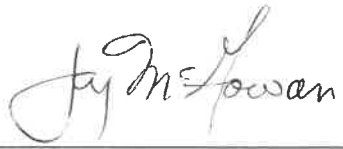
corner of Oakes Avenue and Railroad Street and to authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

None

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Beth Williams to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday July 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.



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