

City of Cle Elum
Regular City Council Meeting
October 22, 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 John Glondo, Steven Harper, Mickey Holz and Beth Williams. Tom Hastings, Ruston Weaver and Ken Ratliff were absent. Staff present was City Planner Lucy Temple and City Clerk Kathi Swanson. *A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Mickey Holz to excuse Tom Hastings, Ruston Weaver and Ken Ratliff. The motion was carried unanimously.*

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by John Glondo and seconded by Mickey Holz 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 Mickey Holz to approve the consent agenda as presented; which included the minutes of the 10/08//19 Regular Council Meeting; EFTs in the amount of \$393.05 omitted from 10/08/19 payables; EFTs and Vouchers #41592– 41647 in the amount of \$806,643.87 and 10/16/19 Payroll Vouchers in the amount of \$71,693.63. The motion carried unanimously.

Officer Reports

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

- Absent – No Report

City Planner – Lucy Temple:

- Reported she attended the IACC Conference in Wenatchee with the Mayor, Public Works Director and HLA, City Engineer, where the Tech Team again presented the City's Phase 1 project for the Downtown Revitalization, including testimonial and a description of progress made.
- Reported she has mailed notifications for the Comprehensive Plan Rezone, the Emergency Comp Plan Map Amendment and the 47 Degrees North Bullfrog Flats proposed Development.
- Reported a scoping meeting to discuss the Bullfrog Flats Development Agreement is scheduled for 5:30 on 10/23/19 at the Middle School.

Public Works Director – Mike Engelhart:

- Absent – No Report

Police Chief – Kirk Bland

- Reported the roof project at the Police Station is complete and the contractors are in the process of repairing the siding.
- Reported the promotions process to replace the Corporal and Sergeant positions was held on 10/21/19. Four candidates passed the test and the Civil Service Commission has ratified the scoring. Chief Bland reported Officer Richard Albo will be promoted to the rank of Sergeant and Officer Brad Helgeson will be promoted to the rank of Corporal, effective 11/01/19.

Fire Chief – Ed Mills:

- Reported the Fire Department will conduct a training burn on Saturday 10/26/10.

- Requested that Agenda item 10b be tabled until he can meet with the Fire Department membership for approval of the amended By-Laws.

Citizen Comments on Non-agenda Items

Brandy Lewis: Reported to council she would like to start Warriors Youth Cheerleading, which cannot be school affiliated, but must have an affiliation to a City Parks and Recreation Department or something of that nature. Ms. Lewis is asking for a letter on official City letterhead stating the organization is connected with the City. Mayor McGowan commented staff will discuss with WCIA. *Council member Harper, as a vote of confidence, motioned to accept the proposed letter to be signed by the Mayor. Mickey Holz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Kris Sullivan – 310 Grant Street: Asked the City if a plan has been developed regarding the homeless camp situations and what to do with the trash. *Mayor McGowan commented the City has been in contact with all individuals in question and has assisted in helping them remove their trash. Mayor McGowan further commented the City must be careful with how the individuals are treated as they have rights.*

Kris Sullivan – 310 Grant Street: Reported there has been an increased amount of illegal dumping in the community and provided pictures of dumping sites behind the Dollar Tree and the Horse Park. Reported he has cleaned up several messes. Mr. Sullivan volunteered his time to help clean up illegal dumping sites.

Public Appearances

Madison Ford – Chamber of Commerce Report:

- Reported the Chamber is analyzing their campaign for improvement.
- Reported the Chamber is partnership with CEDA.
- Reported the website traffic has increased by 36% from last year.
- Reported 4,000 people have signed up for the Chamber Newsletter.
- Reported the Chamber is conducting A-B Testing for all platforms to determine how to get the “best bang for the buck”.

Amy McGuffin – CEO - Chamber of Commerce Report:

- Reported the Chamber is working to improve efficiency of the digital marketing.
- Reported the Chamber is working to build a better relationship with the City Council and would like to meet council members one on one.
- Reported the Chamber does not require membership with regard to the Tourism Department.
- Reported economic development has good movement; she has met with the Suncadia Enhancement and Shoemaker Foundation for improved economic development.
- Reported the Chamber is working to better help the businesses of City of Cle Elum.

Debbie Bogart – Executive Director – Cle Elum Downtown Association:

- Reported CEDA had a Fall Retreat with the board for the Mainstreet Organization.
- Reported CEDA has reviewed the 2019 Work Plan, which is required to be designated as a Downtown Organization, which includes 5 core values and 3 strategies.
- Reported CEDA would like to set up work sessions with council to discuss what is developing in the Downtown.
- Reported CEDA will be meeting with the High School Booster Club on 10/25/19 to determine how the downtown can help the football team be more energized and recognized.
- Reported she will talk about the strategies CEDA has, as well as stakeholder review in February.
- Reported Boo Elum, Christmas in Cle Elum on 12/07/19 and a ribbon cutting event for Woodbridge Homes are all upcoming events.

- Reported Deanna Haverfield, Patricia Miller and Amy Casto are new CEDA board members.
- Reported CEDA will be reimbursing the City for the Foundation and Beatification Grant.

Business Requiring Public Hearing

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

- a. **Amendment to the City of Cle Elum and Teamsters Local No. 760 Police Department Collective Bargaining Agreement:** Chief Kirk Bland reported the amendment will make Cle Elum more competitive to Lateral officer applicants. In lieu of signing bonuses, the City would offer continued longevity from the successful certified Lateral applicant’s previous job, once the probation period has been completed. *A motion was made by John Glondo and seconded by Mickey Holz to approve the letter of agreement by and between the City of Cle Elum and Local Union 760 representing the Cle Elum Police Department employees and authorize Mayor McGowan to sign the letter of agreement. The motion carried unanimously.*
- b. **Resolution No. 2019-015 – Adopting Fire Department By-Laws:** *Tabled*
- c. **Resolution No. 2019-016 Designating the Official Newspaper for 08/01/19 to 07/31/20.** Mayor McGowan presented the staff report regarding the bid applications submitted by the Northern Kittitas County Tribune and by the Ellensburg Daily Record as the official newspaper for the City of Cle Elum from 08/01/19 through 07/31/20. *A motion was made by Mickey Holz to approve Resolution No. 2019-016 to approve the Northern Kittitas County Tribune bid and designate the Tribune as the official newspaper for the City of Cle Elum. Beth Williams, John Glondo and Mickey Holz voted aye. Steven Harper abstained. The motion carried.*

Committee Reports

Budget Committee – Preliminary 2020 Budget Discussion: Steven Harper reported the members of the Budget Committee have been reviewing the proposed budget and hope to bring a final draft to council at the next meeting.

Lodging Tax Committee – Steven Harper:


- Reported the LTAC Committee is continue to go through the grading process for the County Lodging Tax. Recommendations will be brought to council after the 11/15/19 final decision.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Mickey Holz to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday November 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.



Mayor



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