

CITY OF McCLEARY

March 26, 2008
Regular Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with the Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Mayor Wallace Bentley

Council Members: Lake, Boling, Vatne, Vessey and Hays

Staff Present: Attorney Glenn, City Administrator Nutley, Police Chief Crumb, Clerk-Treasurer Rostedt, Deputy Clerk Rush, Facilities Manager Baun, and Engineer Cole Elliott of Parametrix

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

It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Boling, to confirm the reappointment of Jim Baker to the McCleary Civil Service Commission. Carried.

Administrator Nutley reported on the following:

- 1) It appears that the City will be receiving a grant from Youth Athletic Facilities for improvements in Beerbower Park, including paving of the parking lot. She anticipates that the City's matching amount will be split between the REED and REET funds. She reported that the members of the REED Committee met and approved an expenditure up to \$40,000.00.
- 2) The City erected a temporary fence along the far end of the cemetery at the property line between the City and the Brookside Mobile Home Park. The fence is being torn down by park residents to allow continuing use of the City property for parking. It was agreed that if they continue to park, their vehicles will be towed.
- 3) Manager Baun has put together a notice to be given to residents when construction of sidewalks on Simpson Avenue begins.
- 4) A new float has been installed at the water reservoir which seems to have corrected the over flow problem
- 5) A second sample of water, taken after e-coli was possibly indicated in the first sample, proved the water was free of contamination. The first sample was taken at an outdoor faucet at the WWTP.
- 6) The Chamber of Commerce has agreed to provide funds for 40 hanging baskets to be hung from street light poles in the downtown business area, if the City will agree to maintain them through the summer. The City has just hired a part time landscaper/gardener for the summer. She has previous landscaping experience, as well as experience with heavy equipment operation.
- 7) She would like the Council work session on April 9 be dedicated to receiving information on the electric rate study presently underway.

- 8) At a workshop sponsored by the State Auditor's office on changes to the annual reports for small cities which Clerks Rostedt and Rush attended, it was pointed out that the City should have a Finance Committee to review the report before it is submitted. This Committee could also work on the budget each year and any proposed financial policies for the City. She said we will be forming a Finance Committee in the near future.

Kim Anensen was told that the City had contacted the State Auditor regarding whether or not it was appropriate for the City to commit REED funds for paving the park parking lot, and was told the expenditure would be appropriate.

Both Mayor Bentley and Administrator Nutley have agreed when Council packets are put together, two extra copies will be made for residents to look over at Council meetings. Administrator Nutley said she hopes to put the packet on our web site eventually.

In answer to a question from Councilwoman Lake about establishing a drug fund, Police Chief Crumb said he is working on his proposal at this time.

A second question from Councilwoman Lake elicited an answer from Engineer Elliott, to wit, that asbestos is only dangerous airborne and inhaled. It is not dangerous when submerged in water, common with older water pipes.

Administrator Nutley referred Council persons to the end of February financial report.

It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Boling, that the Mayor be authorized to sign an agreement with the State General Administration for purchasing on the State contract at a cost of \$200.00 this year, and \$800.00 in 2009. Carried.

It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Boling, to pay the vouchers as audited. Carried.

Kim Anensen asked if there were minutes taken at meetings regarding the City's aquifer. Administrator Nutley said minutes were not taken, because she is not aware of meetings referred to by Kim. She said she would be glad to meet with Kim and share the information she has on the aquifer.

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