

CITY OF McCLEARY

December 5, 2007

Final Public Hearing on Proposed 2008 Budget – 6:00 PM

Regular Council Meeting

Roll Call: Mayor Wallace Bentley

Council Members: Vessy, Vatne, Lake, Boling and Hays

Staff Present: Attorney Coker, Administrator Nutley, Police Chief

Crumb, Clerk-Treasurer Rostedt, Deputy Clerk Rush

The meeting was called to order with the flag salute.

It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Boling, to excuse Attorney Dan Glenn. Carried.

It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Vatne, to approve the minutes of the Budget Hearing and Regular Council meeting held on November 14, 2007. Carried.

The Final Public Hearing on the 2008 Budget was called to order at 6:14 PM. Once again, Administrator Nutley outlined the major components of the proposed budget. There was a brief discussion of the jail contract for next year. No one from the public asked any questions or made any comment about the budget as presented. The Hearing was closed at 6:19 PM. The regular meeting followed.

Administrator Nutley reminded everyone of the plan to hold a 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party for the City on Wednesday, January 9 from 5:30 to 6:30, an hour before the regular Council meeting. Refreshments will be served. The public is welcome, and special invitations will be going out to former mayors and council persons.

Administrator Nutley reported that John Graham has been promoted to Police Sergeant, effective this month. She also gave a report on the work done by City staff, the Light/Power crew in particular, as relates to the major storm which hit on Sunday, December 2. She reported that Dan Vandevender gave notice to the City and quit, and Andrew Lunsford has been hired to take his place. The sidewalk grant, for which Todd Baun applied, has been awarded to the City in the amount of \$186,500.00.

It was moved by Councilwoman Lake, seconded by Councilman Vatne, to authorize the Mayor to sign a 2008 Agreement with the Children's Advocacy Center, pending approval by the City Attorney. Carried.

It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilwoman Lake, that the Mayor be authorized to sign a 2008 agreement with the Jordan Law Firm for indigent defense. Carried.

Administrator Nutley reported on a meeting between her, Wastewater Manager Vern Merryman, and Debbie Harper of USDA to discuss ADA issues at City Hall and a bio-solid dryer (dehydrator) for the Treatment Plant. It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Vatne, to authorize the Mayor to sign grant and/or loan applications for ADA improvements to City Hall. Carried. After some discussion, it was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Vatne, to authorize the Mayor and Administrator to sign a grant application for a bio-solid dryer for the Treatment Plant. Carried.

Two bids were received for utility poles: Oeser Company (Bellingham, WA) in the amount of \$21,227.47 and Stella-Jones Corp. (Arlington) in the amount of \$25,535.48. It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Boling, to accept the bid from Oeser. Carried.

There was a discussion of the work being done by the Light/Power crew, in particular, the work being done under the mutual aid agreement between the City and Grays Harbor PUD. Following the discussion, it was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Vessey, to adopt a Memo of Understanding to go into effect Monday, December 3, to calculate payment of storm overtime at the rate adopted by PUD. Carried.

It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilwoman Lake, to approve a Memo of Understanding between the City and the IBEW Union, that would allow the Line Equipment Operator to read electric meters for those accounts outside the City Limits. Carried.

There was a discussion of whether or not the property owners in Summit Place II should retain ownership of the storm water ponds, or whether or not the City should take over ownership—the pros and the cons of such a decision.

Ordinance No. 744, entitled AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2008 AND ESTABLISHING SALARIES was introduced. It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Boling, to read the ordinance by first and last lines only. Carried. It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Boling to adopt the ordinance. Carried. Roll call revealed all Council members voted in the affirmative.

Ordinance No. 745, entitled an ORDINANCE RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT; MODIFYING THE PROCEDURE FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF LONG PLATS; AMENDING SECTION 16.52.120 MMC & SECTION 16, ORDINANCE 707; & DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, 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 Vessey, seconded by Councilman Vatne, that the ordinance be adopted. Carried. Roll call showed all members voting in the affirmative.

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

Mayor Bentley and Councilman Vessey thanked all the staff for their work on the 2008 Budget.

It was moved by Councilman Boling, seconded by Councilman Vatne, to cancel the remainder of Council meetings for 2007, unless issues arise that need attention. Carried.

Councilman Vessey reported that Vicki Cummings and Council of Governments have been very pleased with the response from the City of McCleary to issues COG has faced this year.

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