

Pine Loch Sun Division III City of Cle Elum  
Regular City Council Meeting  
May 10, 2021

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McGowan at 6:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Roll was called. Members present were Mayor McGowan, Matthew Lundh, John Glondo, Steven Harper, Mickey Holz and Ken Ratliff. Other members present were City Administrator Robert Omans, City Planner Lucy Temple, Public Works Director Mike Engelhart, Police Chief Kirk Bland, Fire Chief Ed Mills, Veolia Water/Sewer Treatment Plants Operator William LaRue and City Clerk Kathi Swanson. Ruston Weaver and Beth Williams were absent. *A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Matthew Lundh to excuse the absence of Councilmembers Weaver and Williams. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Approval of the Meeting Agenda**

*A motion was made by John Glondo and seconded by Mickey Holz to approve the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Announcements, Appointments, Awards & Recognition**

None

**Consent Agenda**

*A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by John Glondo to approve the consent agenda as presented. The consent agenda included the minutes to the 04/26/2021 Regular City Council meeting; the minutes to the 05/03/2021 Special City Council Meeting, 05/05/2021 Payroll EFTs and Vouchers #43328 – 43380 in the amount of \$242,629.06 (includes 04/20/21 Draw); Claim Voucher #43376 (Cemetery Caretaker) and Claim Vouchers #43381 – 43425 in the amount of \$59,578.00. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Officer Reports**

**City Administrator, Building Official, Network Administrator – Robert Omans – Reported:**

- April Building activity included 11 permits for \$19,000 and 42 building inspections.
- Reminded Council members Glondo, Holz, Harper and Weaver that filing week for 2021 elections is 05/17 – 05/21/2021.
- Confirmed the CDBG Grant Application Public Hearing will be on 05/24/2021.

**City Planner – Lucy Temple – Reported:**

- Continues to receive permit applications; additional pre-application meetings are anticipated.
- The Vertical Bridge Project construction has begun; the City received their first 6 years lease payment in a lump sum last week.
- The 12-acres recreational parcel transfer to the city is not yet complete.
- The Planning Commission is working with Gregg Dohrn on the draft updates to the Future Land Use Map and Official Zoning map.
- The City's RCO Grant for the Horse Park's covered arena project did not score well in the initial round, however, there may be an option to receive funding for the grant after the State Budget is passed in June.

**Public Works Director – Mike Engelhart - Reported:**

- Pine Loch Sun Div. III lost their well pumps; Aaron Barr, Public Works Lead, made sure the community had water while the pump was being repaired.
- The City has hired Brad Taylor as the Public Works Parks Maintenance Worker.
- Some hydrants have been pulled to be repaired or replaced.

- Presented examples of a water main break, a pipe from the leaky cemetery irrigation system, a piece of concrete from the failing water tower and failing fire hydrant diaphragm. Engelhart urged the council to consider ways to obtain funding to replace the aging water lines.
- *Council briefly discussed possible resources of funding for water infrastructure upgrades and/or replacement.*

**Police Chief – Kirk Bland – Reported:**

- The new camera system has been ordered.
- The Diesel mechanic has determined what is needed to get the generator running.
- The computer desk towers are being put into place. Working with Roslyn to get the workstation installed at Roslyn City Hall with the required security measures in place. There are no plans to install a workstation at the Town of South Cle Elum.
- To date, there have been 1,381 calls for service.

**Fire Chief – Ed Mills - Reported:**

- The Department had 32 calls in April: 1 fire, 2 service calls, 2 good intent and 27 EMS.

**Veolia – William LaRue - Reported:**

- Graphs of Water Plant Flows, Run Times, Precipitation, Wastewater Flows and Water Plant versus Wastewater Plant Flows for April 2021 were provided.
- Water Treatment Plant maintenance has been a main focus.
- The Water Treatment Plant irrigation system has been activated for the summer.
- Noxious weed abatement was completed around the Wastewater Plant lagoons.
- Both plants were enrolled in blind proficiency testing administered by DOE under the direction of the EPA. Both treatment plants passed, achieving a rating of “Excellent”.
- Will be coming to council with a proposal for the replacement of the software program at the Wastewater Treatment Facility, as well as a request for repairs to a power supply for the Slick 500 Programmable Logic Controllers.

**Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

None

**Public Appearances – 15 Minute limit**

**Eric Bolstad – Owner, Studebaker Alley/Bonsai Teriyaki:** Presented a letter to council regarding the restaurant project he is developing at 219 East First Street in the Historic Downtown District. Mr. Bolstad is requesting a variance, or rewrite of the current ordinance, to allow him to play music outside on Friday and Saturday nights between Memorial Day and Labor Day. The City Planner noted noise variances have been approved in the past by council as it is not a permit-type process. Council member Harper stated he is not opposed to a variance but would like to make sure no dissatisfaction is created with the current residents. Council member Lundh suggested sending the request to a committee to look at updating the code, and to have a public hearing about this particular request. Police Chief Bland reported he submitted several ordinance requests to the City attorney, including a noise ordinance. Chief Bland asked to have the committee review them and bring them back to council.

**Business Requiring a Public Hearing**

None

**Unfinished Business**

- 2020 Annual Report:** Councilmember Harper commended the Treasurer on the annual report and recommended approval by motion. *A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded*

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by Mickey Holz to approve the annual report certification prepared by the City Treasurer. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

- a. **Ordinance No. 1606 – Amending the Critical Areas Ordinance CEMC 18.01:** City Planner Lucy Temple presented the Ordinance to Council as a first viewing. This will be on the 05/24/2021 agenda and will include the consultant recommendation and the formal Planning Commission recommendation. Appropriate public notices have been published and public hearings have been held. Council member Ratliff asked for maps, which Lucy Temple will send out via email. Updated maps will be provided for the 05/24/2021 Council meeting.
- b. **Ordinance No. 1607 – Amending the Shoreline Master Program CEMC 18.02:** City Planner Lucy Temple introduced the Ordinance to Council as a first viewing. This ordinance will be brought back to council for deliberation at the 05/24/2021 City Council meeting.
- c. **Interlocal Agreement – Kittitas County Conservation District:** City Planner Lucy Temple reported the City has an opportunity for a FEMA Grant through KCCD, to purchase and install emergency generators, remove fuels from the brush dump, and firewise City rights of way. The purpose of the Interlocal Agreement is to allow the City to work with KCCD to be reimbursed by FEMA funding for this work. *A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Matthew Lundh to authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement between the Kittitas County Conservation District and the City of Cle Elum, allowing the City to accept FEMA grant funding from a KCCD grant. The motion carried unanimously.*
- d. **Agenda Management System – Civic Clerk:** Council member Lundh reported the IT Committee reviewed this system, which will provide better agenda management, allowing staff to add items to the agenda, use by all City Commissions, ability for Council to add notes to the packets, and allow more transparency and accessibility to council procedures. *A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by John Glondo to authorize City staff to subscribe to the Civic Clerk Services. The motion carried with a vote of 4 to 1.*
- e. **Old County Shop Update:** Mayor McGowan reported there are negotiations with the County for a possible land swap for the County Shop. More will be presented to council at a later date. *A motion was made by Ken Ratliff and seconded by John Glondo to authorize the Mayor to continue negotiations with the County to work toward the land exchange. The motion carried unanimously.*

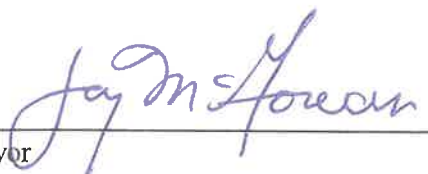
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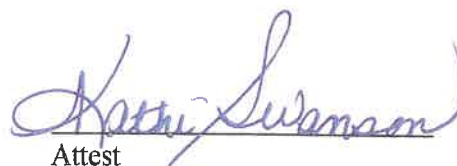
- Council member Lundh reported the City Park Pavilion Ribbon cutting will be held on 05/19/2021 from 4:30 to 6 pm.
- Council member Lundh reported the City Park playground equipment has been ordered and will be installed shortly after school is dismissed for the summer. Councilmember Harper suggested adding lights to the Park Pavilion and to consider amending the ordinance to allow activities in the park past dusk, as long as artificial light is provided.

Motion to Adjourn.

*A motion was made by John Glondo and seconded by Mickey Holz to adjourn at 7:17. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday April 26, 2021 at the Cle Elum City Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m.*

*K's May 24*

  
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Mayor

  
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