CITY OF McCLEARY

Regular Meeting – August 27, 2003

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

Roll Call: Mayor Wallace Bentley
Councilwomen Lake and Portschy
Councilmen Vessey, Jhanson and Boling

Staff Present: Attorney Coker, City Administrator Shay, Building Inspector Schlenker and Engineer Cole Elliott.

It was moved by Councilman Boling, seconded by Councilwoman Portschy, that the minutes of the last meeting be approved as distributed. Carried. — Minutes

Engineer Elliott gave a brief report on the sewer treatment plant project—at this point, the City is waiting for certain permits to come through. — Treatment Plant

Administrator Shay said the utility crew is hard at work correcting drainage problems in the City and doing electric cut over work. He congratulated on Brad Lott passing the Certified Lineman exam. — Lott Congratulated

Librarian Mary Thornton said there has been an increase in patrons, circulation and the children's summer reading program this year. — Library

Michael Green said he would like to see Gray Tierney address the Council on an informational basis only.

There followed a general discussion regarding the proposed new zoning ordinance. Evert Challstedt said he did not agree with the provision disallowing canopies in the front yards of residences. His hotel uses canopies during the summer months for weddings, anniversaries, etc. Administrator Shay said he has already contacted Attorney Glenn to write a proposed change to allow such canopies for four months during the summer. Attorney Coker read aloud letters to the Mayor and Council from Don Eveleth, Brad Lott, and Cheryl Gillio regarding the ordinance. Mr. Eveleth owns property in an area that would be zoned "Forest" and wants it to remain "Residential." Mr. Lott and Ms. Gillio would like the area by their homes on Simpson Avenue to remain "single family" rather than rezoned "multi family." Paul Nott, who also resides in the area, agreed. He suggested that the ordinance be sent back to the Planning Commission for more public meetings. Commission members Mary Thornton and Alice Soulek both pointed out that the process took two years to complete and a number of hearings were advertised and held. Their focus was what was best for the community as a whole, which means that not every individual will be accommodated. Councilwoman Lake, former Planning Commission member, agreed. Susan Strong added that a number of public meetings were advertised by the Planning Commission over the past two years, with few people attending. Following the public comments on the issue, Mayor Bentley pointed out that the reason the City sent out maps and other information on the proposed zoning was to give citizens an opportunity to study the issue and put forth comments and concerns. He suggested that before the zoning ordinance is actually adopted, citizens put those comments and concerns in writing to be given to Administrator Shay and Attorney Glenn for consideration by the Council. — Prepared Zoning Ordinance

It was moved by Councilwoman Portschy, seconded by Councilman Jhanson, that the Mayor be authorized to sign a mutual aid agreement with Grays Harbor County. Carried. — G.H. County Agreement

Teri Franklin asked if the Summit Place application was complete. Administrator Shay said that last week the final materials were submitted to the engineer for review.

Summit Place Plot Applications

Mayor Bentley reported that the Council members have received three drafts of a resolution that would submit to the voters a proposition to collect taxes on the City's utilities. Administrator Shay explained that the temporary Current Expense levy would be expiring the end of this year. With the tremendous loss of State funds, the City needs to look for more permanent sources of revenue in the Current Expense Fund for police and other public safety services. Mayor Bentley asked the Council to look over the proposals very carefully for discussion and possible adoption at the next regular meeting.

3 Proposals - Tax Resolution

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

Vouchers

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

Adjourned

Mayor: Wallace Bentley

Attest:

D. J. Rausch

Clerk-Treasurer

Claims:

Payroll: