

City of Cle Elum
Regular City Council Meeting
May 9, 2022, 6:00 pm

Call to Order – Roll Call of Membership

The Regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor McGowan at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Roll was called. Members present were Mayor McGowan, Matthew Lundh, John Glondo, Sarah Lackey, Steven Harper, Siw Bay-Hansen and Ken Ratliff. Other members present were City Administrator Robert Omans, Public Works Director Mike Engelhart and Fire Chief Ed Mills and City Clerk Kathi Swanson. *A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Ken Ratliff to excuse the absence of Beth Williams. The motion carried unanimously.*

Mayor McGowan led the Council in a moment of silence in memory of Patsy Preston.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by John Glondo and seconded by Sarah Lackey to approve the meeting agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Ken Ratliff to accept the consent agenda as presented. The consent agenda included the minutes to the 04/25/2022 Regular City Council meeting; April Payroll EFTs and Vouchers #44434 – 44440 in the amount of \$242,970.12; and Claim EFTs and Vouchers #44460 – 44477 in the amount of \$196,687.25. The motion carried unanimously.

Officer Reports

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

- There were 292 vouchers used at the Transfer Station during the month-long free spring cleanup, compared to 245 during last years' one week spring cleanup.
- The Treasurer has completed the annual report and submitted it as a formality. The State Auditor stresses that the City Council review the final document.

Public Works Director – Mike Engelhart - Reported:

- City-wide Safety construction is underway; guardrails are being replaced at the bridge at First Street and South Cle Elum Way.
- Irrigation meters are on at all locations, both businesses and residences, in town.
- Alleys were graded over the past few weeks.
- Crews are working at the cemetery to prepare for Memorial Day weekend.
- The City took delivery of a tub grinder to replace the burn dump. This will be set up for yard waste at a future City-wide Cleanup.

Police Chief Kirk Bland – Absent – No Report

Fire Chief – Ed Mills - Reported:

- The Department had 32 toned calls in March, including 23 EMS calls, 1 vehicle fire on I-90, 1 hazardous complaint, 5 service calls and 1 good intent.
- The Fire Advisory Committee has identified 3 City properties that will be firewised, including 4.4 acres by the water tanks, as well as properties alongside I-90 inside the Horse Park and UGA, and the City Airport.
- Fire Season is defined as the period in spring, summer and fall when fires are extremely hazardous. Chief Mills recommended drafting a resolution or ordinance to establish fire season in the City.
- The Fire Department Annual Easter Egg Hunt went very well.

- The Fire-wise coffee event went well. The purpose of the event was to get information out to the public about wildland fire.
- There will be an evacuation drill at 8:30 am on 05/11/2022 at Suncadia. All City councilmembers and City Staff have been invited.

Veolia: Mike Engelhart on behalf of William LaRue:

At the Water Treatment Plant:

- McKinstry Industries was on site to make warranty repairs to the 3 heaters that failed in the filter bays.
- The East Basin has been drained to begin the solids drying process, but the continual rain has interfered; the timeframe for cleaning will depend on the weather.

At the Wastewater Treatment Plant:

- The Balance used for lab analysis was serviced and calibrated in late March as required by regulation.
- The influent fine screen compactor and Paddle Drive have been repaired by staff and are back online. However, the grit pump is beyond repair. After running for 2,760 hours pumping harsh grit and gravel from the paddle drive and three (3) previous repairs the internal volute has failed. Due to the age of the pump, replacement parts are no longer available. A direct replacement pump has been sourced from Granich Engineered Products of Seattle in the amount of \$6,708.59 with a lead time of 3 weeks. LaRue asked for council approval to purchase a new grit pump from Granich Engineered Products in the amount of \$6,708.59. *A motion was made by Matthew Lundh and seconded by Ken Ratliff to authorize the purchase of the new pump for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The motion carried unanimously.*
- The offer of a tour still stands to anyone that would like to see the plants; please reach out to William LaRue to schedule a date and time.

Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Frances Woodward – Costa Mesa, CA. Owner of 402 West First Street – Cle Elum:

Provided a petition for Nuisance Code Enforcement at the property abutting her property. Junk has been allowed to accumulate; items have been placed against her new fence, damaging the fence.

Terry Jerke: Commented the owner of the subject property referred to by Ms. Woodward was abusive to her property over the winter.

Beth Marker – 202 East Third Street: Commented that the semi-truck trailer she has been asking about on West Second Street has still not been removed. *Mayor McGowan reported the trailer has a permit for the duration of the remodeling of the Farm and Home Store. Once the remodeling is completed, the trailer will be removed.* Ms. Marker asked what the insurance limits are for the City Heights Arbitration. Commented on the importance of following the code with regard to code enforcement.

Ingrid Vimont - 291 Nelson Creek Road: Reported the Hospital District submitted a letter to the City asking to be part of the discussions with regard to Sun Communities Development. Asked what the status is for the hiring of the Hearing Examiner and if the City is discussing hiring a full-time attorney. *Mayor McGowan responded the Hearing Examiner process is ongoing and the City already has a full-time attorney.*

Larry Stauffer – 2661 Lower Peoh Point: Asked for an update on the Hearing Examiner, whether it will be advertised, if the RFQ has been drafted and will the council

have a chance to review the RFQ. *Mayor McGowan responded the City is still working on the process but expect the RFQ to be finalized soon.*

Public Appearances – 15 Minute limit

Chamber of Commerce – Matt Anderson: Provided a presentation on a Proclamation to make August 20, 2022, Lemonade Day. The presentation included a short video that outlined the program with input from Lucy Temple. Mayor McGowan read the proclamation into the record and stated it is an honor to sign the proclamation for Lemonade Day. A picture was taken of the Mayor, Lucy Temple and Matt Anderson together.

New Business

a. First Street Downtown Revitalization Phases 3A and 3B – Recommendation and Bid

Summary: Mike Engelhart reported, on behalf of Ben Annen of HLA, that the recommendation is to award the bid to Belsaas and Smith in the amount of \$1,731,416 with the contingency that the City receive Certification acceptance through the County and The WSDOT. HLA is actively pursuing additional funding to cover the \$465,526 difference in the low bid and the engineer’s estimate. *A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Ken Ratliff to accept the City Engineer’s recommendation to award the bid to Belsaas and Smith with the stipulation that the additional funds are approved with no cost to the city. The motion carried unanimously.*

Committee Reports

Utilities Committee: Councilmember Ratliff reported the committee discussed a request for a downward adjustment to a water bill from 312 Est Fourth Street for a leak located close to the meter box. The leak was fixed within a day, which conforms to the Municipal code. The committee recommended the overage of \$172.39 plus \$10.34 tax, for a total of \$183.73, be approved. *A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by John Glondo to approve the credit of \$183.73 to the water account at 312 East Fourth Street. The motion carried unanimously.*

Motion to Adjourn.

A motion was made by John Glondo to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:02. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday May 23, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.



Mayor



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