

CITY OF MCCLEARY
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 11, 2010

FLAG SALUTE	The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with the Flag Salute.
ROLL CALL	Mayor Dent, Councilmember's Boling, Ator, Schiller, Lant, and Geer.
ABSENT	None.
STAFF PRESENT	City Attorney Dan Glenn, City Clerk/Treasurer Wendy Collins, Public Works Director Nick Bird, Police Chief George Crumb, Public Facilities Manager Todd Baun, and staff members Jennie Reed, Randy Bunch, John Graham, Paul Nott and Brad Lott.
MINUTES APPROVED	It was moved by Councilmember Geer, seconded by Councilmember Schiller to approve the minutes from July 14 and 21, 2010 with correction to the public comment section on the 14th changing Councilmember Lant to Councilmember Geer, who commented on the crosswalks. Councilmember Schiller did not recall seconding the motion to adjourn on July 21, 2010. After listening to the tape, he did make the second motion to adjourn so the minutes stand with the one correction. Motion Carried.
PUBLIC COMMENT	<p>Numerous residents spoke regarding the recent layoffs of three city employees, including comments from Fire Chief Ron Pittman. The comments were passionate and heated. Some residents were angry and felt the layoffs were personal decisions made by the Mayor, possibly retaliatory. Councilmember Schiller asked what the process was in choosing which employees were laid off. He assured the public the decisions for the layoffs were made strictly due to budgetary issues and were laid off within specific budgets. Mayor Dent stated Current Expense, Water, and Sewer are fighting to stay in the black. The Mayor listened to all of the comments and thanked the public for their input.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked Shanie Cohen for the excellent job she did on the Bear Festival. Ms. Cohen responded by sharing some of the experiences she had and stated they are looking forward to an even bigger event next year.</p>
GRAYS HARBOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	Tim Gibbons, Director of the GH EDC introduced himself and explained the direction the EDC is trying to move toward in getting more involvement in the McCleary community. He has 12 years of experience and is open to discuss ideas with anyone in the community.
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION	The Mayor received two recommendations for the Civil Service Commission; Lawrence Peterson for Position 3, and Don Eveleth for Position 5. It was moved by Councilmember Lant, seconded by Councilmember's Ator and Geer to finalize the appointments of Mr. Peterson and Mr. Eveleth to the Civil Service Commission. Motion carried.
SIMPSON PRGRESS ESTIMATE #5	The progress estimate is for the work completed by the Contractor between July 1 and July 30, 2010 and all of the work conducted in July was cleanup work to fulfill the contractual requirements. It was moved by Councilmember Lant, seconded by Councilmember Ator to authorize the Mayor to pay Progress Estimate #5, when reimbursement has been provided by WSDOT and/or TIB. The amount to be paid is \$15,786.57 and the amount to be deposited in the Retainage Account is \$830.87. Motion carried.
SIMPSON CHANGE ORDER #6	During the completion of the punch list items, it was discovered that permanent signing work was included in Schedule B-4, but a payment item was not included in the proposal for Schedule B-4. This discovery was made after the permanent signing for the entire project was completed as required by the construction plans. This Change Order will add one lump sum bid item in Schedule B-4 for Permanent Signing. It was moved by Councilmember Schiller, seconded by Councilmember Geer to authorize the Mayor to execute Change Order #6, when prepared, which includes the work listed above for an amount not to exceed \$1,200.00. All Councilmember's voted in the affirmative except for Councilmember Boling who voted Nay. Motion carried.
SIMPSON CHANGE ORDER #7	We just received an additional \$100,000 in ARRA funds to complete the Simpson Avenue Sidewalk Project. The construction activities are expected to last through September 24, 2010. It was moved by Councilmember Schiller, seconded by Councilmember Boling to authorize the Mayor to execute Change Order #7, when prepared, which includes construction of Schedule B-2 for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 620

It was moved by Councilmember Geer, seconded by Councilmember Schiller to adopt Resolution No. 620, a Resolution adopting an amendment to the Six-Year Street Plan for the City of McCleary adopted pursuant to Resolution 591. Roll call in the affirmative. Resolution adopted.

VOUCHERS

It was moved by Councilmember Boling, seconded by Councilmember's Geer and Schiller to approve the vouchers. Motion Carried.

PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS

Dan Glenn stated per Nick Bird, there may be certain private contributions available from the owners of one of two of the commercial properties abutting the extended area of the Simpson Street Project. If this happens, it will involve developing contracts with them in terms of their contributions and the confirmation by the City that the monies will be utilized only for purposes related to the completion of the aspect of the project tied to their goal, sidewalks and entrances meeting appropriate City-adopted standards. Give the scheduling of session, Mr. Glenn recommends the Council authorize the Mayor to enter into such contracts which he would draft so long as he is satisfied that they are consistent with the City's interests. It was moved by Councilmember Lant, seconded by Councilmember Ator to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract agreements, accepting private contributions on behalf of the City, subject to the satisfaction that they are consistent with the City's interests. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Additional comments were made by citizens and Councilmember's regarding the city employee layoffs and how they should be the last resort. Councilmember Lant stated he was elected by the people and he does what the citizen's request. He resents the cheap shot the layoffs are on his and Councilmember Schiller's shoulders because they voted against the new budget.

Evert Chalstedt was disappointed in the dissention that is happening and also with the recent vote to defeat the new budget. He would like to see the Council work with the Mayor on a solution. Mr. Chalstedt stated he understands we are in bad budget times right now and he is upset over how he attended all meetings over the past months and none of the Councilmember's have offered a solution to the budget problem, other than the layoff option proposed by the Mayor. Councilmember Schiller stated the focus has been on the last administration and not on the current year. He added there is training available through AWC, which hasn't been offered to the Council. Mayor Dent informed the Council that staff is setting up on-site budget training for them in September with Toni Nelson, Small Cities Specialist.

Discussion continued with comments made by citizen's and the previous Mayor, Wally Bentley and previous Councilmember, Helen Lake, along with other citizens. The people urged the Mayor to reconsider the layoffs and instead, cut 10% across the board and consider furlough's. Discussion ensued over selling of City properties and annexation. The comments continued and were accusatory toward the Mayor and his decision to layoff employees. The Mayor said he is running the City as a business and understands people don't always like to look at it that way.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:12 pm, It was moved by Councilmember Ator, seconded by Councilmember Lant to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.