

CITY OF McCLEARY

April 23, 2008
Regular Council Meeting

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

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

Staff Present: Attorney Glenn, Administrator Nutley, Clerk-Treasurer Rostedt, Police Chief Crumb, and Facilities Manager Baun, Plant Operator Ehresmann

It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Boling, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as distributed and amended. Carried.

Shane Eck addressed the Council regarding the building he purchased from John Carnell at 119 and 121 Simpson Avenue, which he is remodeling. He would like to remove the old, damaged sidewalk, and replace it at his own expense, adding a wheelchair ramp where the sidewalk ends at Simpson Avenue and 4th Street.

Administrator Nutley reported on the following:

- 1) The proposed Park Plan is now available for review.
- 2) An RFP has gone out for electrical engineers, and the City has received a number of inquiries.
- 3) Water/Wastewater Manager Merryman and Facilities Manager Baun took the hydrogeologist hired by Jim Arthur, the City and County consultant retained to develop proposed regulations, on a tour of the aquifer to start preparing some of the technical data needed.

Engineer Jon Hinton, an engineer from Grays and Osborne, was introduced. Gray and Osborne has been chosen from a group of firms to contract with the City for engineering services. Mr. Hinton has met with staff members and is looking forward to working with them. It was moved by Councilman Boling, seconded by Councilman Hays, to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement between the City and Gray and Osborne. Carried.

There was a discussion regarding drafting rules and regulations for Beerbower Park. Administrator Nutley had prepared some information and proposals for the Council, and it was agreed that the Council would go over the materials, between Council meetings, and bring their questions and ideas to the meeting on May 14.

It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Boling, to authorize the Mayor to sign a NOVA grant application to be used for walkways and paths. Carried.

There was a lengthy discussion of sidewalk widths in McCleary, especially as relates to the downtown commercial zone. Sidewalk widths will remain 5 feet in the zone, with 8 feet for sidewalks on Simpson and Third. It was agreed that Mr. Eck could proceed with his sidewalk project at his own expense

Resolution No. 560, entitled A RESOLUTION ADOPTING STANDARDS BY REFERENCE IN RELATION TO DEVELOPMENTS AND SYSTEMIC IMPROVEMENTS OR MODIFICATIONS WITHIN THE CITY; REPEALING RESOLUTION 549; & PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, was introduced. It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Boling, to adopt the resolution with one change—101.8, 2., “on Simpson Avenue in all Commercial Zones, the minimum sidewalk shall be 5 feet rather than 6 feet.” Carried.

Resolution No. 561, entitled A RESOLUTION RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION; CONFIRMING A PROCEDURE IN RELATION TO THE PAYMENT OF UTILITY CONNECTION FEES, was introduced. It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Boling, that the resolution be adopted. Carried.

It was agreed to hold the resolution supporting the increase of the sales tax in Grays Harbor 1/10 of one percent to fund disaster relief, until Police Chief Crumb attends an April 25 meeting in Hoquiam with other police, fire and ambulance personnel and can bring back more information on the matter. Of interest to the Council is whether or not McCleary would see any of the funds collected.

Councilman Vessey reported that in interviewing potential engineering firms, he felt that Gray and Osborne had an outstanding presentation.

Councilman Vatne suggested that the City order a plaque for Cole Elliott at Parametrix to thank him for all of his service to the City over the past years.

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