

City of Cle Elum
Regular City Council Meeting
April 12, 2016

Call to Order - Roll Call of Membership

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jay McGowan at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present were Arthur Scott, Lindsey Ozbolt, Ron Spears, Steven Harper, Mickey Holz and Jodi Larsen. Ken Ratliff was absent. *Ken Ratliff was excused by the Mayor.* Other members present were City Administrator Robert Omans and City Clerk Kathi Swanson.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Jodi Larsen and seconded by Lindsey Ozbolt to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Announcements Appointments, Awards and Recognition

Mayor McGowan announced he will make appointments to the Library Board, Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission at the April 26th regular meeting.

Consent Agenda

*A motion was made by Lindsey Ozbolt and seconded by Arthur Scott to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, **which** includes the minutes o/the March 22, 2016 City Council Meeting; the minutes to the April 1, 2016 Special Council Meeting; and vouchers and checks numbered 037195 through 037241 in the amount 0/\$293,777.83. Steven Harper asked to amend the motion to correct the minutes to the Special Meeting held on April 1, 2016 as follows: (Fourth paragraph) from "Harper stated that this is a stepping stone to help the airport become a high enough rated facility so that the DNR can launch from Cle Elum instead of Salmon La Sac for fire season emergencies in the future to get over the hill" to "Harper stated that this is a stepping stone to help the airport become a high enough rated facility so that the DNR can pay for this use. The Helipads are so that the helicopters can launch from Cle Elum instead of Salmon La Sac for emergencies in the future to get over the hill" A motion was made by Lindsey Ozbolt to amend her original motion to approve the consent agenda to allow Steven Harper to work with the City Clerk to correctly identify (Harper's) statement/rom minutes to the April 1, 2016 Special Meeting. Arthur Scott withdrew his original second. Steven Harper seconded Lindsey Ozbolt's amended motion. Motion carried.*

Officer Reports

City Administrator Rob Omans:

- Reported he is continuing his work on airport documents to get the airport parking apron project going. The plan specifications will be 90% completed by the end of April. The Airport project will go out to bid on May 25, 2016.
- Reported he is starting to work on finalizing the Shoreline Master Plan document. The City has signed a contract with Perteet (a planning consultant firm) to see the plan to finalization. He is working with Perteet to keep the consultant fees down (under \$2,000.00). Currently the City has received and responded to the Department of Ecology comments. Some of the comments concerned the new wetland requirements from 201 5 which will need to be incorporated in the final SMP.

- Reported he has been gathering job descriptions with regard to the Planner position.

Building Official

- Reported he attended a week long training put on by WABO on the new building codes, as well as a Short Course on Local Planning in Vancouver put on by the AWC.
- Reported he has met with several people regarding building projects, including a new wholesale cabinet shop that is proposed for the Swiftwater Business Park location in Cle Elum. *(Art Scali asked for an explanation of the cabinet shop. Rob Omans responded that a company from the West Side of the state is proposing a 30,000 square foot building in Cle Elum, which will provide some jobs)*

Network Administrator:

- Reported the City replaced three computers at the library with a grant provided by the Friends of the Library. Staff was able to put together one computer out of the three old computers, to be used for a card catalog kiosk.
- Reported negotiations are progressing with the Noel Communication franchise to supply High Speed Internet. He will be meeting with the Finance Committee after this meeting to finalize the finances for that project. High speed internet will connect the Police Department, Public Works, Library, City Park, City Hall, Fire Department, Courthouse and the City Shop.

Steven Harper asked what progress has been made with offsite back-up and if there is a contingency plan in place for protection until the off-site back-up is in place. Robert Omans responded that he is working on the project.

Public Works Director Jim Leonhard:

- No Report

Treasurer's Report

- No Report

Police Chief Scott Ferguson:

- Reported an increase in calls for service, probably due to the warmer weather.
- Reported complaints about sidewalks and speeding issues as a result of the increased traffic flow due to the freeway on/off ramp closures.
- Reported that the Police Department is watching the increase in traffic due to the freeway on/off ramp closures; however there have not been many problems other than some speeding complaints and pedestrian issues. The mobile speed detector has been placed on East First Street. The Police Department has received complaints that the freeway is not marked properly. The City and the Department of Transportation have worked together to resolve the problem. *Mayor McGowan added that the City and Police Department will continue to monitor the traffic and deal with issues as they arise.*

Fire Chief Dave Campbell:

- Reported 1 Citizen Complaint, 1 dispatched call cancelled en route, 17 EMS incidents, 3 false alarms/calls, 1 fire (other) call, 1 EMS rescue, 1 smoke/odor problem and 1 structure fire in March.
- Reported 1 EMS incident and 2 Fire (other) calls to date in April.
- Reported EMT classes will be held in May at the Fire Department Station I. Ray Risdon and Rick Graham will be assisting with training for those classes.
- Reported upcoming training for compliance in the form of a practice house burn in May.

Veolia - Tom Hastings

- Reported 46.366 million gallons, of flow at the Wastewater plant in March.
- Reported 23.813 million gallons of flow in March at the Water Treatment Plant.
- Reported the 3'd filter bed project is not quite finished, although it is going well.
- Reported they have started using new chemicals that will work better.
- Reported Suncadia has started their irrigation pumps for the summer season.
- Reported they have been running off the well field since April 8, 2016.
- Reported the contracts for the 3,d filter bed will close soon.

Citizen Comments on non-agenda items

- Kelli Connor-8511 Teanaway Road: Publicly thanked Robert Omans for the job he is doing for the City; encouraging businesses to come to Cle Elum. Ms. Connor commented that a Yakima news station reported the City of Tieton had lost the last of their two restaurants because they focused on tourism and not economic development. Ms. Connor commented that the Upper County Port District needs to be on the ballot, as it would bring increased economic development to the area. Ms. Connor suggested the City should look into ways to encourage the owners of empty buildings to try to make them more appealing. Ms. Connor suggested the possibility of imposing a monetary fine for buildings that have remained vacant for a long period of time as an incentive to improve business.

Public Hearings

None

Public Appearances

a. Horse Park - Leslie Thurston: Ms. Thurston provided a power point presentation on the five-year progress of the Horse Park, which has a large membership, that is from the Cle Elum area. The Horse Park Association received a \$3.5 million dollar grant from the State of Washington in 2007, as well as County/City lodging tax grants and Distressed Sales Tax grants for bleachers and a covered arena. They have also received thousands of dollars in donations. They receive good support from local businesses, but would like to obtain national business support. The Horse Park receives a lot of volunteer help, which they rely on to keep the Horse Park running. Ms. Thurston thanked the City Staff for the support and assistance they have provided; specifically the Fire Department, Police Department, Public Works and Administrative staff. Ms. Thurston is involved with the Chamber of Commerce and the Cle Elum Roundup Committee. She is also working with the Downtown Association to try to help address the issues of the empty storefronts in the downtown core. The Horse Park hosts many Community Service events at little or no cost.

b. Susie Weis - Pioneer Days and Community All Call for the Wye Park: Ms. Weis reported to the Council that she has located a spot for a stage at the WYE Park, which will require \$4,000.00 to \$7,000.00 to repair. She would like the location to look like an amphitheater and would like the City to work on beautification of the Park. Ms. Weis stated the Pioneer Days Committee would like to get together with the Horse Park to coordinate events for the Fourth of July celebration. The Pioneer Days Committee is looking for a veteran to be the Parade Marshall in Saturday's Parade. Ms. Weis reported that the Saturday parade will start at the east end of the parade route and progress west, ending at the Wye Park, where the vendors will be set up on the road. Parking will be on the South Side of Railroad Street. Railroad Street and the WYE Park will be closed from

Friday, July 1st through Monday, July 4th. There will be a Queen's Tea at the Carpenter House; events held in Roslyn include the Roslyn Fire Department Fund Raiser; the Heritage Festival and an Open House will be in Ronald; the Cle Elum Fire Department will sponsor their annual Breakfast. Ms. Weis stated she is working towards showcasing the entire area. The Street Fair has been opened up for non-profits. A vendor booth for a non-profit organization will cost \$25.00 for the 4-day weekend. The Wye Park will provide a lot of space for vendors for the Street Fair, which will be located on the road, not in the Park itself. One of the Sunday events is being called the Revival Day, with many local musicians being invited to the goal being a very diverse musical celebration. The Pioneer Days Committee is using the old-fashioned logo, which has not been used in recent years. Monday's primary event will be the Family Picnic. Ms. Weis has received many donations for flowers for the Wye Park. Ms. Weis has set a community beautification day, which will include the Carpenter Museum, the WYE Park and the Roslyn Riders arena.

New Business

Ordinances and Resolutions

None

A. Third Filter Bed - Pay Estimate #5 - \$44,598.31: Robert Omans presented the Pay Estimate as provided by HLA Engineering and Landscaping, Inc. and asked for approval to pay. *A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Ron Spears to authorize payment in the amount of \$44,598.31 for **the Third Filter Bed Project Pay Estimate #5.** Motion carried.*

Committee Reports


None

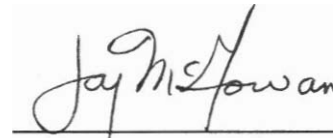
Council Members Comments & Concerns

- Arthur Scott: Stated he is pleased with the progress of the Study Sessions in setting goals of the council for the year ahead
- Steven Harper: Reported the Cemetery Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 to discuss improvements to the cemetery and possible ordinance updates.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

*A motion was made by Arthur Scott and seconded by Lindsey Ozbolt to adjourn **the meeting at 8:06 pm.** Motion Carried. The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday April 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.*


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 _____ Mayor