

CITY OF MCCLEARY
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 12, 2012

FLAG SALUTE	Mayor Dent Called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Flag Salute.
ROLL CALL	Council members Catterlin, Schiller, Reed, Lant and Ator.
ABSENT	None.
STAFF PRESENT	Present at the meeting were Dan Glenn, Wendy Collins, Nick Bird, George Crumb, and Jon Hinton from Gray & Osborne.
PUBLIC COMMENT	Helen Lake thanked Chris Mercer and Wendy Collins for their help on her niece's account. She also thanked Tom Reed for his help on an issue she had.
MINUTES APPROVED	Minutes were not available for the packet.
MAYOR'S COMMENTS	<p>Ardyce Taylor has been charged with aggravated felony theft, according to the Grays Harbor Sheriff's Office. The hearing will be on October 8th.</p> <p>The well project started last week. The crew had a hard time locating the water line and the power crew were working on poles and they found the water line and punctured it, which caused discoloration of the water for a period of time. The damage has been corrected and they are moving forward on the project.</p>
TIM GIBBS, GREATER GRAYS HARBOR, INC.	<p>Tim Gibbs made a presentation on the various activities the Greater Grays Harbor, Inc., has been working on. He has again asked for \$1,000 from the City for membership dues. Mayor Dent believes the money is worthwhile and he appreciates the job Mr. Gibbs and his staff are doing.</p> <p>Joe Chiaravalloti just left the meet and greet with Representative Tharinger and he was told Mr. Gibbs would be a good resource to respond to questions he might have. They left the meeting to discuss his questions.</p>
CITY ATTORNEY REPORT	<p>Dan Glenn has provided a written report for the Council and is available for any questions.</p> <p>Mayor Dent met with Dan Glenn and other attorneys in Olympia yesterday to discuss a potential project and the Mayor has asked the attorneys to monitor things behind the scenes.</p>
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT	<p>Nick Bird brought up the topic of charging stations and the potential funding opportunity that is available. Councilman Lant said this was mentioned last time and to get going because the Council already gave him a green light last month and are all in favor of it.</p> <p>The Well project is underway and he wanted to remind everyone that beginning this weekend, please remember to try and limit water use until the new pump in Well No. 2 is installed to limit the potential for pump failure due to overuse. Nick suggested the fire department needs to be aware of it and limit hydrant use. Councilman Schiller stated the fire department has already addressed the issue.</p> <p>Councilman Lant stated because of its location and not knowing what grid it's on and it's proximity to the mill, the hydrant can't be out of service. He doesn't want to see anyone's business threatened because the hydrant is out of service. He added that it is only a 4-hour fix. Nick Bird stated the delay was due to waiting for supplies. Nick said he will get it squared away.</p>
GENERATOR SERVICE AGREEMENT	It was moved by Councilman Lant, seconded by Councilman Reed to authorize the service agreement with Legacy Power Systems for generator service maintenance in the amount of \$1,105 plus sales tax to be paid annually. Motion Carried 5-0.
PUBLIC SEWERS REVISION	Tabled

INTERSECTION REVIEW	Nick Bird provided findings of the review conducted at the intersection of 3rd Street and 2nd Street. The two solutions were reduce the posted speed limit through the section to 20 mph and/or increase the intersection sight distance. Nick gave an estimated planning level cost of approximately \$15,000 if the City were to increase the sight distance to meet the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials standards. Councilman Catterlin would like to see the sight distance increased. Councilman Lant would like to see this tabled and discussed further.
BIAS ONLINE XPRESSS BILL PAY	BIAS software has a module for xpress bill pay, which allows residents to pay by either credit or debit card, 24-hours per day, 7-days per week from the City's website. The City has had numerous requests for this service. It was moved by Councilman Ator, seconded by Councilman Lant to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract for Xpress Bill Pay for the cost of \$2,500 plus tax, including gateway fees as listed on the quote, and an additional charge of \$1.00 per transaction. Motion Carried 5-0.
POLICE COPIER UPGRADE	Chief Crumb requested to replace the current copier with the same company at a cost savings that will show over time. Mayor Dent asked him to have the company make an amendment to their contract and bring it back to the Council at the next meeting.
SOLID WASTER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE	Tabled. The document is very large and will take time for the Council to read through it.
RESOLUTION NO. 647, GENDER NEUTRAL RECREATIONAL FACILITY ACCESS	It was moved by Councilman Lant, seconded by Councilman Reed to adopt Resolution No. 647, a resolution adopting a policy to insure gender neutrality in the use of the City's parks and recreation facilities. Motion Carried 5-0.
SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT	Tabled.
ORDINANCE NO. 783, BUDGET AMENDMENT	Mayor Dent stated he wanted to make it clear that he is the City Administrator, not Nick Bird. The City has had a City Administrator in the past but he is not hiring one. He stated there are three unions in the City that negotiate every three years for salary increases. The budget amendment includes the three union contracts recently approved, along with similar increases for management/non-represented employees. Mayor Dent believes management staff should be getting increases just like union employees. Discussion took place over the salary increases for the non-represented employees and the impact it will have on the budget. The Mayor stated the budget amendment is required due to the labor contract changes and will require 4 out of 5 votes. The Mayor added that the employees are very hard workers and do a good job for the City and he is proud of them.
	Councilman Lant stated that over the past couple years, based on the forecast, he was unable to give the management staff raises. He said if things turn around, he will give them a raise. He will speak in favor of it tonight and is not opposed to it at all.
	Joy Iverson commented about a similar issue at the Hospital has happened where if you don't give any raises, your employees leave and you end up paying more to replace them if they want to get good workers. You never get caught up in wages when you decline wages more than a couple years.
	Councilman Catterlin asked to hear from the two members of the finance committee on their opinion. Councilman Schiller stated he brought up in a past meeting that Park & Cemetery was hurting. Nick Bird stated the salaries of the non-represented employees do not impact the park & cemetery fund. This does not eliminate the bad state of the fund, however, the salary increases will not cause it any additional expenditures.
	Mayor Dent added that the purchase of the park property to expand the cemetery and to add a park has been the downfall of the park & cemetery fund. This fund does not have potential to increase it's revenues so it will continue to struggle. He is looking at options to help the fund such as selling the float shed and also possibly transfer the park & cemetery fund to the current expense fund.
	Councilman Ator commented that he thinks the administrative staff should get raises when union employees get raises. Councilman Schiller said he will vote on it, he just wants to make sure the rest of the Council knows and understands the same information he has had. Councilman Catterlin asked Councilman Reed if he concurs and he said he does.

It was moved by Councilman Lant, seconded by Councilman Reed to adopt Ordinance No. 783, an ordinance adopting a supplemental budget for the calendar year 2012; amending ordinance 775 as to certain particular elements; and declaring an emergency. Roll call taken in the affirmative. Ordinance Adopted 5-0.

PUBLIC SEWERS Tabled.

EXECUTIVE SESSION None.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS Vouchers/Checks approved were 35292-35332 including EFT's in the amount of \$64,354.26.

It was moved by Councilman Ator, seconded by Councilmen Schiller and Catterlin to approve the vouchers. Motion Carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT Councilman Schiller stated the all-city garage sale event is this weekend.

MEETING ADJOURNED **It was moved by Councilman Lant, seconded by Councilmen Reed to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 PM. The next meeting will be on September 26, 2012 at 7:00 PM. Motion Carried 5-0.**

Mayor Gary Dent: _____

Clerk-Treasurer Wendy Collins: _____