

CITY OF McCLEARY

January 25, 2006 – Regular Council Meeting

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

Roll Call: Mayor Wally Bentley
Councilwoman Lake
Councilmen Vatne, Boling and Hays

Staff Present: Attorney Glenn, Administrator Davolio, Police Chief Crumb, Building Official Schlenker, and Engineer Cole Elliott

It was moved by Councilman Boling, seconded by Councilman Vatne, to excuse Councilman Vessey. Carried.

It was moved by Councilman Boling, seconded Councilman Vatne, to approve the minutes as distributed. Carried.

Larry Birindelli volunteered to repair the sidewalk in front of the VFW Hall. There were no objections to this offer.

Mayor Bentley read a letter he had written to Police Chief Crumb and his police officers thanking them for the excellent way in which they handled the robbery at the Community Credit Union and the arrest of the suspect.

A report has been received from Labor and Industries which showed no findings in their recent surprise inspection at the City.

Administrator Davolio reported on the following:

- 1) He is attending the AWC Legislative update meetings, and is watching particular proposed legislation regarding reducing city liability and streamlining taxes. He has also contacted DOT regarding a traffic diversion off of SR #8 through the McCleary downtown.
- 2) It was moved by Councilman Boling, seconded by Councilman Vatne to accept the State bid of \$29,000.00 for a new police vehicle from Columbia Ford in Longview. Carried.
- 3) Engineer Elliott reported that he has had discussions with D.O.E. regarding the possible transfer of rural water rights
- 4) There is \$10,000.00 in the budget to pay for engineering to study possible new sites for another City water source.
- 5) A set of standard specifications will be drawn up for new electrical connections and he will be bringing them to the Council for their consideration.
- 6) He is looking into new remote meter reading equipment that would handle both electric and water. This would cut down on the time it takes to read the meters each month, and thus reduce labor costs. This would free up utility workers to work on other projects.

Police Chief Crumb reported on the recent Civil Service Exam given.

Building Inspector Schlenker presented an annual report on building in McCleary. He thanked the utility, police and office staff for all of their

assistance in 2005 in the Building Department. He said repairs to the park kitchen roof will be scheduled for summer.

Engineer Cole Elliott reported that he has been given a list from Planning Commission member Jeff Catterlin of possible future street names which was prepared by the students at McCleary Elementary.

It was moved by Councilman Boling, seconded by Councilwoman Lake, to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Jim Baker to the Civil Service Commission. Carried.

After some discussion regarding customers connecting to the new sewer line on Simpson Avenue, it was agreed to have Attorney Glenn draft an ordinance incorporating the following: residents wishing to connect at the rate of \$1,900.00, must have been owners on October 1, 2005, they must connect within the next six months (June 30, 2006) and once connected, and must commence service within 90 days. It was moved by Councilman Vatne, seconded by Councilman Boling, that an ordinance be drafted incorporating the aforementioned policies. Carried.

Ordinance No. 731 entitled, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2005; AMENDING ORDINANCE 716 AS TO PARTICULAR ELEMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, was introduced and discussed. It will be placed on the next regular meeting agenda for consideration.

It was moved by Councilwoman Lake, seconded by Councilman Vatne, to approve the vouchers as audited. Carried. The Clerk was asked to look into the Elcon Associates, Inc. engineering bill to provide further information.

Councilwoman Lake asked Building Official Schlenker about the outlook on near future housing development. He outlined the proposed and current developments and predicted there will probably be around 200 houses being built over the next two to three years.

Tim Hamilton and Michael Green both indicated they had questions about residential development along the City's sole source aquifer.

Janis Moore said she is waiting for a reply to her letter to the City questioning the policy which makes property owners ultimately responsible for the final utility bills left by their renters.

On the next regular meeting agenda, the Council will consider setting a date for further discussion of utilities extension north of town.

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