

CITY OF McCLEARY

November 12, 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, Boling, Vessey, Vatne and Hays

Staff Present: Administrator Nutley, Attorney Kamerrer, Police Chief Crumb, Facilities Manager Baun, and Engineer Bird

It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Boling that the minutes of the October 22 meeting be approved as distributed. Carried.

There were no objections from the Council to the renewal of the liquor licenses at Rounders Tavern/Restaurant and Sam's Mini Mart.

Administrator Nutley thanked all who came to the earlier workshop on the Simpson Avenue sidewalk project. She thanked Councilman Vessey for his representation of the City in the application process for COG grants, and thanked Manager Baun and Engineer Bird for their work on the grant and their presentation this evening during the workshop.

Administer Nutley also reported that the Hawthorne trees in front of the businesses on Third Street should be coming down. The trees have grown very bushy, hiding the businesses from the street in front. They also drop berries in the fall. Pedestrians crush them while walking which is messy and which also releases a foul odor. They will be replaced with new trees with less negative attributes, or possibly planters. The Council had no objections to removing the Hawthorne trees.

A letter has been received from Waste Connections indicating that a garbage rate increase may be proposed.

The utility office at City Hall will soon be using a credit/debit card machine for customer payments. The machine is being obtained through Sterling Savings.

Three bids were received for replacement of the fire siren damaged in last year's storm. They were as follows:

Day Wireless	\$ 8,896.36
Kim-Torp-Pedersen	\$11,000.00
Parker Sales & Marketing	\$12,500.00

It was moved by Councilman Boling, seconded by Councilman Vatne, to accept the low bid from Day Wireless. Carried.

Following a report from Administrator Nutley on the recent staff meeting with representatives from BPA, it was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Vessey, that the Mayor be authorized to sign a 20 year contract between the City and BPA for the purchase of electrical power. Carried. It was noted that the City and BPA can revisit the terms of the agreement in the future.

There was only one bid for the purchase of fault indicators for the Light/Power Department. That bid came from Westco in the amount of \$9,449.98. The other two companies sent bid specs did not respond.

It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Boling, that the City purchase these supplies from Westco. Carried.

A change order in their contract with the City has been received from Lakeside Industries for removal of a tree stump on Hemlock. It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Boling, to pay the additional \$581.00 for removal of the stump. Carried.

Ordinance No. 751, entitled AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REGULAR TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2008 FOR COLLECTION IN THE YEAR 2009; MAKING FINDINGS; AND RESERVING RIGHTS was introduced. It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Vessey, to read the ordinance 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 showed all five members of the Council voting in the affirmative.

It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Vessey, that an executive session of approximately 20 minutes be held in relation to labor negotiations. Carried.

Back in regular session, it was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Boling, authorizing the Mayor to sign a three year agreement between the City and the IBEW Union. Carried. Roll call showed all five members voting in favor of the contract. Carried.

It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilwoman Lake, that the vouchers be paid as audited. Carried.

It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Boling, that the second regular Council meeting in November be cancelled, as it is the night before Thanksgiving, and that the next meeting will be the Final Public Hearing on the Proposed 2009 Budget at 6:00 PM, December 3. Carried. Administrator Nutley reminded Council members to get in touch with her before December 3 with questions or comments on next year's proposed budget.

Councilwoman Lake thanked the utility crew and front office staff for their handling of the recent flooding problems during the first big rain of the winter.

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