

City of Cle Elum
Regular City Council Meeting
March 27, 2018

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. Members present were Tom Hastings, John Glondo, Ron Spears, Steven Harper, Beth Williams and Ken Ratliff. Mickey Holz was absent. *A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Ken Ratliff to excuse Mickey Holz. The motion carried unanimously.* Staff present was City Clerk Kathi Swanson.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Ken Ratliff to amend the agenda to add Jerry Martens to the agenda under Public Appearances to discuss the re-placement of County facilities within the City limits and to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Announcements – Appointments, Awards and Recognition

None

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Ron Spears to accept the consent agenda as presented; which included the minutes of the 03/13/18 Regular Council Meeting; Vouchers and Checks numbered 39677 through 39709 in the amount of \$159,623.81; and Payroll Vouchers for 03/16/18 in the amount of \$61,827.78. The motion carried unanimously.

Officer Reports

City Administration – Robert Omans:

- Absent – Excused – No Report

Building Official – Robert Omans:

- Absent – Excused - No Report

Network Administrator: Robert Omans:

- Absent – Excused - No Report

Planner – Lucy Temple

- Absent – Excused – No Report

Public Works Director – Jim Leonhard:

- Absent – Excused – No Report

Police Chief - Scott Ferguson):

- Reported oral boards were held for the open Lateral Police Position, the top applicant has been identified and the polygraph, psychological and background checks will be completed within the next 2 weeks. Once that process is complete, the Department will move towards hiring the selected individual.

Fire Chief – Ed Mills:

- Reported the Department has added 3 new probationary members, bringing the roster to 49 members with 15 probationary members
- Reported the Department is setting up for pump testing for mid-May or early June.
- Reported the Fireman’s Ball will be held on 04/14/18 at the Cle Elum Eagles, at which time members who have met certain goals will receive awards. Dinner and dancing will follow the awards ceremony.
- Reported the Department has set up for a wildland practice burn in Thorp to prepare for the upcoming wildland season.
- Reported the Department has been receiving burn complaints and cautioned that there is no legal burning in the city with the exception of small contained recreational fires. The requirements and definition of a recreational fire in the City has been provided to the Clerk at City Hall for distribution within the community. *Mayor McGowan suggested mailing a copy of the fire regulations in the monthly utility statements.*
- Reported the Easter egg hunt for children under 10 years old will be held at Fireman’s Park on 03/31/18 at 11:00 a.m.

Citizen Comments on Non-agenda Items

Patsy Preston – 906 W. Second:

- Thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their prompt and courteous response to her medical emergency.
- Thanked the Council members for showing enthusiasm for her cause at the last meeting she attended.
- Stated she believes that patching potholes in the streets is not the solution to the “crisis”, but that roads need to be more permanently fixed; she will be going around to residents door to door with a petition, which will also ask for public comments on what the problems are, and will bring the responses back to council. Ms. Preston stated she will make an effort to raise money for the project. Ms. Preston stated she would like to see permanent road fixes a priority at the next election.

Paul Bryce – Happy Trees – 407 East First:

- Asked the council if the proposed ordinance regarding locations of cannabis stores has moved forward; he would like to know what his options are for the future. *Mayor McGowan responded there is nothing to report at this time.*

Public Appearances

a. 1. Amy McGuffin – Chamber of Commerce Report:

- Reported the Chamber received the 2017 Silver American Advertising award for the “Discover Cle Elum” campaign.
- Provided update reports for February 2018, which included website analytics detailing the views to the website, Facebook and Instagram. Top 5 cities viewing the webpage are Seattle, Ellensburg, Spokane, Tacoma and Bellevue. Top 7 pages include Hotels in Cle Elum, Attractions, Home, Events and Camping.
- Reported the Chamber has changed from Twitter to Snap Chat in an effort to reach the younger demographics of 18-35 year olds.
- Reported the Chamber implemented a Hotel Booking Widget in February 2018 which had 4,469 impressions and 12 clicks for the month.

a. 2. Amy McGuffin –Downtown Association Report:

- Reported the quarterly social, which presented the Downtown Master Plan, including streets, beautification, market analysis of what Cle Elum can afford and the completed Wayfinding Plan, was successful. McGuffin added that the Mayor will receive copies of the Downtown Master Plan for distribution to the council.
 - Reported that, in April, the Board will approve 3 grants for businesses, including a 50/50 façade grant, a Capital Grant, which could help with the expense of undergrounding utilities, and a Downtown Master Plan Grant.
 - Reported the Downtown Association is partnering with Umpqua Bank to put a park in the vacant lot between the bank and Warrior’s Den. The next park will be the Glondo’s Park which will be created as a piazza.
 - Reported the Downtown Association is partnering with the City to apply for an asphalt grant.
- Mayor McGowan noted the Main Street Credit is on the agenda under New Business and suggested discussing the item at this time. A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Beth Williams to move item 10b to address at present. The motion carried unanimously.* Amy McGuffin explained that B&O Taxes are tax incentives that a Downtown Main street is allowed to take pledges from private businesses; with that tax incentive, they are allowed to get a 75% tax credit the following year. Public utility tax is also eligible for the incentive credit. *A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Tom Hastings to authorize the Mayor to direct City staff to contribute \$5,654.41 to the Cle Elum Downtown Association before March 31, 2018 and authorize up to \$10,000 on behalf of the City on or after April 1, 2018 as recommended by the Treasurer. The motion carried unanimously.*

b. Jerry Martens – Citizen’s Alliance for Property Rights (CAPR): Mr. Martens spoke to the council regarding the proposed plans for the land just north of the Cle Elum-Roslyn School District which was purchased by the Kittitas County Public Works Department. The CAPR is questioning the transparency and accountability of the County regarding issues of zoning, water, location, County code for coordinated review and consistency with the Comprehensive Plan and regional impacts of the site planned for the new Public Works facility. Mr. Martens asked the council to interact with CAPR to make the County approach the abutting municipalities and

their citizens to allow them to interact with the County. *A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Steven Harper to have this item added to the agenda for the next meeting to discuss the impacts to the city. The motion carried.*

Business Requiring Public Hearings

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

a. **Ordinance No. 1481 – Amending the Garbage Rates:** Mayor McGowan presented the Ordinance to add a new residential and senior 20-gallon cart garbage service. *A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Beth Williams to approve Ordinance No. 1481 to adopt a new 20-gallon cart garbage rate as presented. The motion carried.*

b. **Main Street Credit:** (see Public Appearances, Amy McGuffin – Downtown Association Report).

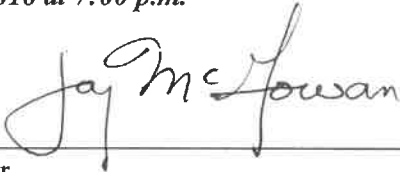
Committee Reports

Council members Steven Harper and Ken Ratliff: Announced there is a Lodging Tax De-Brief Meeting for the Consolidated Process at City Hall on 03/29/18 @ 1:00 pm in the Cle Elum City Council Chambers.

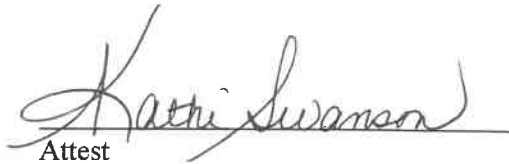
Council member Steven Harper: Announced the Cemetery Committee has met to discuss changes to the code and rate schedule; more information will be brought to council at a later meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Ron Spears to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday April 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.



Mayor



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