

City of Cle Elum
Regular City November 9, 2020

Call to Order – Roll Call of Membership

The Regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor McGowan at 6:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Roll was called. Members present were Mayor McGowan, Matthew Lundh, John Glondo, Ruston Weaver, Steven Harper and Ken Ratliff. Other members present were City Administrator Robert Omans, City Planner Lucy Temple, Public Works Director Mike Engelhart, Police Chief Kirk Bland, Fire Chief Ed Mills, Veolia Water/Sewer Treatment Plants Operator William LaRue, City Attorney Alexandra Kenyon, City Treasurer Robin Newcomb and City Clerk Kathi Swanson. *A motion was made and seconded to excuse the absences of Mickey Holz and Beth Williams. The motion carried unanimously.*

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Matthew Lundh and seconded by Steven Harper to amend the agenda to move Comments on Non-Agenda Items from Agenda Item 6 to Agenda Item 5. The motion carried unanimously.

Announcements – Appointments, Awards and Recognition

Mayor McGowan announced the City and the Upper Kittitas County Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility received a plaque and letter from the Washington State Department of Ecology for the Outstanding Performance Award for 2019. Mayor McGowan thanked William LaRue and his staff for their continued excellent service to the community.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. The consent agenda included the minutes to the 10/26/2020 Regular City Council meeting; the minutes to the 11/02/2020 Special City Council Meeting; 10/30/2020 Payroll EFTs and Vouchers #42820 – 42826 in amount of \$134,119.49; and 11/09/2020 EFTs and Claim Vouchers #42827 – 42875 in the amount of \$129,405.64. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Cindy Gregory, Lisa Hegg, Debbie Bogart, Claire Nicholls and Mary Maletzke:

- Extended their support to the City Council regarding the 12-acres and money for the community center and thanked the council for their hard work.
- Urged the Council to get Suncadia to follow through with their commitment for a community center.
- Commented this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to create a legacy in the form of a place to gather.
- Urged the City to look at the needs of the community center year-round.

Officer Reports

City Administrator, Building Official, Network Administrator – Robert Omans – Reported:

- In October, the Building Department issued 14 building permits, conducted 35 inspections, and collected \$25,288.56 in permit fees. Year to date totals: 83 building permits issued for a total of \$82,681.83 in permit fees.
- Our IT consultant has started the process to convert to Microsoft 365.

City Planner – Lucy Temple - Reported

- There will be a virtual Public Meeting on 11/10/2020 via Zoom to hear from the community regarding the Shoreline Master Program and Critical Areas Ordinance.
- Permits are being submitted, including a review of a new building in the Swiftwater Business Park.
- Anticipated receiving an application package, including Site & Design Review, SEPA Checklist, Floodplain Permit and Height Variance, for the Vertical Bridge wireless

communication facility and final draft lease soon. The new proposed location is on City property near the Oakes Avenue Interchange.

Public Works Director – Mike Engelhart - Reported:

- PSE will be installing the lights between Oakes Avenue and Billings on 11/17 and 11/18.
- Cleaning the shop and putting safety measures in place at the City Shop
- The building has had some internal issues that have been rectified.
- The mechanic, Eric Giandrone, was injured during the process of repairing the building.
- An ADA rapid flashing beacon was installed at the East First Street Crosswalk by the Bakery, Mike's Tavern, Owens Meats and the Gun Shop.
- There was some vandalism to the beacons which is being investigated by the police.
- Bubba Simplot has resigned from the City crew.
- Thanked the City Council for allowing him to complete the GIS system.
- He is waiting to hear from Chad Bala to determine when the rapid flashing beacons will be received for installation on SR 903.

Police Chief – Kirk Bland - Reported:

- The Department has received 3,750 calls for service year to date.
- The Department received 378 calls in October; 70 from Roslyn; 34 from So. Cle Elum.
- There were 5 bookings in 8 non-custodial arrests.

Fire Chief – Ed Mills - Reported:

- The Department had 36 calls in October: 27 EMS, 4 false alarms and 1 structure fire.
- The City mechanic has completed service on all apparatus.

Veolia – William LaRue - Reported:

- Graphs of Water Plant Flows, Run Times, Precipitation, Wastewater Flows and Water Plant versus Wastewater Plant Flows for October 2020 were provided.
- Production in October was down due to colder, wetter weather.
- Winterization has been completed at both facilities.
- Completed the annual electrical readings and thermography scans at both plants.
- Will complete the annual inspection of the Jet Motive pumps this week.
- The water plant lost the Variable Frequency Drive for the recirculation pump. A replacement is on order and the pump should be back up the week of 11/16/2020.
- Starting the 2nd reactor unit at the wastewater plant in anticipation of winter flows.

Business Requiring a Public Hearing

2021 Proposed Budget – Robin Newcomb and Robert Omans: The proposed \$13,699,380 draft budget, which has been reviewed by the Budget Committee, was presented to council. Mayor McGowan opened the meeting for public comment at 6:40. Hearing no comments, the mayor closed the meeting for public comment at 6:41. Council member Lundh recommended putting the budget on-line. The next public hearing on the 2021 budget will be held on 11/23/2020 during the regular city council meeting.

Unfinished Business

a. Continued Discussion of Emergency Declaration Resolution 2020-010: City Attorney Alexandra Kenyon was present and was asked what the ramifications would be to repeal Emergency Declaration Resolution 2020-010. Ms. Kenyon responded she would research the implications of rescinding the emergency proclamation and provide an analysis of her findings.

Executive Session

At 6:47, Mayor McGowan announced the city council will meet in executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the

discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. Mayor McGowan stated the executive session would last for a period of 30 minutes. The council will reconvene at 7:17 and is expected to take action. At 7:17, Mayor McGowan announced the council is extending the executive session for a period of 15 minutes and will reconvene at 7:32. At 7:32, Mayor McGowan announced the council is extending the executive session for another period of 15 minutes and will reconvene at 7:47. At 7:47, the council reconvened their regular session. *A motion was made by Matthew Lundh and seconded by Ruston Weaver to reject New Suncadia LLC's Recreational Parcel Agreement dated October 23, 2020. The motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Ruston Weaver to direct staff to bring a proposal that requires Suncadia to completely satisfy its obligations outlined in Condition 38 within 30 days; if such obligations are not completed within 30 days, the council authorizes the City Attorney to initiate any appropriate enforcement actions to remedy such failure. The motion carried unanimously.*

New Business

a. **Interlocal Agreement between Lake Stevens Sewer District and the City of Cle Elum for the Purchase of Equipment.** Robert Omans and William LaRue reported Lake Stevens Sewer District has a diesel generator with a digital transfer switch, and less than 3 hours of run time, to be used at the Police Department for \$12,248.75. The same equipment would cost \$30K to \$35K from a retail dealer. *A motion was made by Ruston Weaver and seconded by Steven Harper to authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement with the Lake Stevens Sewer District to purchase a diesel generator in the amount of \$12,248.75. The motion carried unanimously.*

b. **Resolution 2020-022 – Surplus Public Works Equipment and/or Supplies.** Mike Engelhart presented the Resolution to Council, noting the items will be auctioned off. *A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Steven Harper to pass Resolution 2020-022. The motion carried unanimously.*

c. **Resolution 2020-023 – Surplus City Hall Equipment.** Robert Omans presented the Resolution to council, noting the items are broken and non-functional and will be destroyed. *A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by John Glondo to approve Resolution 2020-023. The motion carried unanimously.*

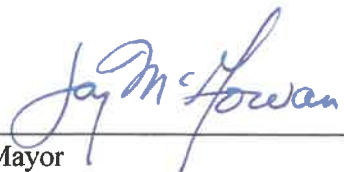
Committee Reports

Fireworks Committee – Matthew Lundh

- Reported the committee met last week to discuss modifying the current fireworks code to make an exception to use them on New Years' Eve and to modify the sales and possession clauses in the current code. The matter will be brought to the next meeting. Matthew Lundh will work with staff to bring the proposed Fireworks Ordinance amendments to the council at the next regular meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:07. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday November 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.



Mayor



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