

City of Cle Elum  
Regular City Council Meeting  
January 10, 2017

**Call to Order – Roll Call of Membership**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McGowan at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Other members present were Steven Harper and Mickey Holz. Members absent were Tom Hastings, Burt Okitsu, Ron Spears, Christine Simpson and Ken Ratliff. Other members present were City Administrator Robert Omans, City Planner Lucy Temple and City Clerk Kathi Swanson. **There was no quorum.** *Mayor McGowan announced that Ken Ratliff had notified the City of his absence on 01/06/17, as he would be out of town. His absence was excused. Steven Harper noted that Ron Spears, Christine Simpson and Tom Hastings had each contacted City Hall earlier on 01/10/17 to inform staff they were ill.*

**Approval of the Meeting Agenda**

As there was no quorum, no action was taken to approve the minutes to the 12/13/16 Council Meeting or the 12/19/16 Special Meeting. **Mayor McGowan stated the bills would be paid, as the Finance Committee had reviewed them and signed the Voucher Approval. Vouchers numbered 38033 through 38064 in the amount of \$93,923.05 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 Council meeting, and Vouchers numbered 38098 through 38104 in the amount of \$142,573.49 for the 01/10/17 Council meeting will be mailed out to vendors on 01/11/17.**

**Announcements – Appointments, Awards and Recognition**

- a. *Mayor McGowan announced the resignation of Council member Burt Okitsu due to personal reasons.*
- b. *Mayor McGowan announced he would have officially appointed Fred Benjamin, Gary Berndt and Ken Ratliff to the Fire Department Oversight Committee if there had been a quorum. Those members were introduced to the public; the official appointment will take place at the 01/24/17 regular City Council Meeting.*
- c. *Mayor McGowan introduced the Ed Mills as the New Fire Department Chief to the public and stated he would make the official announcement naming all of the officers at the 01/24/17 regular City Council Meeting.*

**Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda was not approved due to the lack of a quorum.

**Officer Reports**

**City Administration – Robert Omans:**

- Reported the City has received Statements of Qualifications from HLA and Perteet for the City Engineer. Staff brought the SOQ's before the Planning Commission, who recommended the City conduct interviews with both companies. Interviews have been set up for 01/11/17 at 9:00 a.m. and Friday at 11:00 a.m. Omans asked if anyone on the Council would like to be on the interviewing panel, and, if so, to contact him at the end of the meeting. Once the interviews have been completed, the results will be brought back to the Planning Commission for a recommendation to City Council for consideration at the 01/24/17 meeting.
- Reported TIB rejected the chip seal project and ADA transition plan for the Complete Street Work Plan, asking Cities to concentrate mostly on projects that will

promote pedestrian/bicycle safety. The City has refocused attention to those types of projects and plans to improve the pedestrian crossing at West Second Street and Stafford Avenue; install a flashing pedestrian crossing sign at Denny Avenue; and develop a pedestrian and bicycle plan.

- Reminded members of the Council and the public that Monday 01/16/17 is a holiday and City Hall will be closed.

**Building Official – Robert Omans:**

- Reported 70 building permits issued in 2016; about the same as 2015. However, the permit fees totaled over \$67,000.00 in 2016; nearly double that of 2015. One half of the \$67,000.00 permitting fees came from commercial projects. Omans projected the City will probably issue the same amount of permits in 2017, though fees will be slightly less due to more residential projects in 2017.

**Network Administrator: Robert Omans:**

- No Report

**Public Works Director – Jim Leonhard:**

- No Report

**Police Report – Chief Scott Ferguson:**

- No Report

**Fire Department Report:**

- No Report

**Veolia – William LaRue:**

- Reported closing out the 2016 files and opening files for 2017
- Reported the second SBR (Sequencing Batch Reactor) for treatment is on line and operational at the Waste Water Treatment Plant
- Reported he will provide 2016 annual flow charts and monthly flow reports for both facilities for 2017 at the 02/08/17 meeting.
- Reported the Noel Communications fiber install is complete at the Water Treatment Plant

**Citizen Comments on Non-agenda Items**

**Ken Toczek:** Reported he is concerned about the traffic lights in Cle Elum not functioning properly. Specifically, the light at the intersection of West First Street and Oakes Avenue stays red on the north/south side. Also, east/west bound traffic lights are not synchronized; often causing bottlenecks at the same intersection. *Robert Omans explained the Washington D.O.T. manages the lights; however, he would ask Public Works Director Jim Leonhard to look into the issue.*

**Gary Berndt:** Asked if donations are still being accepted for the Albo Family, whose house burned on 01/03/17. *Mayor McGowan stated donations are still being accepted.*

**Todd Tressler:** Announced he is interested in applying for the open Council position.

**Public Appearances**

None

**Business Requiring Public Hearings**

None

**Unfinished Business**

- a. **Resolution No. 22016-014 – Hospital District No. 2 Agreement Re: Cle Elum Fire Station:** No discussion, due to not having a quorum. Mayor McGowan thanked Floyd Rogalski and Julie Peterson for attending the meeting; however, with no quorum,

no action can be taken. Mayor McGowan asked that they return for the 01/24/17 meeting, which will include Resolution No. 2016-014 on the agenda.

**New Business**

- a. **Appointment of New Fire Department Officers:** No discussion, due to not having a quorum. Mayor McGowan announced he could not officially make the appointments of the new fire department officers. Mayor McGowan stated the appointments will be brought back before the Council on the 01/24/17 Agenda.
- b. **Public Officials Training – Robert Omans:** Omans announced WCIA will sponsor a Public Officials Training Session at City Hall on 01/31/17. The training costs \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00, however the City will only be required to pay half of the full amount. The session will be published as an Open Public Meeting Study Session in the newspaper of record. Omans asked the Council to contact him with any questions or subjects that may be vital to the tasks they are required to perform. The public will be invited, as well as all City related commissions.

**Committee Reports**

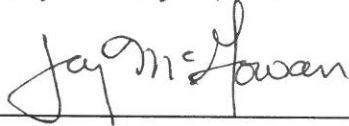
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**Council Members Comments & Concerns**

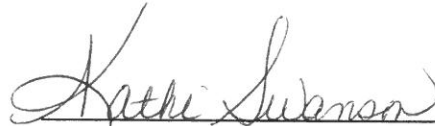
- Steven Harper expressed his concerns for the citizens of the community who are currently experiencing frozen pipes.
- Steven Harper expressed his concerns about publicity regarding the resignation of Burt Okitsu and recommended that people speak to Mr. Okitsu personally concerning questions people may have rather than start rumors.
- Mayor McGowan thanked everyone for attending the meeting and made the City's apologies for the lack of a quorum.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

*The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday January 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.*



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