

CITY OF McCLEARY

May 23, 2007
Regular Council Meeting

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Bentley with the flag salute.

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

Staff Present: Attorney Glenn, Administrator Nutley, Police Chief Crumb, Utility Accountant Taylor, Clerk-Treasurer Rostedt, Deputy Clerk Rush, Facilities Manager Baun, and Engineer Cole Elliott Parametrix

It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Boling, that the minutes of the last regular meeting be approved as distributed. Carried.

Administrator Nutley urged Council members to attend the AWC Small City Roundup to be held in Montesano on May 29. She also reported that the court ruled in favor of the lawsuit brought against BPA by public utility companies (including Grays Harbor PUD) for preferential treatment given to privately owned power companies. It is not known at this point what it might mean for McCleary Light/Power, but she will keep the Council informed.

Mayor Bentley referred the Council to the increasing costs of supplies for the utilities—particularly in fuel and freight costs. He pointed out that the last increase in power rates was in 2001. This issue is covered in more detail in Administrator Nutley's May 21 staff report to the Council.

Engineer Elliott said he wanted to highlight all the work being done by Water/Wastewater Manager Vern Merryman to correct the I & I problems. He said this work will go a long way in extending the life of the WWTP. Councilman Hays told Engineer Elliott he would be interested in what kind of restrictions the City may have on vehicle weight on city streets, especially in residential areas.

Chief Crumb reported that Officers Bunch and Bodine are doing well in the academy and will graduate in July.

Utility Accountant Taylor gave a power point presentation on the BPA Appliance Energy Conservation Program that could be offered to McCleary electrical users. It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Boling, to adopt the BPA Conservation Program for three years. Carried.

Administrator Nutley reported on a meeting she attended in Normandy Park regarding creation of a city website. She viewed a program developed by "GovOffice.com" and was very impressed with their product. She said she is excited about the use of the website as a new tool the City can use in communicating with its citizens. She said she will provide the Council with more information as she receives it. It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Hays, to approve the expenditure of funds, up to \$2,100.00, for creation of a new website. Carried.

When Brogan/Anensen LLC developed the "Grange Plat" on Summit Road, City owned water meters and sewer clean outs were to be

installed on City right of way. Instead, they were installed on private property. Ken Brogan has been asked repeatedly to move those installations to our right of way per our agreement. For months, they have not complied with the directive they were given. The City has received a low bid from Bowers Construction of \$11,913.00 to do the job for the City, with reimbursement expected from Brogan/Anensen LLC. It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Vatne, to give Brogan/Anensen LLC until Friday, June 8, to make the corrections. If not, the Mayor is authorized to contract with Bowers Construction to do the work, with Brogan/Anensen LLC billed for the costs. Carried.

Phase I of the Community Center landscaping (in the area behind the Center where trees were removed) was discussed. It was agreed that at this point the area be seeded in grass, and that a berm be built around the grassy area and planted in bushes to keep people from driving onto the lawn. The grassy area will be used for a soccer practice field for the youngest players. Manager Baun advised the Council that to rent equipment from Hertz to level the field and construct the berm would cost \$427.00. After some discussion, it was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Vatne, to allow up to \$2,000.00 for Phase I landscaping at the Community Center. Carried.

It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Vatne, to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement between the City and Grays Harbor PUD as amended by Attorney Glenn. Carried.

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

Councilman Vatne stated that he had noted that a number of street signs have disappeared. Manager Baun said he is aware of it and will prepare a listing.

It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Vatne, to hold an executive session, approximately 20 minutes, on personnel, legal and real estate issues. Carried.

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