

CITY OF MCCLEARY
Regular City Council Meeting and Council Workshop
Wednesday, February 28, 2018

ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE	Councilmembers Orffer, Huff, Heller, Blankenship and Iversen were in attendance.
ABSENT	None.
STAFF PRESENT	Present at the meeting were Director of Public Works Todd Baun, Clerk-Treasurer Wendy Collins, Police Chief Steve Blumer, Randy Bunch, Jon Hinton and Attorney Sharon English in for Dan Glenn.
PUBLIC HEARING	None.
EXECUTIVE SESSION	None.
MINUTES APPROVED	It was moved by Councilmember Orffer, seconded by Councilmember Huff to approve the minutes from the meeting held on February 14, 2018. Motion Carried 5-0.
VOUCHERS	Accounts Payable checks approved were 43996- 44053 including EFT's in the amount of \$202,827.42 It was moved by Councilmember Iversen, seconded by Councilmember Blankenship to approve the vouchers. Motion Carried 5-0.
PUBLIC COMMENTS	None.
MAYOR COMMENTS	Mayor Schiller reported that the Comprehensive Draft Plan is in the packet. The Steering Committee is an energetic group that is still engaged and working together. It's exciting to see positive people who want to see good things happen in our community. Mayor Schiller attended the Grays Harbor Council of Governments meeting last week. There are opportunities for economic development for anybody looking for some type of business opportunity inside McCleary. They have tax incentives they are offering up with a March 21st deadline. Anyone interested needs to act quickly. The Mayor commented on how nice the council chambers looks after the crew repainted, installed new windows and updated the outdated technology. He would like to offer it to local groups that need meeting space during City business hours. Councilmember Iversen asked if the City Council could receive updates from the Steering Committee during the second meeting of the month and Mayor Schiller agreed it would be a good idea.
CITY ATTORNEY REPORT	Dan Glenn provided a written report for the Council.
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT	Todd Baun stated the crew has been fighting weather the past two-weeks and has been dealing with weather-related issues. Councilmember Blankenship asked Todd Baun if the chipper has been purchased and Todd replied that he has not purchased it yet, but is still planning on buying it.
NET METERING	Information provided. Tabled.
DRAFT ECONOMIC COMPREHENSIVE PLAN	Public Comment was due today for the draft Economic Comprehensive Plan. Comments received have been positive. Councilmember Iversen stated there are 20-25 members on the Steering Committee and these members are intelligent and well thought-out people that are working very hard to make McCleary grow and improve. She would like to see the committee provide once-a-month updates for the Council so they have an opportunity to give input and know what's going on. She suggested the second meeting of the month since it is after the Steering Committee meetings. Mayor Schiller thinks it is a great idea.

TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT
DISTRICT INFORMATION

Mayor Schiller has wondered why the City never created a Transportation Benefit District, even before he was Mayor. He would like to see the City have a revenue source to help maintain the roads. Our road system is bad and getting worse. We need to come up with revenue sources that are dedicated specifically for streets. Todd Baun provided information on a sales tax option and a car tab tax option.

WATER SYSTEM PLAN
BUDGET INCREASE REQUEST

Jon Hinton from Gray & Osborne, Inc., has requested a budget increase for the water system plan update and also, to extend the plan from 6 years to 10 years. The cost for the update is \$9,500. The information originally provided, which determined the number of customer connections, was under reported by approximately 75 connections. The newly acquired data shows an increase of 75 customers, without a corresponding increase in water production, which will mischaracterize water use per equivalent residential unit (ERU). Gray & Osborne, Inc., recommends the Water System Plan Revision update incorporate the customer connection data to correct the inaccurate connection totals. Councilmember Orffer questioned whether the City should pay for the error in reporting. She asked Jon Hinton to review this issue with Gray & Osborne and to clarify who made the error. She wants to know if the City should be the sole payer for the error.

RESERVOIR INSPECTION BID

The City inspects and cleans the interior of its reservoir every five years. It is budgeted for this year and Todd Baun received three bids for the work. **It was moved by Councilmember Orffer, seconded by Councilmember Iversen to authorize the Mayor to accept the bid and sign the contract with Potable Services, Inc., for \$3,598.00 before tax. Motion Carried 5-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Schiller reminded the Council there will be a workshop on March 14th at 6:00 pm to discuss the manufactured home ordinance.

Councilmember Blankenship requested one or two more Councilmembers to be added to the employee union contract negotiations since Pam Ator is no longer on the Council. Mayor Schiller said they could only have one more or it would create a quorum. Mayor Schiller asked if any of the Council are interested in being on the negotiating team or if they wanted to nominate another Councilmember. Councilmember Blankenship nominated Councilmember Orffer. Councilmember Iversen nominated Councilmember Huff. **Mayor Schiller asked for a roll call for Councilmember Orffer. There were four votes against with Councilmember Blankenship voting in the affirmative. Mayor Schiller asked for a roll call for Councilmember Huff. There were four votes in the affirmative with Councilmember Blankenship voting against. Councilmember Huff will be the new Councilmember representative for employee union negotiations.**

Sue Portschey is a member of the Methodist Church and she said it is struggling financially. She said the church is over 100 years old and she would like to see the Historical Society, or another agency, help to assist them with available financing to keep the building going. Councilmember Iversen suggested Sue contact the Grays Harbor Historical Society to see if they have any assistance available.

Ms. Portschey also commented on the height of the man-hole covers in the Rainbow Park complex. She said they are too high and hard for wheel chairs to maneuver around and she noticed it's difficult for ambulances when they respond. Todd Baun will contact the manager, Casey Reed, about the issue.

Todd Baun and Paul Morrison met with the all city hazard mitigation committee. Todd was told the City of McCleary is by far, the most prepared group out of all the fire districts and cities in Grays Harbor County. Todd asked for a public hearing on March 28, 2018 where Chuck Wallace can address the Council regarding emergency preparedness.

McCleary resident, Nancy Kohl, stated her neighbor was given a warning for changing his oil in his yard. She said another neighbor received a warning for having expired tabs on their vehicle. Mayor Schiller responded by stating there were numerous cars in the back yard of the specific neighbor she is referring to that were totally disassembled. She asked if there was a code for how many cars a person can have and Todd Baun stated there isn't, if they are licensed and functioning. The residents around the neighbors, which have a lot of cars, have made complaints.

Nancy Kohl asked whatever happened to the mental hospital on the hill. Todd Baun responded we are waiting for their final information before we can issue a building permit. It is approved right now as a conditional use.

Councilmember Orffer commented that the sidewalk in her neighborhood looks really nice. Todd Baun said it may not be built to code and it may have to be rebuilt.

EXECUTIVE SESSION None.

MEETING ADJOURNED **It was moved by Councilmember Heller, seconded by Councilmember Huff to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 6:30 pm. Motion Carried 5-0.**

Approved by Mayor Brent Schiller and Clerk-Treasurer Wendy Collins.