

CITY OF MCCLEARY
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 12, 2015

ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE	Councilmember's Reed, Schiller Catterlin, and Peterson were in attendance.
ABSENT	None.
STAFF PRESENT	Present at the meeting were Todd Baun, Wendy Collins, George Crumb, Dan Glenn, and Paul Nott.
PUBLIC HEARING	None.
PUBLIC COMMENT	<p>Dustin Richey has major concerns with the drug house behind the transit station. Mayor Dent said an investigation is under way with the city and the county. He is aware of the problem and said it is being dealt with.</p> <p>Helen Hamilton did not know there were regulations in the cemetery regarding flowers, vases, etc. that are left on grave sites. She recently placed some items on a grave and noticed they were removed and she was upset because they were not there for very long. She would like to have the regulations posted and for there to be a way to notify people that there are rules that apply to the cemetery regarding items placed on graves. Mayor Dent will have Todd Baun address the issue.</p> <p>Larry Birindelli thanked the Council and Mayor for their cooperation during the demolition of the building across the street from city hall. He also asked to make comments in support of the police department. He strongly encourages the council to keep the police force in this town. He periodically needs to rely on the police for tenant issues. He wants to go on record that he is in support of keeping the police department. Mayor Dent said current expense has more revenue than expected. He has made the decision to transfer \$100,000 and move it into the police department from the REED fund after receiving permission from the REED Committee.</p> <p>Gary Atkins doesn't understand why the city allows new businesses in town without business licenses, criminal back ground checks, accurate permits or anything. He said the new business on 3rd Street is a garage sale business that sells junk, which is not allowed on a daily basis. He also asked that before the Council makes any decisions on the police department, he wants them to think about how a year ago the vote was to not pay for the police department, however, we are still here fighting about what to do with the police department. Mayor Dent said after the council voted to remove \$150,000 from the police expenditure line, he chose to not veto it because he didn't want to shut the government down. He added that if the council chooses to degrade or not fund the police department in the next budget, he will veto it and start shutting the government down.</p> <p>Gary Atkins asked the Mayor if the voters choose to not fund the police department and vote no, what are we going to do. Mayor Dent said we will have to see when that time arrives. Mr. Atkins said we spend \$34,000 a month for three officers, so how are we going to continue paying that. Mayor Dent said we are not going broke and the current expense fund has brought in more money this year than anticipated.</p> <p>Mr. Atkins said we would save money if we go to a black-out until January because the County is already collecting taxes from McCleary residents and will cover us until we know whether we can fund our police department next year. Mayor Dent said the sheriff's department will only have one person on duty and Gary Atkins said that is all we have on during a shift now.</p>
EXECUTIVE SESSION	None.
MINUTES APPROVED	It was moved by Councilmember's Schiller and Peterson, seconded by Councilmember Reed to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2015 meeting. Motion Carried 4-0.
CITY ATTORNEY REPORT	Dan Glenn provided a written report for the Council and is available, if they have any questions.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS	None.
MAYOR PRO TEM APPOINTMENT	Mayor Dent does not think a vote on Mayor Pro Tem should happen until the next meeting when a new Councilmember is appointed to replace deceased Councilmember Ben Ator and added he could block it with a veto. Councilmember Schiller said they have 90 days to appoint someone and if Mayor Dent were to deacease tomorrow, we don't have a Mayor Pro Tem and will have nobody to lead the City. It was moved by Councilmember Catterlin, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to appoint Councilmember Schiller as Mayor Pro Tem. Motion Carried 3-1, with Councilmember Reed voting in the negative.
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT	Todd Baun has provided a written report for the Council.
GENERAL PACIFIC PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL	Resolution 622 requires the Light and Power department to purchase supplies to continue working on the cutover project. Paul Nott has received a quote for materials for a total of \$6,233.81. The money is in the 2015 budget and will come from the L&P Capital Outlay system line. It was moved by Councilmember Schiller, seconded by Councilmember Reed to authorize the purchase order for General Pacific in the amount of \$6,233.81. Motion Carried 4-0.
GHC MULTI HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN DEVELOPMENT	The county is moving forward on developing a plan to partner with a county-wide multi-hazard mitigation plan. Because the cost has not been determined at this time, the city wants to reserve the right to withdraw if they do not agree with the cost figures. Paul Nott stated this follows the national incident management system. Since 9-11, the feds are coordinating more of national emergencies together. He said it's really good when FEMA kicks in. This is something to make sure everyone is on the same page, if we have a national event. If the city is not involved, and grants become available, they will not be available for us.
ZONING AMENDMENT	The Council has received the Hearing Examiner's report from the public hearing conducted on July 1, 2015. A zoning ordinance amendment was requested by Larry Birindelli and after the hearing, it was recommended by Neil Aaland, the Hearing Examiner, to grant it. Dan Glenn suggests moving forward on adoption of the ordinance at the next council meeting. It was moved by Councilmember Schiller, seconded by Councilmember Reed to move forward at the next council meeting on adoption of the ordinance regarding the recommended changes to the MMC 17.20.030 that add "medical clinics, medical offices and pharmacies" to the list of permitted uses in the C-1 zone. Motion Carried 4-0.
CEDAR HEIGHTS STORM POND	The residents with ownership of the storm pond in Cedar Heights have decided they would like to deed the storm pond over to the city with the condition that they do not pay any extra and will pay only the same as everyone else in the city. The initial cost to bring it to its capacity is approximately \$2,000 and would be a minimal cost to maintain after that. Paul Nott would like to see the Council set up language in the development standards to address the storm pond maintenance issue so they won't have to deal with it again in the future. It was moved by Councilmember Schiller, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to accept the deeded storm pond from Cedar Heights and maintain it and only charge the residents the base storm pond fee. Motion Carried 4-0.
DYNAMIC COLLECTORS AMENDMENT	In the current agreement, we only collect 50% of the fees associated with interest charges and collection fees. This new agreement would allow us to collect 100% of all fees associated with the city's collections. It was moved by Councilmember Catterlin, seconded by Councilmember Schiller to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract amendment for Dynamic Collectors. Motion Carried 4-0.
GRAYS HARBOR PUD EASEMENT	Tabled.
POLICE BUDGET DISCUSSION	Dan Glenn said the Council has received a memo with information on the current state of the budget and the police expenditures will run out at the end of the month. Mayor Dent said the current expense fund is above in expected revenues. Dan Glenn said there are options recommended for the Council to consider. One option is to "go dark" for certain hours during the week to save money. If we put the police on a furlough or lay off, there is still a fiscal impact. All options require certain procedures to implement and all come with a fiscal impact, which will require an amendment to the budget.

Councilmember Catterlin said both he and Councilmember Schiller expressed interest in a written contingency plan stating in the event the levy fails, they will seek alternative measures in police protection, whether it be contracting with the County, another agency or some other option. He wants all Council and the Mayor to agree to this contingency plan and sign it. If not, he will not appropriate one more dime toward funding the police department. The Council was asked what other options they have considered and Councilmember Schiller said we are out of time. Councilmember Catterlin said for two years they have tried to get the police department to find a way to cut their budget but the police weren't interested. He said he is open to any idea but we are now out of time.

Mayor Dent said current expense is making more money than what was estimated. He wants to make it clear that any budget that proposes to dispose of the police department will be vetoed. He also stated that he has control of hiring and firing people. He said there is some real confusion over this. Councilmember Schiller said we are getting off track. He said we've talked about this for two years, we tried passing a levy last year, and we talked about other options for the police department such as grants and other things. Now it's down to budget time again and where are we going to be? If we spend the \$150,000 that was removed from the expenditures, we are still going to be in the same place next year. The money is going to be gone. We've talked about this for actually four years and we never come up with an actual solution. All of sudden tonight, miraculously, the Mayor says our current expense fund is flourishing. We've been straight up front with all of you and we've tried to come up with a contract and the next thing I know I'm looking at a lawsuit. We tried to look for options and now we are at that deadline.

Mayor Dent said the majority of the council needs to accept that one, they cut \$150,000 from the police budget and said they want the police department gone, two, the sheriff's office is charging \$225,000 for the first two-years and then goes up each year, three, their coverage is not guaranteed and four, the sheriff makes it quite clear he will make all the decisions. That is where he is stopping for the time being.

Councilmember Peterson commented by saying there are three options given for the police budget and he doesn't know which one is even good. He wanted to get cooperation from everybody but they didn't get it. He and Councilmember Catterlin voted to go with the Sheriff's department and that got shot down so now they need some help because their backs are against the wall. They need some help from the police department with how to make some cuts and try to work together on this but they are not offering anything.

Councilmember Catterlin said the Mayor talked about the county contract going up 3% each year after the first two years, which is what the police department budget does when you look at it. It goes up each year. Mayor Dent said he is not going to comment on it.

Ray Boling said two members of the Council are dead against the police department and are set on getting rid of them. According to the Sheriff contract, we would only get 7 hours a day, 7 days a week. That is the best they can guarantee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Vessey asked Mayor Dent about a comment he said earlier. He asked if he meant it when he said he didn't like any PUD or Light & Power and asked if he was referring to the City's PUD and Mayor Dent said he'd contract out our group to the PUD any day.

Pam Ator wants the bickering and arguing and third grade rhetoric to stop because it's not getting us anywhere. We need to come together as a community and make this work. The Council and Mayor need to make this work like every other community. The community members don't need to sit here and yell and scream and neither does the council and mayor. I don't believe in my own heart that anybody went to the polls last November and said I don't want the police department. I believe they said, "I don't want to pay any more taxes so please figure out how to use the money your getting to make it work". All this bickering is trickling down and it's affecting our city. I didn't come to the meetings when Ben was on council but I'm here now to say I'm done with the druggies and I'm done with the fighting and it's time we come together as one united front.

Larry Birindelli said there are seven people at the table that he really appreciates for their diligent effort and he knows there are going to be disagreements and there are different personalities but you all stick with it. We need to do whatever we can do to keep the police force but we also need to keep the budget in the black. Mayor Dent said he has never brought a budget to the Council that was not in the black.

Helen Hamilton suggested an option for funding the police is to take out a loan on city-owned properties.

Joy Iverson asked what happens if the police department shuts down and we end up passing the levy. She wants to know what happens to that money. Dan Glenn said the police could be furloughed, which will take a significant amount of money and will require a supplemental budget. Scott Snyder is working with the FOP representatives to discuss options of furlough and lay off. A furlough would be used if we shut down the police department temporarily. Joy asked if the levy passed, would we still be paying that money in the tax with no department. Dan said if the budget is spent and we can't afford to keep the police and the levy passes, he would anticipate the council would reactivate the police department until the tax levy money comes in the spring. Mayor Dent said that would cost about a half a million dollars.

WATER USE RESTRICTION
ORDINANCE

Tabled.

BUDGET AMENDMENT
ORDINANCE

Dan Glenn introduced a budget amendment ordinance for the Council to consider and possibly take action at the next meeting.

RESOLUTION 677 VEHICLE &
EQUIPMENT SURPLUS

The city has four vehicles that need to be surplused. Todd Baun is asking for authorization from the Council to surplus the vehicles and equipment that we are not using and we are not able to get parts for any more. **It was moved Councilmember Catterlin, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to adopt Resolution 677 authorizing the surplus of the specified four vehicles. Motion Carried 4-0.**

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Accounts Payable vouchers/checks approved were 39796 - 39854 including EFT's in the amount of \$143,224.25 and 39855 - 39905 including EFT's in the amount of \$72,005.58.

Payroll checks approved were 39765 - 39795 including EFT's in the amount of \$156,552.12.

It was moved by Councilmember Reed, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to approve the vouchers. Motion Carried 4-0.

MEETING ADJOURNED

It was moved by Councilmember Peterson, seconded by Councilmember Reed to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 26 2015 at 7:00 pm. Motion Carried 4-0.

Mayor Gary Dent:

Clerk-Treasurer Wendy Collins:
