

CITY OF McCLEARY
October 8, 2008
Public Forum-Comprehensive Water Plan
Public Hearing-Arndt Property Vacation
Regular Meeting

A Public Forum on the proposed Comprehensive Water Plan was opened at 6:45 PM. Engineer Jon Hinton, of Gray and Osborne, summarized the plan by chapter. The Mayor, Council Members, and those present followed along with handouts he provided. He discussed the myriad of steps it took to develop the plan—several years in the making. Following his presentation, those present were asked if they had any questions or comments. In answer to a question, he said that replacement of old pipeline is a priority, along with upgrading the City's current well, and the searching for another location to drill a new well. As there were no further questions, the Public Forum was closed.

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

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

Staff Present: Administrator Nutley, Attorney Glenn, Clerk-Treasurer Rostedt, Facilities Manager Baun, Police Chief Crumb, Building Inspector Schlenker, and Engineer Hinton

It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Boling, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as distributed. Carried.

Mayor Bentley announced again that there is a vacancy on the McCleary Civil Service Commission. He said that if anyone knew of an individual who might want to serve, to please let him know.

Administrator Nutley announced that the Mayor's 2009 Proposed Budget has been submitted to the Clerk. She reminded everyone of the upcoming dates and times set for meetings and hearings to allow the Council and citizenry an opportunity to discuss, comment and ask questions about the proposed budget.

She reported that a letter, signed by the Cities of McCleary and Elma and Fire District 12, has been sent to the representatives of Fire District 5, indicating a desire to contract with American Medical Response (a private ambulance service) for ambulance service to the surrounding areas. In asking for cost proposals from District 5 and AMR. AMR's proposal was significantly lower than that of the Fire District.

At a public hearing held two days ago, the Grays Harbor County Commissioners approved their new land use regulations for the sole source aquifer north of McCleary. In doing so, they lifted the moratorium on the area in question. Now begins the task of the City and County working together on developing an interlocal agreement to make these land use controls work. It has been suggested that a joint meeting between the Commissioners and Council Members be held at the McCleary Community Center.

It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Boling, to authorize the Mayor to sign a personnel agreement between the City and Christiane Rush Mercer. Carried.

A Public Hearing was called to order to allow comment on the request by Gregg and Shannon Arndt who live on Beck Street to vacate an alley that technically exists and which divides their property. Staff has calculated the value of the alley at \$3,144.00 based on the 2006 assessed value (the last assessment made of McCleary property) and would require an easement for utility purposes. Mr. Arndt spoke and said they agree on all the terms and conditions as outlined in the proposed ordinance. The public hearing was closed.

Ordinance No. 750, entitled AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF A CERTAIN RIGHT-OF-WAY AND ESTABLISHING TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREON, was introduced. It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Boling that the ordinance be read by first and last lines only. Carried. It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Vatne, that the ordinance be adopted. Carried. Roll call revealed all members voting in the affirmative. Carried.

It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Vatne, to approve the City covering a proportionate share of the costs for Attorney Glenn to attend the WASAMA Conference. Carried.

Four bids were received for Patch Paving:

House Brothers	\$7,250.00, W/O Sales tax
Higrade	\$7,459.70, includes sales tax
Road Runner Asphalt	\$7,300.00, W/O Sales tax
Lakeside Industries	\$7,000.00, includes sales tax

It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Vatne, to accept the low bid of Lakeside Industries. Carried.

Resolution No. 575, entitled A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A COMPREHENSIVE WATER PLAN, was introduced. It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Boling, to adopt the resolution. Carried.

Resolution No. 576, entitled A RESOLUTION ADOPTING BY REFERENCE AN ADDITIONAL POLICY FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY'S EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, was introduced. It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Vatne, to approve the resolution. Carried.

Resolution No. 577, entitled A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE SOLE SOURCE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT, MAKING FINDINGS IN RELATION THERETO, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF NECESSARY AGREEMENTS IN RELATION THERETO, was introduced. It was moved by Councilman Boling, seconding Councilman Vatne, that the resolution be adopted. Carried.

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

Delroy Cox, of LeMay Interprises, addressed the Council. He said he was now retired, but would continue as a liaison between the City and Waste Connections. It was moved by Councilman Boling, seconded

by Councilman Vessey, to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement to allow the transfer of ownership from LeMay Enterprises to Waste Connections. Carried.

Councilwoman Lake thanked Tim Hamilton and Mary Stallcup for their help during the discussions between the City and the County regarding the Wildcat Creek aquifer and its effect on development in that area. Mr. Hamilton thanked the City for stepping up to the plate in their efforts to protect the area from residential development without Development Rules and Regulations in place.

It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Vatne, that a 20 minute executive session be held on labor negotiations and other personnel issues. Carried.

Back in regular session, Administrator Nutley discussed with the Council some of the major problems regarding meter reading-- problems for the utility crew in the actual meter reading process and the problems facing the office staff in their use of the readings for preparing the bills to be sent to customers. These problems have escalated to a point where changes need to be made as soon as possible. She showed Council members photos which highlighted the reading process problems as they now exist. The Council was in agreement that the City needs to move ahead to correct these problems right away. She also said that she would like to investigate ways to enforce our current utility payment policies and the possibility of amending them if necessary. One thing that will be explored is payment of utility bills by credit and debit cards. It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Vessey, that the City contact Sterlings Savings about such a service and possibly implementing it on a trial basis. Carried.

It was moved by Councilman Boling, seconded by Councilman Vatne, that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.