

City of Cle Elum
Regular City Council Meeting
March 8, 2021

Call to Order – Roll Call of Membership

The Regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor McGowan at 6:03 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Roll was called. Members present were Mayor McGowan, Matthew Lundh, John Glondo, Steven Harper, Beth Williams 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 and City Clerk Kathi Swanson. Ruston Weaver was absent, and Mickey Holz arrived at 6.38. *A motion was made by John Glondo and seconded by Ken Ratliff to excuse Councilmember Weaver and the tardiness of Councilmember Holz. The motion carried unanimously.*

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

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

Announcements, Appointments, Awards & Recognition

- a. Mayor McGowan appointed Mike Engelhart as the Airport Manager.
- b. Mayor McGowan appointed Beth Williams to the Trauma Council.
- c. Mayor McGowan appointed Beth Williams to the Fire Department Oversight Committee.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Beth Williams to approve the consent agenda as presented. The consent agenda included the minutes to the 02/22/2021 Regular City Council meeting; the minutes to the 03/01/2021 Council/Planning Commission Joint Study Session; 03/05/2021 Payroll EFTs and Vouchers #43184 - 43214 in amount of \$239,184.62; 03/22/2021 Claim Vouchers #43215 - 43246 in the amount of \$29,800.19. The motion carried unanimously.

Officer Reports

Mayor Jay McGowan – Reported:

- The City budgeted \$23,000 for Gregg Dohrn's services, of which \$7,182 has been used as follows: Redirect the Planning Department (\$3,000), Forest Ridge project on Columbia Avenue (\$2,451), City Heights Arbitration (\$866) and Forest Practices Act (\$630). A full work sheet outline for other areas Mr. Dohrn will be working on will be provided at a future meeting. Mayor McGowan stated the City has received excellent advice from Mr. Dohrn and is lucky to have him.

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

- One building permit was issued and 21 building inspections were performed in February.
- He will be attending a 3-day on-line training for Fire Code, Energy Code and Commercial Accessibility the week of 03/15/2021.

City Planner – Lucy Temple – Reported:

- Receiving permit applications regularly, most are pre-applications.
- Working to finalize the FEMA grant for the Hanson Ponds bank stabilization project.
- The Planning Commission will host a joint public hearing on 03/16/2021 with the DOE regarding the proposed Shoreline Master Program.
- The Planning Commission will also host a City Public Hearing on 03/16/2021 regarding the Critical Areas Ordinance.

- The Planning Commission meetings are being led, in part, by the 2021 Planning Priorities and the 2021 Planning Commission Work Program

Public Works Director – Mike Engelhart - Reported:

- Crews have been sweeping the streets in the early mornings.
- Crews are conducting preventative sewer jetting maintenance.
- Crew members will be attending trainings, including for cross contaminations specialist.
- Aaron Barr has been appointed as the Public Works Field Supervisor.
- Thanked William LaRue and Veolia for the preventative maintenance at the plants.
- The crew has been performing preventative maintenance on equipment in the absence of Eric Giaudrone, City Mechanic.

Police Chief – Kirk Bland – Reported:

- The Civil Service Commission met to update rules and regulations, which will go into effect immediately. Commissioners are Eric Jensen, Cami Stephenson and Chuck Wallick.
- Officer Flick is now State certified as a firearms instructor.
- Alec Johnson is graduating from the academy on 03/10/2021.

Fire Chief – Ed Mills - Reported:

- The Department had 40 calls in February: 2 fires, 35 aid calls and 3 good intent calls.
- Both aid cars are repaired and back in service.
- Tender 511 is repaired and back in service.
- Thanked William LaRue at the Water Treatment Plant for boosting the water pressure to direct to the Bull Durham Building fire; 315,000 gallons of water were used to extinguish the fire, which was reportedly caused by an electrical problem that go into the attic space.
- There were paging issues to the Department for response to the fire; however, District 7 arrived on scene first and did a great job. The Cle Elum Fire Department did not get called out until 6:30 that morning. The pagers have been tested; 5 new pagers were issued due to the callout failures with this fire. The Chief is confident the paging issue is now under control.

Veolia – William LaRue - Reported:

- Graphs of Water Plant Flows, Run Times, Precipitation, Wastewater Flows and Water Plant versus Wastewater Plant Flows for February 2021 were provided.
- Reported the plant grounds was plowed many times in February due to snow.
- The plant air compressor failed. New pressure switches and an alternator circuit have been installed. A diesel operated air compressor was rented until parts could be obtained.
- Assisted HLA with the Water System Plan update.
- Assisted the Fire Department remotely during the Bull Durham building fire.
- Dealt with higher flows at the Wastewater Plant due to a rain on snow event. LaRue thanked Bill Neuman, Austin Simmons and Mike Lackey for their dedicated efforts during the event.
- Experienced several failures with the operation software at the Wastewater Plant. The software is obsolete and needs to be replaced. The system has been “patched”; however, it must be upgraded before another major event occurs. LaRue will bring a proposal and cost estimates to the Council in the near future.

Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None

Public Appearances – 15 Minute limit

None

Business Requiring a Public Hearing
None

Unfinished Business

a. **Ordinance 1602 – Amending Chapter 15.04 of the CEMC – Building Code:** Robert Omans reported this code is State law and must be followed, as our City Code reflects State Law. If passed, the Ordinance will be published on 03/11/2021 and will take effect on 03/18/2021. *A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Matthew Lundh to approve Ordinance 1602 and adopt it into the City Code. Matthew Lundh, John Glondo, Steven Harper and Beth Williams voted aye, Ken Ratliff voted nay, Mickey Holz did not vote.*

New Business

a. **Progress Estimate No. 7 – First Street Stormwater and Billings Avenue Intersection Improvements – Strider Construction - \$405.00 and Project Acceptance as Complete:** Public Works Director Mike Engelhart reported the project has been inspected and deemed complete. *A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Steven Harper to accept the final project estimate and to accept the project as complete. The motion carried unanimously.*

b. **Update of the Future Park Task Force Plan:** Mayor McGowan reported the plan will entail a review of the Parks and Recreation Plan, as well as priorities of other organizations providing recreation opportunities for the community. The Plan will identify and evaluate alternative development and use scenarios for the 12-acre parcel and recommend preferred alternatives. The Task Force Plan will oversee a draft Master Plan to guide the development and use of the 12-acres and recommend strategies to utilize the dedication of the land and value required improvements to leverage the money to support our Parks and Rec. A complete report will be provided at a later meeting. Mayor McGowan stated the playground equipment project will continue. The Task Force will explain the structure of the plan and who will be involved. Council will not be asked to approve the plan until it is outlined in writing. Council member Harper recommended the Task Force present to Park and Recreation and/or have a joint presentation to the City Council for their review. It would be beneficial to have the Task Force work with the established committee. Mayor McGowan reported the Parks and Recreation Committee will know everything about the process and everybody will have a say; no one will be excluded.

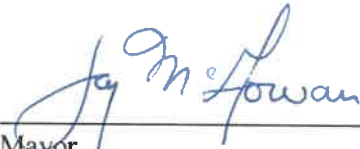
Committee Reports

Legislative Procedures Committee Report – Beth Williams:

- Reported the first 3 Chapters of the new handbook will be sent to the council this coming week and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn.

*A motion was made by Beth Williams to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:59.
The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday March 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.*



Mayor



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