

CITY OF McCLEARY

September 10, 2008
Regular Council Meeting

The regular meeting of the McCleary City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM with the flag salute.

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

Staff Present: Attorney Glenn, Administrator Nutley, Police Chief Crumb, Clerk-Treasurer Rostedt, Public Facilities Manager Baun, Wastewater Manager Merryman, Building Official Schlenker, Engineers Hinton and Bird, and staff members Jon Ehresmann, John Allardin and Ardyce Taylor

It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Boling, to excuse Councilman Hays. Carried.

It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Vatne, that the minutes be approved as distributed. Carried.

Mayor Bentley informed the Council of a Grays Harbor Transit "Easy Rider Free Day Promotion" to be held on Saturday, October 4 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and invited them to attend.

Administrator Nutley reported on:

- 1) A letter has arrived from DOT to tell the City that they are cancelling a detour through the City while making storm repairs to SR #8. The Council had expressed concerns about traffic on Simpson Avenue at Summit Road. Despite DOT's decision, the need for a Stop Sign at that intersection is still a priority. The City will continue to pursue the issue with the State.
- 2) A newspaper account of the meeting of the Rural Fire District #5 Board indicated that they will be asking the City for a 71% increase in 2009 for financial support of the ambulance service. McCleary's share would be \$66,080.00.
- 3) The 172 page Employee Handbook is in its Second Draft. She thanked all the City employees for their diligence in reviewing both drafts and submitting their comments. She would like the Council to adopt the Handbook at their next regular meeting.
- 4) She reported on Jeff Gustafson, who fell at work and may face surgery on his neck.
- 5) After some discussion, it was agreed that the sign for City Hall will consist of clear window vinyl, with the "City Hall" and address printed on it. The sign will be at eye level which should help motorists looking for the facility.

Gray & Osborne took a lead role in the discussions with DOT regarding a possible nighttime detour through McCleary while they did repairs to SR #8. When asked to assist the City twice on this issue, Administrator Nutley approved a \$500.00 addendum to their contract with the City. It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Boling, to ratify this contract addendum. Carried.

Four recent subdivisions have been constructed with storm water

detention ponds. Engineer Hinton has indicated that the City should seriously consider taking over these ponds. That leaves the maintenance of the ponds to the City, thus assuring they would always function properly. It was agreed that the City would not take on the ownership of any ponds unless they are brought up to the City's standards. The Council asked Administrator Nutley to pursue ownership of the ponds as she outlined it in her September 8, 2008 memo.

Gregg and Shannon Arndt have petitioned the City to vacate a portion of an undeveloped alley which divides their property on Beck Street. It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Vatne, to set a hearing date on the issue for October 8, 2008, at 7:00 PM. Carried.

Waste Water Connections, Inc., has purchased LeMay Enterprises. Representatives of the new company and LeMay met with the Mayor and City staff last week. It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Vessey, to authorize the Mayor to sign the consent to acquisition with Waste Water Connections, Inc. Carried.

Resolution No. 572, entitled, A RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO PROCEDURES INVOLVING THE PROCESSING OF PETITIONS FOR ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY TO THE CITY, was introduced. It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Boling, that the resolution be adopted. Carried.

Resolution No. 573, entitled A RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO AWARDED OF A CONTRACT; CONFIRMING THE UTILIZING OF SOLE SOURCE METHODOLOGY FOR ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT, & MAKING FINDINGS, was introduced. It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilwoman Lake, that the resolution be adopted. Carried.

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

It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Vatne, to hold an executive session of approximately 20 minutes to discuss issues as relates to personnel. Carried.

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