

To City of Cle Elum
Regular City Council Meeting
April 9, 2019

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, Mickey Holz, Beth Williams 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 Steven Harper and seconded by Mickey Holz to accept the agenda with the amendment to add Resolution 2019-004 to approve the Mayor's signature accepting the First Street and Peoh Avenue Intersection Improvement Project as Complete to Unfinished Business, item b, and to move the Mary Bridge Children's Courage Event request to camp at Centennial Park from New Business (b) to be heard directly after Citizen Comments on Non Agenda Items. The motion carried unanimously.

Announcements – Appointments, Awards and Recognition

Mayor McGowan reported the City has been awarded a \$125,000 grant and a \$400,000 grant from the TIB Complete Streets program to work on First Street.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by John Glondo and seconded by Steven Harper to accept the consent agenda as presented; which included the minutes of the 03/26/19 Regular Council Meeting; 04/09/19 EFTs and Vouchers #40948 – 41004 in the amount of \$338,951.34; and 03/31/19 Payroll Vouchers in the amount of \$142,496.93. The motion carried unanimously.

Officer Reports

City Administrator, Building Official and Network Administrator: - Robert Omans:

- Reported he attended a 4-day training in Lynnwood to earn continuing education credits for the Building Official position.
- Reported the City issued 8 building permits for \$12,000 in fees; and performed 22 building inspections during the month of March.
- Reported the year to date totals for building permits is \$22,480.
- Reported the utilities staff, the Mayor and City Clerk were involved in a 4-day Lean Training offered by the State Auditor's Office for free. As a result of this training, staff will be able to streamline the utilities processes.
- Reported he attended the Law and Justice Council on 03/20/19.
- Reported the City was awarded 2 Downtown Association grants in the amounts of \$5,000 for signs and \$10,000 for repainting of City Hall. This is a 50/50 grant.
- Reported the City was awarded a DOE grant for \$230,000 for a sewer plan. The amount is ½ grant and ½ loan.
- Reported the City was awarded \$400,000 from TIB Complete Streets on 3/22/19; \$150,000 of which will be used to finish the Billings Avenue Intersection, and \$250,000 to be used for the Revitalization of the north side of First Street between Billings and Oakes Avenues.
- Provided an update on the Pine Street Project which will connect Progress Path and the City sidewalk system through City Park on Pine Street from Second Street south to First Street, as well as the installation of 2 rapid flashing beacons for pedestrian crossings from across First Street by Safeway. The project includes curbs and gutters.
- Provided an update on the Upper County to Ellensburg Commuter Bus 2019 – 2021 Pilot Program, which may be available by August 2019.

City Planner – Lucy Temple:

- **Absent – No Report**

Police Chief - Scott Ferguson:

- **Absent - No Report**

Fire Department – Chief Ed Mills:

- Reported 58 calls for the month of March, including 2 fire calls, 51 EMS, 1 service call, 3 good intent calls and 1 false alarm.
- Reported the Department will be conducting evening training and new member trainings.
- Reported the Fireman’s Ball will be held on 04/13/19 at the Eagles.
- Reported the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on 04/20/19 and noted families are welcome to help color eggs on 04/19/19 at 7:00 pm at the Fire Station.
- Reported 1 more member has joined the Department and there is room for more.

Veolia – William LaRue:

- **Absent.** Provided graphs of the Water Plant Flows, Run Times, Precipitation, Wastewater Flows and Water versus Wastewater Plant Flows for March 2019.

Citizen Comments on Non-agenda Items

None

Amended Agenda Item

Mary Bridge Children’s Courage Ride Event – Request to allow overnight camping in Centennial Park on 08/23/19 – Stephanie Hall and Dacia Strong: Ms. Hall and Ms. Strong approached the council to share the details of their event scheduled to be held at Centennial Park on 08/23, 8/24 and 8/25/2019. Proceeds from the event will go to the Mary Bridge Hospital. The event organization will provide Port-a-Potties, Showers, Security and will work with the City for street closures during the departure of the bikes from Centennial Park. Four hundred participants are expected; however, many will stay in motels. Council member John Glondo reported the events committee has reviewed the application, however, camping is only allowed with City Council approval. *A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Beth Williams to authorize overnight camping a Centennial Park on 08/23/19 for the Mary Bridge Children’s Courage Event. The motion carried unanimously.* Council member Ron Spears suggested coordinating with the Public Works Department to insure the sprinkler system doesn’t come on while the tents are set up.

Public Appearances

FISH – Gavl Curtiss and Peggy Morashe: Provided a Power Point Presentation about FISH (Friends in Service to Humanity). FISH is a food bank which provides food to anyone in Kittitas County, with no questions asked. The location of the food bank is changing to a vacated building at Bowers Field. Funds are needed to adapt the building to their current needs. The building will also be used as an emergency evacuation center. Educational nutrition programs, laundry, showers and cooking lessons will also be provided at this location. FISH has \$1,000,000 for the project but needs about \$3,000,000. FISH has applied for a Washington State Senate Appropriation Grant for \$750,000. Ms. Curtiss asked the Council to send a letter to Senator Judith Warnick showing the Council’s support of the \$750,000 FISH Food Bank appropriation being considered by the Ways and Means Committee of the Washington State Senate. *A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Ken Ratliff to authorize the Mayor to send a letter of support of FISH’s legislative proviso to Senator Judith Warnick. The motion carried unanimously.*

Business Requiring Public Hearing

None

Unfinished Business

- 2019 Comprehensive Plan Elements (Transportation, Utilities, Housing, Parks & Rec) - Process Update:** Council was provided with a Draft Schedule of Planning Commission meetings and Open Houses on each element of the Comprehensive Plan, as well as when Council

action will be required. Omans reported the City is sending the Draft of the Comprehensive Plan to the Department of Commerce for review. The plan is scheduled for adoption on 06/25/19.

b. Resolution 2019-004 - To finalize the acceptance of the final work performed by Advantage Dirt Contractors, Inc. for the First Street and Peoh Avenue Intersection Improvement Project as complete: A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by Tom Hastings to approve Resolution 2019-004, which is housekeeping for what was passed at the 03/26/19 Council meeting, to pay the final bill for the First Street and Peoh Avenue Project. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

a. Ordinance No. 1554 – Budget Amendment: Robert Omans reported to council the purpose of the amendment is to transfer funds from the Sewer Reserve fund to cover the cost of the \$91,800 purchase of a 2014 Ford E-350 Camera Truck. Omans reports that, the City was awarded a \$230,000 DOE grant, \$105,000 of which is forgivable grant and \$105,000 is a low interest loan at 2% interest. The grant funding will be available in 2020. The tasks for the grant include \$117,000 for a video evaluation for the Comprehensive Sewer Plan. Mike Engelhart, Public Works Director, researched the possibility of doing the work ourselves. The City Engineer asked the DOE if the City could be reimbursed if the money was spent this year. The DOE responded that the City could do that. The Public Works Director bid on a sewer truck on a Government Auction site and was awarded the truck for an \$85,000 bid plus \$6,800 buyer's fee. The truck was purchased and members of the Public Works Department are driving the vehicle back at the time of this meeting. Mayor McGowan reported South Cle Elum and Roslyn will also use the truck for an hourly rate to be paid to the City of Cle Elum. Mayor McGowan stated this will allow us to fix our sewer system, which has needed repair for years. Council member Hastings commented the purchase will help the City fix the I and I in the sewer system. Hastings commented this is great and encouraged staff to consider a push camera. Council member Harper stated this is a good investment; however, he cautioned that an emergency council meeting or Budget committee meeting should have been called prior to the purchase; and that all future purchases of this nature must come before council, or a council committee, first. Mayor McGowan stated Council member Harper's point is well taken and acknowledged this should have gone to council or a committee before the purchase was made. *A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Ron Spears to adopt Ordinance No. 1554 as presented. Question on the vote: Ron Spears asked if the City has the money. Mayor McGowan stated the money would be coming out of the sewer reserve fund and will be reimbursed through the DOE grant. Council member Hastings asked to have the rate for the cost reimbursement added to the fee schedule. The motion carried unanimously.*

Committee Reports

None

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by John Glondo and seconded by Ron Spears to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday April 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor

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