

CITY OF McCLEARY

January 11, 2006 – Regular Council Meeting

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

Roll Call: Mayor Wally Bentley
Councilwoman Lake
Councilmen Vessey, Boling and Hays
Councilman Elect Richard Vatne

Staff Present: Attorney Glenn, Administrator Davolio, Police Chief Crumb, Building Inspector Schlenker, and Engineer Elliott

Wallace Bentley was sworn into office as McCleary Mayor by Clerk Rostedt. Council Members Chris Vessey, Richard Vatne, Helen Lake and Don Hays were sworn into office.

Resolution No. 512, entitled A RESOLUTION HONORING SUE PORTSCHY, was read in its entirety by Attorney Glenn. It was moved by Councilwoman Lake, seconded by Councilman Boling that the resolution be adopted. Carried.

Guest: Dick Brower, Executive Director, Rebuilding Together—Grays Harbor, gave an overview of his program which works to renovate homes for low income residents, and is now looking for homes in McCleary that might qualify. His program depends almost entirely on volunteer labor and asked that program brochures and applications be displayed in City Hall. He urged anyone in McCleary who would like to volunteer to contact him.

It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Boling, to approve the minutes as distributed. Carried.

Public Comment: Sue Portschy reported that the roof in the park kitchen where the Food Bank stores food appears to be leaking. She also reported that they are running out of room for storage. She invited everyone to the Food Bank Annual Meeting on February 23 at 7:00 PM at the Community Center. Janis Moore gave the Council a letter of complaint regarding a past due utility bill she has been informed she must pay. It is a bill that was left by one of her tenants a year ago. She was told that staff will look into the matter. Librarian Mary Thornton reported that a new drop box will be installed in the alley behind the library, and that the sale of used books will commence in the City Hall lobby very soon.

Administrator Davolio reported on the following:

- 1) He has submitted an application for a small cities pavement grant. If approved, work would be done on 4th, 5th and Maple.
- 2) He referred Council members to the ADA Summary Report prepared by local architect Will Foster. He said he hoped to begin implementing some of the items over the next few months. He pointed out that some of the changes are fairly simple and inexpensive. Others will need to be addressed over time.
- 3) He and Mayor Bentley met with representatives from Thurston County PUD regarding three water systems they own out on the prairie off Elma Hicklin Road. Currently they have 28

customers, but have the rights to 50 acre feet of water. They have been approached by a developer who would like to work with them on providing water to a planned residential development. As a public agency, they cannot deny service, as long as water is available and the developer is willing to pay all the costs involved. They have hired a consultant to study the situation. They would also like to work with the City of McCleary regarding water line extension. The City has received a request for extension of water and sewer to that area. Administrator Davolio pointed out the fact that a septic system in that area would pose a real danger to the City's sole source of water.

Ordinance No. 730, entitled AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY; ESTABLISHING A ZONING CLASSIFICATION THEREFOR; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR VOIDING IN THE EVENT OF CERTAIN EVENTS, was introduced. Attorney Glenn explained that when Ordinance No. 721 was adopted July 6, 2005, the portion of SR #8 within the annexed area was not in the legal description attached. This portion is addressed in proposed Ordinance No. 730. It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Vatne, that the ordinance be adopted. Carried. Roll call showed 4 members of the Council voting in the affirmative and Councilwoman Lake voting against.

It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Boling, to approve the vouchers as audited. Carried. Mayor Bentley reminded the Council that vouchers are usually ready the afternoon of Council day, and that they are welcome to come in to look them over, and get answers to any questions they might have.

Councilman Vessey thanked Administrator Davolio for organizing the recent Council "retreat." He said he felt it was very helpful.

Councilwoman Lake said she would like to see the roof at the park kitchen repaired as soon as possible.

Engineer Elliott reported that the new WWTP is working well which is especially encouraging in light of the heavy rains we have been having.

Administrator Davolio reported on the meeting he and the Clerk had with representatives from the AWC Trust. The Trust provides the medical and dental insurance for City full time employees. The medical plan now only requires 75% employee participation. Two employees, because of their enrollment in other non-city medical plans, have opted out. The City provides for just 60 days of sick leave for employees, so AWC representatives came to explain their long term disability coverage. This policy (67%, 90 day elimination) would provide employees with partial coverage should an illness or accident extend beyond their regular sick leave. For all 19 full time employees, the total cost would be around \$514.00 per month. The plan requires full participation, with employer funding. It would also be subject to approval by the City's two unions. Considering the amount to be saved with two employees opting out of the medical, this new disability plan would cost only a fraction of what the City will be saving in medical premiums. It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Boling, to accept the AWC proposal on

long term disability insurance subject to union acceptance.
Carried.

The following appointments were proposed by Mayor Bentley:

- 1) Clerk Rostedt to serve as representative to the newly formed County Surcharge Housing Board. It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Boling, to confirm the Mayor's appointment. Carried.
- 2) Ardyce Taylor to be reappointed as a member of the McCleary Library Board. It was moved by Councilman Boling, seconded by Councilwoman Lake to confirm the appointment. Carried.
- 3) Evert Challstedt to be reappointed as a member of the McCleary Planning Commission. It was moved by Councilman Boling, seconded by Councilman Vessey, to confirm his appointment. Carried.
- 4) Sue Portschy to serve on the McCleary Civil Service Commission. It was moved by Councilman Boling, seconded by Councilman Vatne, to confirm her appointment. Carried.

Public Comment: Mary Thornton thanked the City for replacing the burned out street lights that are noted by the early morning "walkers." Tim Hamilton questioned whether or not there is enough water to serve a new residential development north of town. He stated that well owners in the area reportedly complain that they run out of water at times.

It was moved by Councilman Boling, seconded by Councilman Vatne, to adjourn the meeting. Carried.