

CITY OF McCLEARY

November 14, 2007
Public Hearing on Proposed 2008 Budget – 6:00 PM
Regular Council Meeting

Roll Call: Mayor Wallace Bentley
Council Members: Hays, Lake, Vessey, Vatne and Boling

Staff Present: Attorney Glenn, Administrator Nutley, Police Chief Crumb, Clerk-Treasurer Rostedt, Deputy Clerk Rush, Facilities Manager Baun, Water/Wastewater Manager Merryman, Building Official Schlenker, and Engineer Cole Elliott of Parametrix

The Public Hearing on the Proposed 2008 Budget in its entirety was called to order at 6:30 PM. Administrator Nutley presented the budget in a power point presentation, which included bar and pie graphs. This included comparisons of individual funds and comparison with 2006 totals and totals for 2007 through September. This proposed budget will also include new financial policies: Cumulative Reserves for Equipment, Contingency monies, and a new Investment Policy. Several questions were fielded from the audience and Council members. Mayor Bentley reminded those present of the final hearing on the Proposed 2008 Budget at 6:00 PM on December 5, and said he would like to see the budget finalized and adopted that same evening. The Public Hearing was closed.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with the flag salute.

It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Boling, that the minutes of the last public hearing and regular meeting be approved as distributed. Carried.

Mayor Bentley thanked everyone for all the work on the 2008 Proposed Budget.

Administrator Nutley and Attorney Glenn reported on the State Supreme Court's Decision to rule Unconstitutional I-747 which set the lid at 1% on property tax collections. However, AWC is urging that cities do not increase taxes beyond the 1% at this time, because the governor will be going to the legislature in their next session and asking them to set a limit.

Cole Elliott and Vern Merryman confirmed that they will begin testing on the Cedar Heights sewer lift station at 8:00 AM the next morning. It was reiterated that no occupancy permits would be issued for homes built at Cedar Heights until the lift station is deemed adequate through testing.

Police Chief Crumb estimates that the Police Department will probably have a 2,200 case load by the end of the year.

It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Boling, to cancel the next regular Council meeting scheduled for November 28. Carried.

Ordinance No. 743, entitled AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REGULAR TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2007 FOR COLLECTION IN THE YEAR 2008; MAKING FINDINGS; AND RESERVING RIGHTS, was introduced. It was

moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Vessey, that the ordinance be read by first and last lines only. Carried. It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilwoman Lake, that the ordinance be adopted. Carried. Roll Call showed 4 members voting in the affirmative, Councilman Hays voting against.

Resolution No. 543 entitled, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR A YOUTH ATHLETIC FACILITIES (YAF) PROGRAM PROJECT TO THE RECREATION AND CONSERVATION FUNDING BOARD (RCFB) AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 79A.25 RCW, was introduced. It was moved by Councilwoman Lake, seconded by Councilman Hays, that the resolution be read by first and last lines only. Carried. It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Vatne, that the resolution be adopted. Carried.

Resolution No. 544, entitled A RESOLUTION RELATING TO RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICE, ESTABLISHING EFFECTIVE DATES, AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 465, was introduced. It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Vessey, that the resolution be read by first and last lines only. Carried. It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Boling, that the resolution be adopted. Carried. Roll Call showed four members voting in the affirmative, and Councilman Hays voting against.

Resolution No. 545, entitled A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES IN RELATION TO THE STORM WATER UTILITY OF THE CITY; REPEALING RESOLUTION 483; & PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, was introduced. It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Boling, that the resolution be adopted. Carried. All five members voted in the affirmative.

Resolution No. 546, entitled A RESOLUTION RELATING TO RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR SEWER SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR A SPECIFIC METHOD FOR ANNUAL MODIFICATION; AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 524, was introduced. It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Vessey, to adopt the resolution. Carried.

It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Boling, that the vouchers be paid as audited. Carried.

Councilman Vessey reported on the meeting hosted by Mark E. Reed Hospital welcoming the new director.

Councilman Hays reported that Elsie Franklin was named “Citizen of the Year” by the McCleary Chamber of Commerce.

Under Public Comment, Elsie Franklin said she felt the Council would be hearing complaints from citizens regarding the rate increases—in particular the 10% increase in the electric rates.

It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Vessey, that an executive session be held on personnel and legal for approximately 30 minutes. Carried.

Back in regular session, it was moved by Councilman Boling, seconded by Councilman Vatne, that the meeting be recessed until 6:00 PM on December 5, 2007. Carried.

