

City of Cle Elum
Study Session - April 12, 2016

CaD to Order - RoD CaD 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 and Jodi Larsen. Other members present included City Administrator Rob Omans, City Treasurer Lindsey Vaughn and City Clerk Kathi Swanson.

Purpose of the Special Study Session

Continued discussion to discuss Goals of the Council for the coming year. The meeting notice was duly published in the 04/07/16 edition of the Northern Kittitas County Tribune.

Arthur Scott suggested adopting a work agenda for the upcoming one to two years to focus on the high priority issues the council would like to get done. Those agenda items should be broken down to a point where one or two items can be discussed at each City Council meeting as committee reports. Lindsey Ozbolt cautioned to keep these agenda items simple. Robert Omans also commented that it is important that each council member knows what their individual responsibility is for completion of each goal.

The following items have been deemed high priority:

Jodi Larsen - Fire Department Oversight Committee: Reported she had reached out to the community members who are interested in helping. Some questions that she was asked is what exactly does the oversight committee actually oversee? She would like definite parameters put in place to establish what needs to be done; then she can form a committee of 3 to 5 persons, including non-council members. Lindsey Ozbolt suggested putting the committee under Public Safety. Ron Spears commented that one to two civilians and one Fire Department Representative (association member, not the Fire Chief) should be included on the Oversight Committee. Ron Spears also said that Jodi Larsen should be responsible for establishing what the Oversight Committee does and include the Public Safety Committee. Jodi Larsen asked when the levy money would be received; Treasurer Lindsey Vaughn responded that May and June is when the money is received by the City. Jodi Larsen will meet with the Public Safety committee, establish the parameters and bring to Council; who will assist in choosing the Fire Department Oversight Committee.

Lindsey Ozbolt - Planning/UGA Oversight Committee: The Council will discuss the examples of the job description Lindsey Ozbolt has put together. The position opening for the Planner will be published as soon as possible in local newspapers, as well as with the American Planning Association and the Planning Association of Washington. Interviews will be set for a target date at the end of May or early June; with the hire date set for July 1, 2016.

Arthur Scott - Downtown Cleanup: Arthur Scott will take the lead on this committee and work with Jim Leonhard and his crew to help. Amy McGuffin with the Chamber of

Commerce has ongoing plans for cleanup dates. Arthur Scott would like to involve the Parks and Recreations Committee (Ron Spears and Steven Harper). Mayor McGowan will work with the City Crew. The Mainstreet Group is also working on cleanup days throughout the summer.

Robert Omans: Downtown Bathroom Remodel: Robert Omans is obtaining bids from contractors. Mayor McGowan would like to have the remodel done before the 4th of July. There is approximately \$35,000.00 available through the Distressed Sales Tax (.09). Mayor McGowan will contact Kathy Jurgens of Kittitas County and will attend the Mainstreet meeting at 12:00 noon on April 21, 2016.

Jay McGowan - Wye Park: Mayor McGowan is currently working with the Coal Mines Trail Commission regarding a Crystal Creek Assessment of the flooding issue. The Coal Mines Trail Commission is hosting a meeting on May 2, 2016, which also will involve representatives from the Rat Pack, Roslyn Urban Forest, Sapphire Skies, Pat Deneen, South Cle Elum, Nature Conservancy and Suncadia. As a group, the intention is to apply for grant money to upgrade and include all trails in the Upper County as an Upper County Trail System. This Management Plan will include addressing the flooding issues of Crystal Creek and the Coal Mines Trail and the WYE Park Design. Lindsey Ozbolt suggested including Amy McGuffin. Mayor McGowan will report the progress at the May 10, 2016 Study Session and Regular Council Meeting. Mayor McGowan reported that the City is putting in a sprinkler system at the WYE. Lindsey Ozbolt cautioned that it will be necessary to insure that cars (Pioneer Days Vendors) do not drive over the sprinkler system.

Ken Ratliff - Oakes Avenue Interchange Completion.

City Planner - Grants and Completion of the Comp Plan Amendment

Addition of a police officer.

The following items have been determined to be medium priority:

Storm drains

Downtown Traffic Plan/Transportation

Dog Park - Mayor McGowan will take the lead, along with the Parks and Recreation Committee, with the intent to have the Dog Park completed within 3 to 6 months. He will have a report soon.

Modernize the Cemetery: This is currently in process. The Cemetery Committee will be meeting within the next 1 to 3 months.

Staff was directed to publish the next Study Session for May 10, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

The Study Session adjourned at 6:55