

CITY OF McCLEARY

August 8, 2007  
Regular Council Meeting

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Bentley with the flag salute.

Roll Call: Mayor Wallace Bentley  
Council Members Hays, Vatne, Vessey, Lake and Boling

Staff Present: Attorney Glenn, Administrator Nutley, Police Chief Crumb, Clerk-Treasurer Rostedt, Deputy Clerk Rush, Facilities Manager Baun, Water/Wastewater Manager Merryman, and Engineer Cole Elliott of Parametrix

It was moved by Councilman Boling, seconded by Councilwoman Lake, that the minutes be approved as distributed. Carried.

Administrator Nutley reported that the Grays Harbor County Commissioners voted to extend the moratorium on development over the aquifer north of town until next February. She further reported the City has reached the point of looking into a location for increased water storage.

There was a discussion of the issue of water rights, in particular the water rights on the prairie north of town. Vern Merryman said the private company actually owns very few of the water rights available. Attorney Glenn did point out that the transfer of water rights is a very lengthy process.

Engineer Elliott reported that streets at Cedar Heights and Summit Place will be paved tomorrow.

Chief Crumb said he is looking forward to the cost of overtime and on call time going down now that the two new officers are back from the academy.

Councilman Vessey reported that the night of the last McCleary Council meeting, he attended the Aberdeen Council meeting, together with Vicki Cummings of COG and Mayor Raines of Cosmopolis. They went to encourage Aberdeen to rejoin COG and pay their share of the annual dues. Considering that Aberdeen uses COG as a clearing house to obtain grants, just like the dues paying members, they should contribute more to the operation of COG. He, and the two others, will be attending the next County Commissioners meeting for the same reason, to convince they to join back in.

After some discussion, it was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Vatne, to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with E & F Strategies do to a Light/Power rate study at a cost of \$16,500.00. Carried. The vote was unanimous. Administrator Nutley said she foresees that the City will need to look into the financial cost of services for all utilities in the near future.

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

It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Boling, to authorize the Mayor to review and execute agreements between the City and the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) as relates to sidewalk improvements. Carried.

It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Vatne, to hold an executive session of approximately one hour, relating to a real estate purchase and personnel, with possible Council action following. Carried.

Back in regular session, it was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Vatne, to authorize the Mayor and staff to evaluate a certain piece of property and negotiate the possible sale of the property to the City. Carried.

It was moved by Councilman Vessey, seconded by Councilman Vatne, to create a position of full time "Building Inspector" for the City of McCleary. Carried.

It was moved by Councilman Boling, seconded by Councilman Vatne, to authorize the Mayor and staff to review a list of candidates for the position of arbitrator to handle negotiations between the Cities of McCleary and Elma, and the Rural Fire District No. 5, and to make a selection. Carried.

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