

City of Cle Elum  
Study Session - March 8, 2016

Call to Order - Roll Call of Membership

The Study Session was called to order by Mayor Jay McGowan at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Arthur Scott, Lindsey Ozbolt, Ron Spears, Steven Harper, Mickey Holz, Jodi Larsen and Ken Ratliff. Other members present included City Administrator Rob Omans, City Attorney Alexandra Kenyon and City Clerk Kathi Swanson.

Purpose of the Special Study Session

At the regularly scheduled Council Meeting held on February 23, 2016, Arthur Scott asked to conduct a Study Session in the near future. Council voted to hold the Study Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday March 8, 2016, for the purpose of discussing the Goals of the council for the coming year. The meeting notice was duly published in the 03/03/16 edition of the Northern Kittitas County Tribune.

As an introduction to the workshop, Arthur Scott asked the council to think about what they, as a council, would like to achieve. He encouraged cooperation between the council and City Staff. Kerri Farnum conducted a "Story Board" workshop, asking for each individual council member's list of goals, each printed on a 3" x 5" card.

- Ken Ratliff: Complete the Oakes Avenue Interchange at 1-90  
Swimming Pool (saving the Parks District)  
Downtown Traffic Plan  
Trails  
Storm Drainage, especially in the old part of the community  
Improve Streets and Sidewalks  
Spend time to become familiar with the County's Budget
- Ron Spears: Wye Park Designs (Committee of the Public)  
Fix Potholes in town and maintain streets within the City
- Lindsey Ozbolt: Hire a Planner (Code Enforcement Issues, Comp Plan Update,  
Shoreline Master Plan Program – response to D.O.E.)  
Update downtown and Transportation Plan from 2007 & 2008  
Work with the existing Comp Plan Elements  
Keep the downtown Clean  
Focus on Grants and Grant-writing  
Wye Park – Design work
- Arthur Scott: Set goals that are attainable, specific and accountable (start small)  
Community Development  
Code Enforcement  
Beautification  
Budget Process -line item - Budget Specific efforts
- (Arthur Scott, cont.) Grant Application to connect WYE Park with South Cle  
Elum and Trails.  
One more Police Officer

- Jay McGowan: *Advised the council that the Mainstreet Group is already working on traffic, storm drains, cleanup, Dog Park. Jim Leonhard, Public Works Director, is applying for grants for **the walkway** to South Cle Elum. He suggested the members of the council work **with** the Mainstreet group to continue trying to achieve their goals. The Mainstreet Group has funding sources.*
- More Police
  - Storm Drains
  - Address the flooding at the WYE Park, Crystal Creek and Trail systems; work with the County Flood District and the local jurisdictions for Flood Assessment and Control; work towards that goal for the Comprehensive Plan
  - Bathrooms on Mains Street
  - New Planner (Top Priority)
  - Find money in the budget for street improvements
  - Better security for City Hall Staff
  - Complete an official boat ramp at the South Cle Elum River access
  - Dog Park
- Mickey Holz: WYE Park - Study the Plan and follow up with a commitment  
Fence around the Football Field on East Third Street  
Airport Signage  
*(Art Scott asked **if** any of these projects could be completed by a community group)*
- Jodi Larsen: Better introduction to new Council Members, including a Welcome Packet detailing what the council has been reviewing in the past 6 - 12 months.  
Develop the Fire Department Oversight Committee (High Priority)  
Road Improvements  
Crosswalk enhancement  
Committees - Council: Reassignments of existing committees  
New flag pole at Flag Pole Park
- Steven Harper: Establish better dialogue between Cle Elum and other cities, including Suncadia (i.e. Port District) - not necessarily COG  
Airport Construction  
There are trees in Cle Elum that need to be maintained  
Annex the School property  
Annex Suncadia

Administrator Rob Omans asked council where funding would be obtained to move forward with the goals set. (Taxes, levies, grants, budget cuts?) Arthur Scott suggested reallocation of monies within the existing budget.

The Study session adjourned at 6:50 p.m.