

CITY OF McCLEARY  
September 24, 2008  
Regular Council Meeting

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: Lake, Hays, Boling, Vessey and Vatne

Staff Present: Attorney Glenn, Administrator Nutley, Clerk-Treasurer Rostedt, Police Chief Crumb

It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilwoman Lake, to approve the minutes as distributed. Carried.

It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Vatne, that an executive session on personnel issues be held, with an approximate time of 20 minutes. Carried.

The meeting was reconvened.

Mayor Bentley reported that there is a vacancy on the Civil Service Commission.

Administrator Nutley reported on the following:

- 1) BPA will be sending the City an additional \$32,203.00 as a further reimbursement from the Residential True-Up Program.
- 2) Administrator Nutley and Utility Accountant Taylor met with Kirsten Watts of BPA as relates to the new contract between BPA and the City which needs to be signed by December 1. The Finance Committee will be meeting with Ms. Watts on October 6. Currently the City pays two bills per month—one for power and one for transmission costs, because BPA has separated these programs. Under BPA policy, these programs cannot directly communicate about a customer without the customer's consent. It would be to the City's advantage for the two sides of BPA to speak directly to each other about McCleary's issues. It was moved by Councilwoman Lake, seconded by Councilman Vatne, to authorize the Mayor, with the approval of Attorney Glenn, to sign an agreement that would give consent to BPA to communicate directly between its programs about McCleary. Carried.
- 3) The County Commissioners will be holding a public hearing on October 6 to implement their proposed land use regulations and, what effect these regulations will have on the Wildcat Aquifer. With adoption of these regulations, the moratorium will be repealed.

In preparing the 2009 proposed revenue budget, Clerk Rostedt has estimated \$20,000.00 in interest from investments. In the past, the interest has been withdrawn from the accounts and divided among the active funds from which the investments were made. It has been suggested by Toni Nelson, State Auditor's Office, that there is an alternative which would be to leave the money within the investment funds, thereby increasing the value of the investments. After some discussion, it was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Vatne, not to change the current procedure. Carried

It has been over 5 years, in the wake of 9-11, that the City purchased new bunker gear for the Fire Department, financed with a FEMA grant. That equipment needs to be replaced. The City has an opportunity to “piggyback” with the City of Tacoma to purchase replacements at a discount. Gear that would have cost the City around \$50,000.00 can be purchased for approximately \$40,000.00. The decision needs to be made by October 1 to include the City of McCleary in this purchase. After some discussion, it was moved by Councilman Boling, seconded by Councilman Vatne, to authorize the Mayor to sign a “Cooperative Purchasing Agreement” with the City of Tacoma. Carried. Attorney Glenn will have a sole source ratifying resolution ready for adoption at the October 8 meeting.

Administrator Nutley said that the new Employee Handbook is completed. Employees have had two drafts to review. It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilwoman Lake, to amend Section 3.8 on page 32, thus allowing the Police Chief to be paid for some overtime when staffing in the Police Department is low. Resolution No. 574 entitled A RESOLUTION ADOPTING POLICIES RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT; SUPERSEDING ANY POLICY INCONSISTENT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, was introduced. It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Vessey, that the resolution be adopted. Carried.

It was agreed to hold a Public Forum on the proposed Comprehensive Water Plan at 6:45 PM on Wednesday, October 8, 2008. The forum will be advertised at City Hall and will be posted on the City’s web site.

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