

City of Cle Elum
Special City Council Meeting
May 3, 2021

Call to Order – Roll Call of Membership

The Special Meeting of the Cle Elum City Council was called to order by Mayor McGowan at 5:33 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, Mickey Holz, Beth Williams and Ken Ratliff. Other members present were City Administrator Robert Omans, City Planner Lucy Temple, and City Clerk Kathi Swanson.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

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

New Business

a. Motion authorizing Mayor McGowan to set the date and advertise a public hearing conducted before the City Council on a potential CDBG application for water system improvements: Ben Annen, City Engineer, reported to Council there are funds available from the Department of Commerce which is a State program using Federal funds; and asked the City to consider applying for this grant for the Stafford Avenue corridor. The application due date is 06/02/2021 and there must be a public hearing by no later than 05/24/21 with a minimum of 2 weeks' notice prior to the public hearing. The purpose of the public hearing is to review community development and housing needs, inform citizens of the availability of the funds and eligible uses, and receive comments on proposed activities, particularly from lower income persons and persons residing in the City of Cle Elum. Up to \$900,000 (construction) may be available to the City of Cle Elum on a statewide competitive basis to fund public facility, community facility, economic development and affordable housing projects that principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons. The proposed Stafford Avenue Corridor Improvement can be paired with the watermain repair and restoration of the street. Appropriate notices will be posted on the bulletin board outside of City Hall, and in the newspaper of record (Upper Kittitas County Tribune) on 05/06 and 05/13/2021.

b. Gregg Dohrn: Reported a decision on the Proposed Phase 1 Subdivision North of Sixth Street, including the decision on the 2 requested modifications. The City is coming up against a deadline and needs to take some form of action on the plat and modifications, which include relocating and re-aligning Summit View Road to the East so it will intersect with Reed.. Discussion continues on a series of voluntary agreements; but none are in a form ready to present to City Council. The arbitrator has ruled this is an administrative decision with a 14-day appeal period. Since there has been no public hearing for this project review, the council will have the opportunity to hear matters of appeal directly. The Notice of Decision will explain the appeal process and will be available to the public. If there is no appeal, staff will consider the application with the development Agreement. The council will know prior to the notice of Decision on 05/13/2021. Mr. Dohrn reminded council that, since they will be hearing any appeal of the decision, it is important for them to avoid expressing any opinions about the application to anyone. The City will proceed by the strict Development Agreement as approved by City Council and continue the process to determine how to proceed from this point. .

Motion to Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 pm. The next Regular Council Meeting: Monday May 10, 2021 – 6:00 pm

Jay McGowan
Mayor

Kathi Swanson
Attest