

**CITY OF MCCEARY**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**February 24, 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	It was moved by Councilmember Boling and seconded by Councilmember Geer to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2010 meeting. Motion Carried.
PUBLIC COMMENT	Mark Reed Hospital will be having a Public Board Meeting Thursday evening at the Elma City Council Hall to discuss possible relocation of the hospital.
MAYOR'S REPORT	<p>The Simpson Sidewalk Project will be starting back up on March 1st.</p> <p>The Mayor stated the city-wide power outage went well.</p> <p>The Mayor stated the financials are in trouble and the water fund is in the red. He is continuing working with Wendy Collins and Donnie Rostedt to review the adopted 2010 budget and to decide if we should re-do the budget or make amendments to it later this year. The Mayor noted there were three budget amendments that were made to the 2009 budget near the end of the year and discussed the status of various revenue funds. Mayor Dent will keep the Council informed as the budget process continues.</p> <p>Due to the state of the budget, the Mayor stated there may be employee layoffs this year.</p> <p>The City is also looking into selling surplus fleet vehicles that are not absolutely necessary.</p> <p>Past Councilmember Helen Lake asked if the state of the budget last year was not as well off as they were told by City Administrator Nutley and Mayor Dent agreed she was correct. Mayor Dent added, former Clerk-Treasurer Donnie Rostedt issued a letter in 2009 to the Mayor and Council regarding money concerns but did not get any attention from the City Administrator regarding her findings. Helen Lake stated she and the Council only knew what was going on by what they were given by Ms. Nutley. She didn't know the finances were in as bad of shape as they are.</p>
CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT	Attorney Dan Glenn stated there is a Senate Bill SSB 6686, which would require the City to have the post of municipal judge filled through the election process. The City would have to pay for the cost of the election, even though the candidates do not have to reside within the city. Also, the candidates for the position may live at any location within the county so long as they have been admitted to the Bar. So far it is failing. Mr. Glenn has submitted his personal opinion in opposition to the bill to the elected legislators from Grays Harbor and Thurston County.
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT	<p>Nick stated the USDA Loan is completed. The City had a pre-construction meeting regarding the Simpson Sidewalk Project last week. The project should take about 90 working days to complete and should be done before the Bear Festival this summer. The south side of the street will have limited parking during construction.</p> <p>Gray &amp; Osborne will re-evaluate our stormwater management plan and will provide recommendations to improve the current plan. The stormwater management plan will be prepared by Gray &amp; Osborne.</p>

The City is dealing with a variance issue. We have a current property owner with one single lot and he's preparing to build a new residence. Owners must follow the development standards plan, which includes frontage improvements. The owner is asking for an exception to the variance so he will not have to follow the development plan. The City would be setting precedence if we change our requirements, so we should follow the development plan. The Mayor stated he wants consistency and to go by the book. After discussion, it was decided they would hold off on a decision and do some further research on all options available.

John Wilson from Gray & Osborne stated because the city gets improvements through development, the city can require the single lots provide a section of sidewalk or we can wait and hope to get funding to do the entire street with sidewalk all at once. G&O put together an infill lot diagram showing a less expensive approach. Years ago, King Built Homes believed the rain garden was a still a costly alternative approach when building a single lot. John and Nick discussed options and they came up with an option for the rain garden. They are including a copy of the option for Council to review. The Mayor stated he does not want to deal with any loans but he will entertain grants, if they are available. Nick Bird recommended finding a middle ground for a developer of a property, which is to provide sidewalk and access ramp. Councilmember Lant asked to have time to review the options and make a decision at a later date.

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| SELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM | It was moved by Councilmember Schiller, seconded by Councilmember Geer to appoint Councilmember Lant as Mayor Pro Tem. Roll call taken. All Councilmember's voted in the affirmative. Motion Carried.                                    |
| MOTION TO PAY VOUCHERS     | It was moved by Councilmember Boling, seconded by Councilmember Ator to sign the vouchers. Roll call taken. All Councilmember's voted in the affirmative. Motion Carried.  |
| PUBLIC COMMENT             | <p>A citizen spoke with gratitude toward Mayor Dent for his hard work in trying to work out the budget issues.</p> <p>Councilmember Lant thanked the Police Department for the good job they did patrolling during the power outage.</p> |
| EXECUTIVE SESSION          | None.  |
| ADJOURNMENT                | At 7:45 pm, it was moved by Councilmember Boling seconded by Councilmember Lant to adjourn the meeting. Roll call taken. All Councilmember's voted in the affirmative. Motion Carried.   |