

CITY OF McCLEARY

Regular Meeting - October 8, 2003

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

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

Staff Present: Attorney Glenn, Administrator Shay, Police Chief White, and Building Inspector Schlenker

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

It was moved by Councilman Jhanson, seconded by Councilman Vessey that the minutes of the last regular meeting be approved as distributed. Carried.

Minutes

Mayor Bentley said he was happy with the summer improvements he has seen around the city—particularly in the commercial zone. A number of businesses have adopted the City's color scheme of tan and dark green. He thanked City staff who have donated time to help in some of the improvements.

Improvements

Administrator Shay reported that the Planning Commission, at their earlier meeting, plan to forward to the Council several recommendations regarding changes on the land use map for the proposed zoning ordinance.

Planning Commission
Zoning

It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilwoman Portschy, that the Mayor be authorized to sign a mutual aid agreement with Grays Harbor for a County wide investigative team to investigate major accidents and crime cases, pending approval by Attorney Glenn. Carried.

G.H. Mutual Aid
Agreement

Administrator Shay reported on the following:

- 1) Vern Merryman has been re-certified as a lab technician at the wastewater treatment plant. The fact that he can do some of the lab tests, rather than sending the tests out, saves the City money.
- 2) The power outage went well on Sunday, and power was restored to most residents by 8:00 AM.
- 3) The memorial bricks should be installed in front of the library prior to the next Council meeting.
- 4) A call for bids for clean up of the old auction site has gone out, and he should have a recommendation for the Council at their next meeting.
- 5) It appears that BPA will be raising their rates to the City this month by 2.2%.

Treatment Plant Lab
Tests

Power Outage

Memorial Bricks

Auction Cleanup

BPA Increase

Librarian Mary Thornton announced that the Timberland Board of Trustees will be holding their monthly meeting in McCleary the same night as the next Council meeting.

Library

In answer to Councilman Jhanson's inquiry about the parking problem in front of Mike's Market on Simpson Avenue, Administrator Shay said two "No Parking This Block" signs have been ordered.

Parking Problem

Simpson Timber Company is asking for an extension to complete Phase 2 of the Evergreen Heights Subdivision, serving 9 lots at the end of Cedar Street. They had until December 31, 2002, to complete the plat, which they did not. Attorney Glenn stated that the preliminary plat approval lapsed and they are back to their original state. He was directed to send a

Evergreen Heights

letter to Simpson stating an extension cannot be granted unless they have an alternate legal opinion of the RCW's. Simpson is planning to sell the property to a new developer. If the City does not grant the extension, the new developer would have to file a new application to complete the subdivision.

Simpson has granted the City a new easement for access and utilities from the end of Cedar Street 1,200 lineal feet across their property to our reservoir. The new easement includes the existing road and was necessary to allow US Cellular to install telephone service to the cell tower. The easement will also give the City the authority to install a new water main in the easement as planned for in the Comprehensive Water Plan. The cost of the easement is \$500.00 and it will be split evenly by the City and US Cellular. It was moved by Councilman Jhanson, seconded by Councilman Vessey, that the Mayor be authorized to sign the easement pending Attorney Glenn's approval. Carried.

Easement for New Cell Tower

A tentative time line was discussed for the following items: passage of the proposed zoning ordinance at the first meeting in November, the proposed subdivision ordinance on October 22, consideration of the increase in the utility tax on electric after the general election, and the ordinance for the 2004 property tax levy by November 12 since submission to the Grays harbor Auditor must be no later than November 15.

Zoning Ordinance

Tax Levy

It was moved by Councilman Boling, seconded by Councilman Vessey to set November 12 and December 3, 2003, as the dates for Public Hearings on the Proposed 2004 McCleary City Budget. Carried. It was suggested that the Council meet on November 12 at 5:00 PM, before the regular meeting, to work on the proposed budget.

Proposed 2004 Budget

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

Vouchers

There was a very brief (5 minutes) executive session.

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

Adjourned

Mayor:

Wallace Bentley

Attest:

A.S. Pustadt

Clerk-Treasurer

Claims:

Payroll: