CITY OF McCLEARY

Regular Meeting - March 12, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with the Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Mayor Wallace Bentley
Councilmen Boling, Jhanson and Vessey
Councilwomen Lake and Portschy

Staff Present: Attorney Glenn, Administrator Shay, Police Chief White, and Cole Elliott of Parametrix

Citizens: Sign-Up Sheet on file in the Office of the Clerk

Rick Scott, Grays Harbor County Under Sheriff, addressed the Mayor, Council, and citizens regarding a very recent assault/rape incident in McCleary. He said they are working night and day on this case, and thanked the City for allowing them to use the McCleary Police Department as a base of operations for their east county deputies. He urged citizens to come forward if they have any information, no matter how trivial they may think it is, and report it to the police. He was thanked for coming.

Assault/Rape

It was moved by Councilwoman Lake, seconded by Councilman Vessey, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as distributed. Carried.

Minutes

Sue Michalak reminded everyone of the Bear Festival dinner and auction scheduled for Saturday night. It was moved by Councilwoman Lake, seconded by Councilwoman Portschy, to authorize a letter from the City to the Liquor Control Board, supporting the issuance of a license to service liquor at the dinner. Carried.

Bear Festival

The Mayor and Council were given a letter from David Eastin stating that at the time Vestel and Sons removed trees on City property at the Simpson Avenue substation, Mr. Vestel was then hired by Mr. Eastin's neighbor, Richard Collings, to remove a tree on property Mr. Collings maintained he owned. Mr. Eastin contends the property belongs to him and the tree was taken down illegally while he was away from home. Attorney Glenn said Vestel and Sons was not acting within the scope of the City's contract with them when they removed that tree, and this is a private civil matter.

Eastin/Collings Trees

Mayor Bentley echoed the sentiments of those present, when he said how happy he was to hear that Elizabeth Smart of Utah had been found alive after 9 months with her kidnappers.

Administrator Shay reported that the Planning Commission will be setting a public hearing regarding the issue of extension of utilities outside our City limits.

Set Public Hearings-Utilities Extension

Ken and Bud Brogan have volunteered to remove the tennis court in the park and pouring the new foundation for the skateboard park. Bayview has indicated they will donate some of the necessary materials. The City would be responsible for hauling away the broken asphalt. It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Jhanson, that the Mayor be authorized to sign an agreement between the City and Capital Contracting for this work. Carried.

Skateboard Park

Chief White referred the Council to his report. He said that during the 9 hour power outage, his officers checked businesses on foot. He said the Police Department is working closely with the Grays Harbor Sheriff's Department on the assault/rape case.

Power Outage

Administrator Shay said that in light of the recent PUD power outage,

he has talked with Manager Richard Lovely to see if we can store some of their equipment and poles, so that east county outages could be handled more quickly.

Cooperation - PUD

Administrator Shay reported that the REED Committee had met earlier in the week, and will be recommending to the Council the expenditure of $158,000.00 of REED funds for a 600 foot extension of the sewer line out Simpson Avenue. He said he would bring more information to the next meeting to assist them in making a decision.

REED Committee - Sewer Extension

It was reported that Tim Hartman is withdrawing his request to put a banner on a City power pole. Before the next meeting Attorney Glenn, Administrator Shay and Mayor Bentley will meet with Mr. Elwood Freiss, property owner adjacent to Hartman's Jewelry, regarding the possibility of putting in sidewalk on that block.

Hartman - Sidewa

WCIA has given the go ahead to the City to put out to bid the restoration work at the Community Center.

Community Center Fire

It was moved by Councilman Jhanson, seconded by Councilman Vessey, to award the bid for the sequencing batch reactor to ABJ (fine bubble system) at the low bid of $309,938.00. Carried.

Bid - Sequencing Batch Reactor

It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilwoman Portschy, to accept the State Bid of $3,883.00 for a small John Deere mower to be used at the City's cemetery. This would replace a 10 year old mower. Carried.

Bid-Mower

Attorney Glenn received approval from the Council for the Clerk to amend some wording in the election ballot title for the April 22 annexation election per the suggestion of the offices of the County Auditor and County Prosecuting Attorney.

Annexation Election

A City generator was left outside by the contractor, accidentally, at the new library location. They will be replacing our generator.

New Library

In answer to Teri Franklin's questions regarding the aquifer located on the property where a residential community will be built, Attorney Glenn said that their will be environmental reviews at every stage of the project.

Franklin - Aquifer

In answer to Teri Franklin's question regarding Renihold v the City of McCleary, Attorney Glenn reported that the City's motion for summary judgment is scheduled to be heard this coming Monday, March 17, at 1:30 PM.

Franklin - Reinhold

It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilwoman Portschy, that the City voice its support for our U. S. troops overseas. Carried.

Support Troops

An executive session was called on legal for approximately 5 minutes.

Executive Session

Council came back into regular session almost immediately, stating that the topic Councilwoman Lake wished to discuss did not qualify for an executive session.

Executive Session Cancelled

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

Adjourn

Mayor Wallace J. Bentley

Attest:

L. S. Rattell

Clerk-Treasurer

Claims:

Payroll: