

City of Cle Elum
Regular City Council Meeting
June 25, 2019

Call to Order – Roll Call of Membership

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McGowan at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Roll was called. Members present were Tom Hastings, John Glondo, Mickey Holz, Beth Williams and Ken Ratliff. Ron Spears and Steven Harper were absent. Staff present was City Administrator Robert Omans, City Planner Lucy Temple and City Clerk Kathi Swanson. *A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Beth Williams to excuse the absences of Ron Spears and Steven Harper. The motion carried unanimously.*

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Mayor McGowan asked for amendments to the agenda to move Ordinance 1559 from Unfinished Business to item (a) under Public Hearings, move Resolution 2019-008 to (b) under Public Hearings; and to add a request for a Noise Variance for the Pine Street Project to be heard by Council directly after Public appearances. *A motion was made by Mickey Holz and seconded by John Glondo to accept the agenda with the amendments suggested by Mayor McGowan. The motion carried unanimously.*

Announcements – Appointments, Awards and Recognition

None

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by John Glondo and seconded by Ken Ratliff to accept the consent agenda as presented; which included the minutes of the 06/11/19 Regular Council Meeting; EFTs and Vouchers #41230 – 41273 in the amount of \$158,318.07 and 06/15/19 Payroll Vouchers in the amount of \$77,827.24. The motion carried unanimously.

Officer Reports

City Administrator, Building Official and Network Administrator: - Robert Omans:

- Reported the City received a check in the amount of \$10,606.36 from Central Washington Home Builders Association, as affiliated with the Return on Industrial Insurance (R.O.I.I.) Program.
- Reported the Meet and Greet for the Police Chief Candidates will be held at the Senior Center at 5:30 pm on Thursday 06/27/19. The public and Council is invited.
- Reported the Kittcom meetings and negotiations with the Union are going well.
- Reported he attended the Law and Justice meeting on 06/19/19. The meeting was also attended by the acting Police Chief Kirk Bland.

City Planner – Lucy Temple:

- Announced Isaac Anzlovar, the Planning Tech, will be leaving the City on 06/28/19 to accept a position in Woodinville.
- Reported the City will be looking for on-call planning assistance for the short term until a replacement is found later.
- Reported there will be an Open House for Phase 3 Design Downtown Revitalization Plan on Wednesday 06/26/19 from 4 pm to 6 pm in the Council Chambers.

Public Works – Mike Engelhart:

- Reported a successful ribbon cutting ceremony was held on 06/22/19 for the newly renamed Hartwig Boulevard from First Street to the Bridge, formerly South Cle Elum Way.
- Reported the County has completed the Chip Seal project. The City may continue in the fall with other areas that may need attention.

Interim Police Chief – Sergeant Kirk Bland:

- Reported there have been several complaints of a debit/credit card scam in the area, caused by the use of a skimming device. At least 17 victims have come forward and more are expected. A press release has been issued with the details. The investigation is ongoing.

Citizen Comments on Non-agenda Items

None

Public Appearances**Debbie Bogart – Executive Director – Cle Elum Downtown Association:**

- Provided a handout for the Pioneer Days event to council members and reported planning for Pioneer Days is going well.
- Reported Pioneer Days events will be great this year and even greater in the future.
- Provided a year-to-date analytical website report to the Council.
- Reported the Promotions Committee has been very involved with the planning for Pioneer Days and is looking into how to continue to promote Cle Elum.
- Reported the Organization Committee (Board and Infrastructure) is looking strategically into who should be on the Board, which currently has room for 15 members.
- Reported the Design Team is preparing to celebrate Miller Business Consulting, which just finished their façade improvement grant. CEDA helped fund their landscaping. There will be an Open House at the location on Thursday 06/27/19.
- Reported CEDA is also celebrating the new signs and painting at City Hall.
- Reported the Economic Vitality Committee will be identifying new market opportunities for the traditional commercial district, find new uses for the historical commercial buildings and stimulate investment in the properties. The committee will be compiling and maintaining an inventory of the downtown assets to determine what must be done to make the downtown more vital.
- Reported she has met her goal of meeting every business owner in the community.
- Reported CEDA helped put out notices regarding the Phase 3 Downtown Open House on 6/27/19. Bogart commented the business owners may not be able to attend as it is being held too early in the afternoon for them to leave their businesses to come to the meeting.
- Reported she is concerned about the communication gap between the City and the businesses. An example provided was when the Stormwater project failed and no communication was provided to the businesses to explain why. Her goal is to bridge the gap and has asked for assistance from the City.

Darcy Batura and Brian Straniti – The Nature Conservancy:

- Presented a power point presentation regarding permanent conservation of land within a 10-year period and would like to have the City of Cle Elum involved with the process. Batura and Straniti provided a draft letter of support for the project to the City Council with the request to authorize the Mayor to sign. *A motion was made by Tom Hastings and seconded by Beth Williams to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter of support of the Nature Conservancy Plan to Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program. The motion carried unanimously.*

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 May 2019.
- Reported the Chamber is excited about the forward movements happening in Cle Elum, both with the governments as well as the other non-profits.
- Reported she is the Chair of the Economic Vitality Committee through the Downtown Association.

- Reported the Chamber is working with funding sources, such as the Suncadia Community Enhancement, to develop a program to expand and maintain local businesses. The goal is to have the program in place by 2020 to help Upper County businesses.
- Invited conversation from the Council regarding the Chamber of Commerce.

New Business

a. Noise Variance Request – Pine Street Project start time at 6:00 am: Public Works Director Mike Engelhart reported the contractor for the Pine Street Sidewalk Improvement Project would like to start work at 6:00 a.m. instead of 7:00 a.m. on the days they pour concrete. The 20-day contract starts on August 8th. *A motion was made by Tom Hasting and seconded by Beth Williams to allow the contractor to begin work at 6:00 am on the days concrete is poured for the Pine Street Project. Tom Hastings, John Glondo, Mickey Holz and Beth Williams voted aye. Ken Ratliff voted nay. The motion carried with a 4 -1 vote.*

Business Requiring Public Hearing

a. Ordinance 1559 – Adopting the 2019 Cle Elum Comprehensive Plan: City Planner Lucy Temple and Deborah LaCombe of HLA presented the ordinance to the council and public. The two-year process included over 30 public meetings, 5 open houses and 3 public hearings. The document was submitted to the Department of Commerce for a 60-day comment period 04/11/19; a SEPA Determination of Non-significance was issued 04/18/19, and on 06/18/19, the Planning Commission met and voted to recommend approval of the Plan. Temple reported comments had been received from the W.S.D.O.T. and Department of Commerce. The W.S.D.O.T. requested updated information using the Kittitas County Travel Demand Model. Staff did not agree with the Land Use and Transportation information contained in the County Travel Demand Model. Staff, HLA and W.S.D.O.T will work together to provide correct, updated forecasts, which are not currently available. The Department of Commerce requested Capital Improvement Plan information, including the Comprehensive Sewer Plan and the Regional Water/Sewer Plan. All comments will be addressed and included in the final plan.

On behalf of the Cle Elum Planning Commission, Matthew Lundh recommended the approval of Ordinance 1559 to adopt the 2019-2037 Comprehensive Plan Update as proposed, contingent upon the appropriate response to Washington State Department of Commerce and W.S.D.O.T. comments.

Mayor McGowan opened the hearing for public comments at 7:26 p.m.

Patricia Preston, 906 West Second Street, thanked the Planning Commission and the City staff for their hard work and commented she plans to become more involved.

Scott Kuhta, Department of Commerce, spoke in support of the 2019 – 2037 Comprehensive Plan, stating the general organization, public engagement process and cleanup of the previous Comprehensive Plan was apparent and noted he is impressed with the section on climate change. Mr. Kuhta suggested the City provide more information on the Capital Facilities Element to identify what facilities are needed for growth for the next 20 years, where those facilities are needed and how the City will pay for them. Mr. Kuhta stressed how important it is for the City to be more specific about where the money is coming from, as funding is more readily available if the City can show they are pro-active and have good community input with the Comprehensive Plan documents. Mr. Kuhta also recommended the City assess annexations and how to evaluate them, affordable housing, development agreements, critical areas, and annual Comprehensive Plan updates.

Hearing no further comments from the public, Mayor McGowan closed the hearing at 7:37.

Lucy Temple defined the changes that had been made to the Ordinance after the council received their packets the previous week. Those changes include critical areas and development regulations as recommended by Mr. Kuhta. Comments from the Department of Commerce and

W.S.D.O.T. will be addressed. *A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Mickey Holz to pass Ordinance No. 1559 as amended by staff to adjust for comments from Department of Commerce and W.S.D.O.T. and as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion carried unanimously. Mickey Holz commented this must be addressed in the annual Budget to allocate money in the event of the projected increased population.*

b. Resolution 2019-008 – Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program: The Resolution 2019-008, 6-year TIP, was introduced to the Council by Lucy Temple.

Mayor McGowan opened the hearing for public comments at 7:45.

Hearing no comments from the public, Mayor McGowan closed the hearing at 7:45.

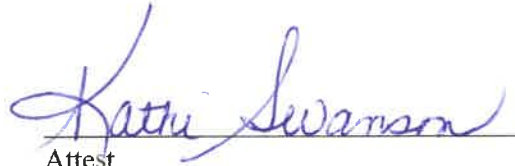
A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by John Glondo to pass Resolution 2019-008 adopting the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program from 2020 to 2025. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by John Glondo and seconded by Mickey Holz to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday July 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.



Mayor



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