

CITY OF McCLEARY

January 24, 2007  
Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Bentley called the meeting to order with the flag salute.

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

Staff Present: Attorney Glenn, Administrator Nutley, Deputy Clerk  
Rush, and Engineer Cole Elliott of Parametrix

Administrator Nutley reported on the following:

- 1) She commented on the major wind storm which hit in December and the many hours worked by crew members to cover both our power outages, but also the hours they worked assisting Grays Harbor PUD and Mason County PUD with similar outages. It was a major effort on by City staff, and she thanked everyone involved.
- 2) An audit was completed of the City's Development Services Department by State Building Code Enforcement personnel. The City moved up from a Class 4 to a Class 3. This reclassification can be very beneficial to local property owners in reducing the premiums they pay for homeowner insurance.

Council was referred to written reports from Attorney Glenn, Engineer Elliott and Police Chief Crumb.

It was moved by Councilman Boling, seconded by Councilman Vatne, to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Technology Tamers, to upgrade the City's computer system, including a new backup system. Carried.

During the December wind storm, one tree in the grove of trees behind the Community Center fell. The tree had root rot. Last year the Montesano City Forester evaluated the trees, and indicated the majority of them had the disease and are dying. In light of the danger posed by the trees to nearby homes, a call for bids for removal of the remaining trees went out. The City received one bid from Robert McMillan of Montesano, in the amount of \$4,500.00. The bid did not include clean-up. It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Boling, that the bid be accepted. Carried.

It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Hays, to authorize the Mayor to sign a 2007 agreement between the City of McCleary and the Children's Advocacy Center for an annual fee of \$4,000.00, which includes 87 hours of service. Carried.

It was moved by Councilman Boling, seconded by Councilman Vatne, to purchase a John Deere J Series Backhoe on State contract at a cost of \$96,561.00. This purchase is included in the 2007 Budget. Carried.

Resolution No. 528, entitled A RESOLUTION RELATING TO REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES; AMENDING SECTION VIII, RESOLUTION 407; & PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, was introduced. It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Hays, to adopt the resolution. Carried. Roll call showed all members voting in the affirmative.

It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Hays, that the Mayor be authorized to sign a 2007 Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of McCleary and the Grays Harbor Public Utility District. Carried.

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

Terri Franklin thanked the Council for their support of the Children's Advocacy Center.

Evert Challstedt thanked the Council for their decision to upgrade the McCleary float shed. He also agreed with the Council decision to take down the rest of the trees at the Community Center.

It was moved by Councilman Boling, seconded by Councilman Vatne to hold an executive session on personnel of approximately 20 minutes to discuss reorganization of the Public Works Department. Carried. The session ended at 45 minutes.

Back in regular session, Administrator Nutley outlined the proposal for a reorganization of the Public Works Department into three divisions. It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Boling, to accept the proposal for a newly defined Public Works Department. Carried.

Administrator Nutley reported that she has been gathering information from various City departments to help design a new logo for the City that would be used by all departments in the future. This would replace a variety of inconsistent logos being used by City departments now. She stated that she knows someone who does just this type of design work, and has used her skills in the past. She said she wanted to disclose to the Council that she is a friend. Based upon Administrator Nutley's recommendation, it was moved by Councilman Boling, seconded by Councilman Vatne, to hire Sheila Guenther to design the City's logo. Carried.

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