

CITY OF MCCEARY
Regular City Council Meeting
March 10, 2010

REGULAR MEETING	Called to order by Mayor Dent
FLAG SALUTE	The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with the Flag Salute.
ROLL CALL	Councilmember's Ator, Boling, Schiller, Geer, and Lant.
ABSENT	All present.
STAFF PRESENT	City Attorney Dan Glenn, City Clerk/Treasurer Collins, Police Chief Crumb, Public Works Director Nick Bird, Public Facilities Manager Todd Baun, and staff members Jennie Reed, Mick Schlenker, and Randy Bunch.
MINUTES APPROVED	Minutes were not prepared due to illness. They will be added to the next meeting packet.
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.
MAYOR'S REPORT	<p>Mayor Dent reported Toni Nelson from the State Auditor's Office will be coming later this month to assist in balancing the end of the year 2009 to help us prepare for the Annual Report that is due in May.</p> <p>The Mayor hopes to call a work session on the revenue side and then later on the expenditure side.</p> <p>After changing software last winter, we changed from warrants to checks and the process is different in how we reconcile at the end of the month. There were some warrants that had not been reconciled in the system and they are being cleaned up.</p> <p>We have started receiving some of the USDA grant money for the water meters.</p> <p>The Mayor sent letters to our Representatives in the Legislature regarding his dissatisfaction over the decision Mark Reed Hospital made in relocating the facility to Elma. He sent out approximately six letters addressing the issue and hopes to receive some type of response.</p>
CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT	Attorney Dan Glenn reported the Senate Bill SSB 6686, which would require the City to have the post of municipal judge filled through the election process ended up not moving forward for final passage. The bad news is it is likely that a bill which will affect McCleary, given its tri-utility status (sewer, water, and electrical) is likely to move forward. ESSB 6261 has been passed by both houses, however, the House amended the Senate version so it will have to go back to the Senate for concurrence before being submitted to the Governor for review. This will limit the number of months to four for which we may impose a utility lien. It also mandates a notice requirement to a tenant, when we have knowledge of the tenancy, before being able to shut off the service due to an owner's failure to pay. The City staff already strive to provide extended notice.
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT	<p>Regarding infill residential construction, which was discussed at the last meeting, Mr. Bird discovered that the previous administration allowed a residence to be constructed in the 4th quarter of 2009 without constructing half street improvements, including curb, gutter, and sidewalk. Based on this fact, the determination and precedence for residential infill lots had been previously set. Knowing this information, Mr. Bird authorized the Building Official to notify the applicant that half street improvements are not required for residential infill construction.</p> <p>The current Development Standards and Municipal Code are vague when it comes to defining the requirements of residential infill construction and can be interpreted differently daily. Mr. Bird plans to work with the Planning Commission, revise the Development Standards and associated Municipal Code Sections to rectify this issue by providing clear and definite requirements for all types of residential construction.</p>
SIMPSON SIDEWALK PROJECT UPDATE	Trees had to be removed due to root damage to the sidewalk, streets and storm lines. Unfortunately, they were removed while in bloom, which has made some residents unhappy. New foliage is being researched that will be attractive and not cause harm to the new construction of the street/sidewalk.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Crumb reported the FBI is active working on new leads regarding missing child Lindsey Baum. The FBI is appreciative the City is allowing them to work out of City Hall.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT
PLANT BIOSOLIDS

A section was included in the packet regarding Wastewater Treatment Plant Solids Handling for the Council to review. Nick Bird explained it is a 50-year old structure that was planned to be demolished. The City ran out of money for the demolition, which will cost between \$500,000 and \$600,000. It's an issue to keep in mind that will have to be dealt with in time.

MOTION TO PAY VOUCHERS

It was moved by Councilmember Boling, seconded by Councilmember Lant to sign the vouchers. Roll call taken. All Councilmember's voted in the affirmative. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilmember Lant stated he is having difficulty accessing his city email account. Councilmember Boling said he had difficulty too and had to request assistance. Councilmember Lant will contact Colin Mercer for help.

Mayor Dent welcomed the previous Mayor and Councilmember's that were sitting in the audience.

Previous Mayor Bentley commented in reference to the biosolid information they received. They were told they were running out of money by the previous engineering company but what they were doing was okay with regulations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:16 pm, it was moved by Councilmember Boling seconded by Councilmember Ator to adjourn the meeting. Roll call taken. All Councilmember's voted in the affirmative. Motion Carried.