

City of Cle Elum
Regular City Council Meeting
September 27, 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 Tom Hastings, Ron Spears, Steven Harper, Mickey Holz, Christine Simpson and Ken Ratliff. Other members present were City Attorney Mike Kenyon and City Clerk Kathi Swanson.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Ken Ratliff to approve the agenda with the addition of an executive session at the end of the meeting, with no action expected. Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements – Appointments, Awards and Recognition

None

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Ken Ratliff to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, which included the meeting minutes of the September 13, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting; vouchers and checks numbered 37710 through 37753 in the amount of \$271,387.87 for the September 27, 2016 voucher run; voided check #037656 (printed in error – no payment); payroll vouchers in the amount of \$59,281.39 for the September 1 - 15, 2016 pay period. Motion carried unanimously.

Officer Reports

City Administration – Robert Omans:

- No Report

Building Official – Robert Omans:

- No Report

Network Administrator: Robert Omans:

- No Report

Public Works Director – Jim Leonhard:

- No Report

Police Report – Chief Scott Ferguson:

- Announced the position of Records Tech/Administrative Assistant has been filled by Katie Heller, who is currently going through the required training for the position. Chief Ferguson recognized Cheryl Montgomery for all of her hard work during the time she did not have a Records Tech to assist her.

Fire Department Report – Rick Graham:

- Reported 37 calls in September 2016, consisting of 6 fires, 31 EMS calls, including 2 transports to KVH to assist Hospital District #2, and 4 ride-alongs to assist with transports to hospitals on the west side of the mountains.
- Reported the bunker gear made possible by grant money has been ordered and should be received in late December. Duty gear has also been ordered and should arrive something in November.

Citizen Comments on Non-agenda Items

None

Public Appearances

Amy McGuffin – Director of Tourism - Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce

- Reported the visitor center is open Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm and is staffed by two part-time retirees. The center is currently on task with 3400 people stopping in so far during 2016. Volunteers track the top topics that people are interested in when they go to the Visitor's center.
- Reported brochure racks are located at Mac-A-Bees, City Hall, the City public restrooms and the Horse Park. More racks are available to any interested business owner.
- Reported 8300 page views on the discovercleelum.com website, including 3500 new views and 1,000 return visitors, with an average of 2 minutes, 20 seconds per view. The top visited pages on the website are dining and restaurants.
- Reported the Chamber purchased ad space on W.S.D.O.T to direct mobile users off of I-90 during the construction.
- Reported the Chamber sponsored a photo contest on the website; which has produced 596 entries. Two winners won T-shirts.
- Reported the Tourism Committee will be sponsoring the Christmas in Cle Elum event on the first Saturday in December this year. *(Chief Ferguson asked that the Police Department be kept informed with regard to the parade event).*
- Reported working with Howard Briggs, who is active in trails, snowmobiling and recreation. The Chamber will apply for the consolidated group to provide a Historic Tour in Cle Elum, Roslyn, Ronald and the Coal Mines Trail. The goal is to expand the Historic Tour County-wide and the Chamber will partner with the Ellensburg Historic Museum walking tour.
- Requested that the Council and Budget Committee meet in October to review the Chamber contract in October
- Reminded the Council that the deadline for the consolidated lodging tax application process is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 30, 2016. The committee must review the applications and turn in their responses by November 11, 2016. The Lodging Tax public process meeting is on November 18 and there should be three representatives from each municipality.

Paul Jewell – Kittitas County Commissioner (with Kathleen Horner):

- Provided a power point presentation of the Kittitas County Tourism Infrastructure Plan and Program adopted by the County Commissioners earlier in the year. The presentation included the tourism related Large Scale Municipality Owned Capital Improvements Projects Grant Application and Program.

Gene Morgan – Cannabis Retail:

- Reported the store opened on Wednesday September 21st. There has been no advertising at this point. He has received comments from 25 to 30 customers praising the City for changing the ordinance to allow the sale of cannabis.
- Reported the store has produced approximately \$3,000.00 in tax revenues.
- Reported no minors have attempted to enter the store; all customers' identification is scanned verify validity.
- Thanked the Council for the opportunity to open his store and invited them to come to the store to look at it.

For the record, Tom Hastings stated he is against the sale of Cannabis in Cle Elum.

Business Requiring Public Hearings

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business**a. Addition of the Skinner-Kinney Building to the Local Historic Register:**

Mayor McGowan presented the staff report to the council requesting approval of the nomination of the old Jamie's Depot building, located at 110 East First Street, to the Local Historic Register. *A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Mickey Holz to approve the nomination of the Skinner-Kinney Building to the Local Register of Historic Places. Motion carried unanimously.*

b. Pangrazi Award: Councilman Ron Spears reported the Pangrazi Committee has met and unanimously selected Helga Johnson to receive the Pangrazi Award. *A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Christine Simpson to award the Judge Paul P. Pangrazi Award to Helga Johnson for the year 2016. Motion carried unanimously.* The award will be presented to Ms. Johnson at the next council meeting.

c. Final Payment Approval to Kittitas County Public Works – TIB Chip Seal Project - \$79,348.89. *A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Ken Ratliff to accept the project as complete and to authorize payment in the amount of \$79,348.89 to Kittitas County Public Works. Motion carried unanimously.*

Ordinances and Resolutions

None

Committee Reports


None

Council Members Comments & Concerns


Councilperson Simpson stated she had concerns to read out loud unless the council would rather have those concerns read in the executive session. After further discussion, council determined to discuss Simpson's concerns in the executive session with the option of discussing it at the public session of the meeting. The mayor announced at 8:20 that the council would go into executive session for 30 minutes. No action will be taken after the close of the executive session. Members of the audience were instructed to leave the room but informed they could return after the Executive Session. Attorney Mike Kenyon announced the City Clerk also left the room. The meeting was reconvened after the executive session at 9:10. For the record, Attorney Kenyon announced he extended the Executive Session at 8:50 for an additional 20 minutes.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Steven Harper to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday October 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.



Mayor



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