

CITY OF McCLEARY

January 28, 2009  
Public Hearing – Rezone  
Regular Council Meeting

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

Roll Call: Mayor Bentley  
Council Members: Vatne, Boling and Lake

Staff Present: Attorney Glenn, Administrator Nutley, Police Chief Crumb, Clerk-Treasurer Rostedt, Building Official Schlenker, Building Inspector Mercer, Facilities Manager Baun, Deputy Clerk Mercer, and Gray and Osborne Engineer Bird

It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Boling, to excuse Councilman Hays from this meeting. Carried.

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

Mayor Bentley announced that there is an opening on the Planning Commission and that persons interested in filling the position are asked to file a letter of intent with him.

Administrator Nutley reported that the City will be placing hanging baskets in the business area again this year.

Mayor Bentley opened the Public Hearing for a request by M & M Properties, LLC, to amend the comprehensive plan and zoning map to designate their land, at the corner of McCleary and Mox Chehalis Roads, for multi-family residential use. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on December 16, 2008, and based upon this, they have recommended to the Council approval of this request. Copies of the minutes of that hearing were available to the Council and the public. Councilwoman Lake revealed that she, as a realtor, sold the property years ago, and would be willing to recuse herself if there were any objections from the public. There were no objections from the Council or those citizens present. Administrator Nutley gave an overview of the issue, and Building Inspector Colin Mercer, presented a photo power point presentation. Monte Hicks, representing M & M Properties, provided additional information as relates to his proposed apartment development. Megan Wilkerson, representing her parents, George and Helen Sherwood who live next door to the proposed project, posed questions to the elected officials and Mr. Hicks. The majority of her questions dealt with the quality of the apartment complex that M & M plans to build and how the complex will be situated on the property to protect her parents' privacy. Following her questions, it was pointed out that the only issue before the Council at this hearing was the question of whether or not the comprehensive plan and the zoning of the property should change. There will be a step by step process if and when the actual project goes forward. The Public Hearing was closed.

It was moved by Councilman Boling, seconded by Councilman Vatne, to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Jim Huff for accounting services. Carried.

It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilwoman Lake, to instruct Attorney Glenn to prepare the necessary resolution and ordinance, regarding a change in the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning, for consideration at the next regular meeting. Carried.

Ordinance No. 754 entitled, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO GOVERNMENTAL OPERATION, ADDING A NEW SECTION TO CHAPTER 13.28 MMC, REPEALING SECTION 12.16.150 MMC & ORDINANCE 94, SECTION 1(14), AS LAST AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 592, SECTION 1 & PROVIDING OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW SECTION, PROVIDING FOR INTERPRETATION, & SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, was introduced. It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Boling, that the ordinance be read by first and last lines only. Carried. It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilwoman Lake, that the ordinance be adopted. Carried. All three Council members present voted in the affirmative.

Resolution No. 581, entitled A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, SETTING FORTH PRACTICES AND PROTOCOLS, & SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, was introduced. It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Boling, that the resolution be adopted. Carried.

It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Boling, that the vouchers be approved as audited. Carried.

It was agreed that the photos of the past Mayors be hung again in the Council Chambers, and Mayor Bentley was urged to get his photo taken for inclusion.

It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Boling, that an executive session of approximately 30 minutes be held on contract negotiations and personnel. Carried. The executive session began at 7:59 PM. At 8:30, Administrator Nutley returned and extended the session for approximately 15 minutes. The session ended at 8:35.

Back in regular session, it was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilwoman Lake, to approve the following: In light of prior discussions, will Fire District 5 agree to undertake the joint development of an agreement which will separate the financing, operation, and management of the ambulance service that is governed equally by the four entities with the anticipation that this will be created prior to March 31, 2009? If Fire District 5 cannot agree to take the steps necessary to implement the first option, will it agree to provide a level of service which is affordable by the four entities through a combination of reduction in its professional staffing and the increased use of volunteers from all four entities? If Fire District 5 cannot agree to either course of action on or before our meeting on February 12, 2009, it is likely that McCleary will begin the process of creating its own service, in partnership with Fire District 12 and the City of Elma, if possible. Carried.

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