

City of Cle Elum  
Regular City Council Meeting  
July 11, 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 Tom Hastings, John Glondo, Ron Spears, Steven Harper, Mickey Holz, Christine Simpson and Ken Ratliff. Staff present was City Administrator Robert Omans and City Clerk Kathi Swanson.

**Approval of the Meeting Agenda**

*A motion was made by John Glondo and seconded by Steven Harper to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Announcements – Appointments, Awards and Recognition**

None

**Consent Agenda**

*A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by John Glondo to accept the consent agenda as written; which included the minutes of the 06/27/17 Regular Council Meeting; vouchers and checks #38671 through #38724 in the amount of \$118,663.87; and June 30, 2017 payroll vouchers in the amount of \$100,331.60. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Officer Reports**

**City Administration – Robert Omans:**

- Reported receiving 6 applications for the open Treasurer position; interviews will be set up in the near future.
- Reported 1 person applied for the open Temporary Maintenance Worker and will be starting to work on 07/17/17.

**Building Official – Robert Omans:**

- No Report

**Network Administrator: Robert Omans:**

- No Report

**Lucy Temple – City Planner:**

- No Report

**Public Works Director – Robert Omans for Jim Leonhard:**

- Reported a contract has been signed with a contractor to repair the potholes that have been specifically marked.

**Police Report – Chief Scott Ferguson:**

- Reported the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday went well with minimal issues and credited the Kittitas County Reserve Officers and the Kittitas County Citizen Patrol, who assisted with the parade.
- Reported only a few issues with personal fireworks over the holiday, which officers were able to easily respond to.

**Fire Department Report – Chief Ed Mills:**

- Reported 42 calls for the month of June, including 1 structure fire, 1 cooking fire at a local restaurant, a grass fire and 34 aid calls, including 2 vehicle accidents.
- Reported receiving no 4<sup>th</sup> of July related calls.
- Reported the Pioneer Days Breakfast had a very good turnout; proceeds are used to support the Fire Department.
- Reported hose testing and ladder stress tests, required annually, will begin on 07/12/17.
- Reported a Burn Ban, prohibiting open flames of any kind and the use of charcoal briquettes, will be in effect beginning at noon on 07/12/17. Propane grills and barbecues will be allowed; propane ornamental fires are acceptable as long as they are in a contained structure.
- Reported the City and the Fire Department are continuing to work on the contract with South Cle Elum.

**Veolia – William LaRue:**

- Mr. LaRue was not in attendance; however provided graphs of Water Plant Flows and Run Times, Wastewater Plant Flows, Precipitation and Water versus Wastewater Plant Flows for the month of June.

**Citizen Comments on Non-agenda Items**

**Keith Moon – 803 East First:**

- Asked why the intermodal truck parking at the Price Chopper Parking lot is being allowed, noting there are no economic benefits to allowing trucks in town. Mr. Moon also commented that a chain link fence should be required around the parking area and the trucking company using the property should be made to clean the street on a daily basis. Mr. Moon also noted trucks should not be allowed on Highway 903.

**Paul Brice – Happy Trees – 407 East First:**

- Reported he would like to relocate his marijuana retail business from the downtown area to a location closer to the freeway and asked council to consider a rezone to allow for this relocation.

**Helga Johnson – South Cle Elum:**

- Commented there were no Port-a-Potties at the Kiwanis Fishing Ponds for the Pioneer Days Fishing Derby, and suggested Port-a-Potties should be available all summer long. *Mayor McGowan stated the City Staff will try to find a way to keep Port-a-Potties from being vandalized when they are placed at Park locations.* Ms. Johnson asked what the status is on the lighting for the Mural on South Cle Elum Way. *Robert Omans responded the light that was ordered was not suitable and asked for any suggestions council may have.* Council member Simpson offered to provide the name of a lighting company.

**Public Appearances**

None

**Business Requiring Public Hearings**

None

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Ordinances and Resolutions**

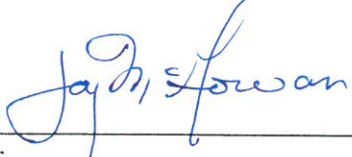
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**Committee Reports**

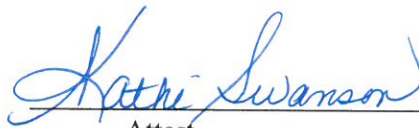
- a. **Utilities Committee:** Council Members Hastings reported staff has been advised on how to respond to the request made by Randy Bailey to re-evaluate the fines and fees he was billed for a meter he damaged during the frozen water line event in January and February of 2017.
- b. **Event Committee:** John Glondo reported receiving an event application for the Mouse-About in August and asked the Event Committee to set a time and date to review the application.
- c. Council member Harper reported the Lodging Tax Application Committee would like to recommend that Council member Simpson be replaced by another Council member as she will not be available in October 2017, at which time 2018 Lodging Tax Applications must be reviewed.
- d. Mayor McGowan reported he, Robert Omans and John Glondo reviewed 6 applications for .09 grant money on 07/1/17.

**Motion to Adjourn**

*A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Mickey Holz to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday July 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.*



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Mayor



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