

City of Cle Elum
Regular City Council Meeting
July 23, 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, Beth Williams and Ken Ratliff. Steven Harper was present at 6:10 pm by telephone. Ron Spears and Mickey Holz were absent. Staff present was City Treasurer Robin Newcomb and City Clerk Kathi Swanson. *A motion was made by Beth Williams and seconded by John Glondo to excuse the absences of Ron Spears and Mickey Holz. The motion carried unanimously.*

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by John Glondo and seconded by Tom Hastings to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Announcements – Appointments, Awards and Recognition

None

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Beth Williams and seconded by Ken Ratliff to approve the consent agenda as presented; which included the minutes of the 07/09/19 Regular Council Meeting; EFTs and Vouchers #41328 – 41364 in the amount of \$294,153.41 and 07/15/19 Payroll Vouchers in the amount of \$82,348.93. The motion carried unanimously.

Officer Reports

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

- Absent (Excused) No Report

City Planner – Lucy Temple:

- Absent (Excused) No Report

City Treasurer – Robin Newcomb:

- No Report – Provided a 6-month Budget Report

Public Works – Mike Engelhart:

- Reported he has done 11 inspections while Robert Omans has been out of the office.
- Reported the crew has been preparing for snow, ice and water runoff, widening the roads, and putting in ditches and culverts in preparation for the upcoming winter.
- Reported most of the Commuter Bus Stop signs are in and the curbs at the stops will be painted on 07/24/19. Reported the bus service route is working very well, according to one of the drivers.
- Reported the crew will be painting the fire hydrant curbs red on 07/24/19.
- Reported the Pine Street project is on schedule.
- Reported a rapid flashing beacon will be installed near Safeway for crossing First Street as a part of the Pine Street project.
- Reported No Parking signs have been installed on Marian Drive and curbs will be painted yellow.
- Mayor McGowan reported he has been getting a lot of compliments on how good the town looks.

Interim Police Chief – Sergeant Kirk Bland:

- Provided a Cle Elum 1st Half 2019 Summary of police responses (January through June).

- Reported there is more traffic in town due to summer activities; Sergeant Bland advised safe driving.
- Reported he has received numerous speeding complaints on Second and Third Streets; the radar trailer has been placed in various places around that area.
- Reported the department is preparing for the Cle Elum Roundup on July 26th and 27th.

Fire Department – Chief Ed Mills:

- Reported he will be implementing a full burn ban at noon on 07/26/19 for Cle Elum and South Cle Elum. No open flames or briquettes will be allowed. Gas and pellet grills are acceptable. An article regarding the burn ban will be in the 07/25/19 issue of the Tribune.

Citizen Comments on Non-agenda Items

None

Public Appearances

Marc Kirkpatrick, Vice President of the Cle Elum Downtown Association on behalf of Debbie Bogart, Executive Director – Cle Elum Downtown Association:

- Provided a short video of the Pioneer Days events and reported the Pioneer Days Committee will be debriefing with the City at a later date:
 - Reported Pioneer Days attendance was 5,000 to 8,000.
 - Reported great sales in the stores.
 - Reported long lines and great sales at restaurants, coffee shops; and food trucks sold out early.
 - Reported Sales in the Pioneer Village were great; Debbie Bogart, Executive Director of the Downtown Association, reported that 80% of the venters are interested in returning in 2020 to help expand this part of Pioneer Days.
- Expressed the appreciation of the Downtown Association for the City’s support, the Chamber, the water fight and everyone’ participation to make the event successful.
- Reported the Design Committee is working on an MOU for the Glondo Pocket Park to insure the park is properly maintained. There are plans for a fountain in the middle, as well as other improvements.
- Reported the Umpqua Pocket Park is still a work in process.
- Recognized Winning Foundations Clinical Skin Care for their \$5,000 beautification grant award which they used for landscaping.
- Recognized the City of Cle Elum for their \$5,000 beautification grant and the \$10,000 Business Façade Improvement Grant, which will be used toward the sign and painting the exterior of City Hall.
- Reported the Downtown Association Organization is focusing on recruiting for Board members and committee chairs.

Business Requiring a Public Hearing

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

- a. **Ordinance No. 1560 – Amending the 2019 Budget:** Robin Newcomb, City Treasurer, presented the Ordinance to Council noting the purpose of the amendment is to increase the budget for the Airport fund, as well as to increase the Water/Sewer fund in order to hire a temporary Public Works employee to read existing meters. *A motion was made by Tom Hastings and*

seconded by Ken Ratliff to approve Ordinance No. 1560 amending the 2019 Budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Kittitas County Solid Waste Programs Competitive Grant – Bryan Nass: Mr. Nass explained the County is attempting to obtain State grant funding to help educate the public with regard to waste reduction, recycling, composting and litter control. As part of the criteria of the grant application, the County must obtain endorsements from local communities; Mr. Nass presented a draft letter of support from the City of Cle Elum to Kittitas County Solid Waste. *A motion was made by Tom Hastings and seconded by Beth Williams to support the Mayor in signing the letter to support Kittitas County in seeking State funding for solid waste recycling customer education. Tom Hastings, John Glondo, Beth Williams and Ken Ratliff voted aye. Steven Harper abstained. The motion passed with a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention.* The updated Solid Waste Plan is currently in review by the Department of Ecology.

c. Discussion: Amend the CEMC Chapter 10.12.070 to include extending Denny Avenue and Marian Drive to the west, as well as adding Bala Drive, in the winter parking requirements: Mike Engelhart, Public Works Director, opened the discussion, advising council the proposed signage will instruct that no parking will be allowed from 4 am until noon for snow removal. The signs will remain in place year-round. Engelhart reported there will be community outreach and Town Hall meetings to inform the public about the changes. There will also be education sessions to help licensed contractors understand the city's expectations regarding privately contracted snow removal. Council agreed to direct staff to amend the ordinance, as suggested, and bring it back to council at a later date. Council member Ratliff suggested changing the City standards to create less density and asked the Mayor to inform the City Planner and City Administrator about these concerns. Council member Hastings also suggested the Police Department issue tickets to individuals who put snow in the streets, blocking emergency vehicles.

Committee Reports

Mayor McGowan asked for Council volunteers for the Pangrazi Committee as the award is due to be announced at the next meeting. Council member Tom Hastings is the only remaining active member of the 3-member committee. Council members Ken Ratliff and Beth Williams volunteered to fill the vacancies on that committee.

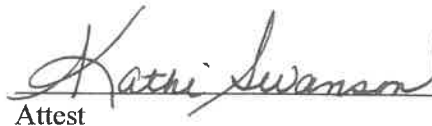
Council discussed skipping the second regular meeting in August.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by John Glondo and seconded by Ken Ratliff to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday August 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.



Mayor



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