

CITY OF McCLEARY

Public Hearing – Proposed 2004 Budget  
Regular Meeting – November 12, 2003

Roll Call: Mayor Pro Tem Vessey  
Councilwomen Lake and Portschy  
Councilmen Jhanson and Boling

Staff Present: Attorney Coker, Administrator Shay, Police Chief White  
Building Inspector Schlenker, Cole Elliott of Parametrix

Following the Flag Salute, the first Public Hearing on the Proposed 2004 Budget was opened. Administrator Shay outlined the changes that would be made based upon Council instructions resulting from the budget workshop held this evening from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Without further questions or comments, the Public Hearing was closed, and the Regular Meeting was opened.

Public Hearing  
Proposed 2004  
Budget

It was moved by Councilman Jhanson, seconded by Councilwoman Lake, that the minutes be approved as distributed. Carried.

Minutes

Fire Chief Keel introduced three new firemen: Todd Baun, Andrew Pittman, and Brad Olson. Administrator Shay congratulated the Fire Department on the fact that they will be receiving a FEMA grant in the amount of \$140,799.00. He especially thanked John Hevener for all the work he did on the grant application. Administrator Shay told the Council that they will need to consider budgeting for the \$15,642.00 matching funds necessary to secure the grant.

New Firemen

FEMA Fire Dept. Grant

Councilwoman Portschy reported that the City will be receiving a \$1,000.00 grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation for ramps for the proposed skateboard park.

Skateboard Park

Michael Green reported that the McCleary Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a "Thanksgiving Dinner" on Tuesday, November 18.

Chamber Dinner

Librarian Mary Thornton reported that the memorial bricks are being installed at the new library.

Memorial Bricks

Teri Franklin said she was not in favor of cutting funding in 2004 for the Children's Advocacy program.

Children's Advocacy

It was moved by Councilman Jhanson, seconded by Councilwoman Portschy to adopt the Hearing Examiner's recommendation to approve the Summit Place Subdivision, with the following conditions:

Summit Place  
Subdivision

1. Consistent with the requirements of Ordinance 703, a qualified expert who is a licensed geologist shall prepare a technical assessment of potential effects of the proposed subdivision on the identified Wildcat Creek aquifer recharge area. The subject report should include a characterization of the site's relationship to the aquifer, discussion of the effect of the proposed developments ability to meet the established standards of the Ordinance and recommended mitigation methods. Should the report conclude that the proposed density of development (37 lots) poses a threat to the aquifer, the number of lots shall be reduced to a level that minimizes the risk to the aquifer while allowing appropriate urban development consistent with Best Available Science.

Hearing Examiner  
Recommendations

2. Covenants, Codes and Restrictions which specifically delineates Best Management Practices for aquifer protection by future homeowners shall be prepared for the review and approval of the City prior to the issuance of Final Pla

Approval. The Covenants, as approved by the City, shall be recorded prior to issuance of Final Plat approval and shall run with the land.

3. The City of McCleary Comprehensive Water Plan and Comprehensive Sewer Plan shall be revised to include the proposed utility extensions necessary to serve the subject project. The revisions shall be approved (as required) by appropriate State agencies prior to Final Plat approval."

Hearing Examiner  
Recommendations  
Adopted

Carried. Councilwoman Lake abstained. On roll call, the rest of the Council voted in the affirmative.

It was moved by Councilwoman Portschy, seconded by Councilman Boling, to approve \$15,642.00 in matching monies for the Fire Department FEMA grant, and authorize the Mayor, or his designee, to sign the grant contract with FEMA. Carried.

Fire Department  
FEMA Grant

It was moved by Councilwoman Lake, seconded by Councilman Boling, to declare 58 more used electric transformers surplus, and to sell nearly 42 transformers to Jerry's Electric for \$3.00 to \$5.00 apiece. Carried.

Surplus Transformers

It was moved by Councilwoman Lake, seconded by Councilman Jhanson, to insert "9 lots per subdivision" in the proposed ordinance on subdivisions. Carried. The ordinance will be considered at the next regular Council meeting.

"9 Lots per  
Subdivision"  
Adopted

Administrator Shay drew the Council's attention to the proposed new zoning map. He asked them to let Attorney Glenn or him know prior to the next meeting any changes they wish to make, either in the map or in the wording of the proposed zoning ordinance.

Zoning Map

Ordinance No. 704, entitled AN ORDINANCE SETTING LEVIES FOR THE YEAR 2003 FOR COLLECTION IN THE YEAR 2004, was introduced. It was moved by Councilman Jhanson, seconded by Councilwoman Portschy, that the ordinance be read by first and last lines only. Carried. It was moved by Councilman Jhanson, seconded by Councilwoman Portschy, that the ordinance be adopted. Carried. Roll call showed all members of the Council voting in the affirmative.

Ordinance No. 704

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

Vouchers

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the failed capital levy for construction of a new hospital in Elma. It was explained that there are certain legalities in the City becoming involved in this type of levy. It was agreed hospital representatives could be invited to address the Council, that the issue could be covered in the next City newsletter, and that citizens and groups, like the McCleary Chamber, could start attending hospital board meetings, which are scheduled for the same evenings as McCleary Council meetings. Tim Hartman said he was considering a petition against the move.

Hospital Levy Failed

There was a discussion of the 6% electric utility tax policy that also failed at the polls November 4. Richard Gorrel spoke against the tax. He said he had checked with other towns the size of McCleary, and believes that three police officers are adequate in relation to the size of our population. He said he felt the City should look to some innovating ideas until money is available in better times.

Utility Tax Levy  
Failed

Administrator Shay invited everyone present to the meetings of the newly formed Emergency Response Team which will be held the second Monday of each month at the McCleary Library. It was moved by Councilman Jhanson, seconded by Councilwoman Lake to accept a \$3,600.00 Homeland Security grant, pending Attorney Glenn's approval, (at no cost to the City) to be used for training of emergency responders. Carried.

Homeland Security  
Grant

There was an executive session of approximately 20 to 25 minutes for discussion of personnel.

It was moved by Councilman Boling, seconded by Councilwoman Portschy, that the meeting be recessed until 5:00 PM on December 3, 2003. Carried.

Recessed

Mayor: Wallace Bentley

Attest:

A. S. Puetz

Clerk-Treasurer

Claims:

Payroll: