

CITY OF MCCLEARY
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 8, 2016

ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE Councilmember's Richey, Peterson, Blankenship and Orffer were in attendance.

ABSENT Councilmember Ator was absent and requested to be excused. **It was moved by Councilmember Peterson, seconded by Councilmember Orffer to excuse Councilmember Ator's absence. Motion Carried 4-0.**

STAFF PRESENT Present at the meeting were Todd Baun, Wendy Collins, George Crumb, and Dan Glenn.

PUBLIC HEARING At 7:00 PM Mayor Schiller opened the Public Hearing on the 6-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). The STIP is an annual WSDOT requirement, which is required if, and when, funding becomes available. The Public Hearing closed at 7:03 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT Helen Hamilton wanted to mention again how happy she is for the new Public Works Assistant, Paul Morrison. She said he is doing a great job with code enforcement and the town is really cleaning up and looking nice.

Sue Portschy commented on the excessive noise from the VFW during some weekends. The loud music continues after 10:00 pm, which is when the noise ordinance should be enforced. She said a group recently played loud music past 11:30 pm on a Sunday night and upset the residents at the Rainbow Park Apartments. Mayor Schiller recently joined the VFW and will talk to them at their next meeting about what options they have to deal with the noise.

Terry Franklin wanted to know who assigned Dan Glenn to work on the SEPA exemptions, which is on the agenda. Since it is on the agenda, she wants to know if this is just an introduction or will the Council be making a decision tonight. Mayor Schiller said it will be discussed and they may make a decision. He said the City has to do something to survive. Ms. Franklin stated we only have so much wet lands remaining. Mayor Schiller said we are not going to break environmental rules, we are looking at what rules the City can abide to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION None.

MINUTES APPROVED **It was moved by Councilmember Orffer, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to approve the May 11, 2016 minutes. Motion Carried 4-0.**

VOUCHERS Accounts Payable vouchers/checks approved were 41105- 41157 including EFT's in the amount of \$255,755.68 and 41158 - 41194 including EFT's in the amount of \$38,850.93.

Payroll vouchers/checks approved were 41076- 41104 including EFT's in the amount of \$150,972.79.

Bank reconciliation for May 2016 was approved.

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

MAYOR'S COMMENTS Mayor Schiller said Dan Glenn was recognized by his peers for outstanding service. This is a special honor for Mr. Glenn.

Mayor Schiller met with Dan Holcomb last week and he would like to do something to encourage activity options for McCleary. Pickle ball is a cross between tennis, ping pong and racket ball. He proposed a plan to put pickle ball courts on the current tennis court. The tennis court does not get used and pickle ball is a growing activity that both young and old are playing. He thinks it would be a great idea for a new recreation option for the community. Olympia is the closest area that has pickle ball courts. The cost would be minimal to the City. Mayor Schiller will work on having an estimate for the Council to consider at the next meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT Dan Glenn provided a report and is available to respond to any questions.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT	Todd Baun provided a report and is available to respond to questions.
SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (STIP)	It was moved by Councilmember Peterson, seconded by Councilmember Richey to approve the 6-Year TIP. Motion Carried 4-0.
MUSEUM UTILITY BILL DISCUSSION	Tabled.
RAY BOLING ZONING DISCUSSION	Ray Boling's property is currently zoned C-1 commercial. He has been trying to get a home improvement loan and has been denied multiple times due to the zoning not being residential. He said they told him they do not provide residential loans on commercial property. He is worried his only options are to try to rezone his property to residential or try to sell the property to the City. After discussion, the Council agreed to have Attorney Dan Glenn prepare a letter to Mr. Boling's potential lender stating that as long as he has his existing house on the property, it will be considered a residential property. The property will have to follow commercial property rules when, and if, his home is demolished on the property. Mr. Boling agreed this would be acceptable. Helen Hamilton offered to find out which lenders have been making loans to people in the same situation as Mr. Boling.
SEPA EXEMPTIONS	Teri Franklin wonders why the City would want to do this. She said the SEPA rules are there to protect us. She thinks the exemption increases should not be approved without talking to the people. Gary Atkins asked what this exemption all about. Todd Baun gave an example of Cedar Heights, which has 17 empty lots. If a developer wanted to come in and turn in a building permit for all 17 lots, he would have to go through the SEPA review process because it's over 4 homes. The whole process was already done when they initially got Cedar Heights started. The whole thing would have to be reviewed again, which is time, energy and cost for the builder. It is a huge deterrent. The lots were already approved by SEPA so this is just a way for the builders to save money on something that was already approved and paid for. It will encourage builders by saving considerable SEPA permit costs. For undeveloped land, they would still have to go through the SEPA process because it has never been reviewed. Councilmember Orffer believes this a good thing for the City to explore because she had a bad experience with the County and how difficult they made building a single dwelling. We need to make our process inviting make people want to come here, build and raise their families. It was moved by Councilmember Orffer, seconded by Councilmember Blankenship to move forward and explore SEPA exemptions. Motion Carried 4-0.
RV PARKING ORDINANCE UPDATE	<p>Todd Baun said there are two parts to this topic. One is regarding the public parking on the City right of way. When the City receives a call reporting someone is parking in the right of way, we cannot address it directly and enforce the ordinance because we have discovered it does not specifically define "trailers". The ordinance is from the 1960's and RV's were not as common as they are now.</p> <p>The second part of this topic is to address the need for people to have an area to park their RV's and currently there are no rules addressing it. If people park in the back, side, or front areas of their property, the City has no rules stating that it is either okay or not. There is no language speaking to any specific owner location as being approved. Dan Glenn said the only issue right now is the right of way issue. As far as where RV's can be parked will be addressed for clarity in a modified ordinance, which we will address at the next meeting. These are two different issues; public property and non public property. Mr. Glenn does not want the two ordinances combined. They are two different issues and should be dealt separately. Tabled for clarity in a new draft ordinance.</p>
NJPA CONTRACT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE	It was moved by Councilmember Orffer, seconded by Councilmember Richey to authorize the Mayor to sign NJPA contract purchasing agreement. Motion Carried 4-0.
BPA CONTRACT UPDATE	It was moved by Councilmember Peterson, seconded by Councilmember Orffer to authorize the Mayor to sign the BPA contract amendment changing from the previous Mayor to Mayor Schiller. Motion Carried 4-0.
SURPLUS TRANSFORMER BIDS	It was moved by Councilmember Orffer, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to approve disposing of surplus material through Clean Harbors at a cost of \$7,644.28 and to receive \$4,400 for the rest of the non-contaminated transformers. Motion Carried 4-0.

FIREWORKS STAND PERMIT **It was moved by Councilmember Peterson, seconded by Councilmember Richey to authorize the City to issue a fireworks stand permit allowing the sale of fireworks in accordance with RCW 70.77.395 to Olympic Christian Center and to be set-up in the parking lot along Summit Road. Motion Carried 4-0.**

RV PARKING ORDINANCE Tabled for more specific information and direction.

RESOLUTION 689 SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (STIP) **It was moved by Councilmember Orffer, seconded by Councilmember Richey to adopt Resolution 689, a resolution adopting a six-year street plan for the City of McCleary. Resolution Adopted 4-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION None.

PUBLIC COMMENT Gary Atkins would like the Council to consider adding a dog park for the residents. There are no areas for people to take their dogs and he thinks it would be a benefit to the community. Mayor Schiller will look into it.

Mayor Schiller has been involved in the Cascadia Rising event and it has been very alarming and shows just how unprepared we are. He hopes we never have to use the training because it was a major eye-opener. He will bring more information back after Grays Harbor County has completed their analysis of the training.

Chief Crumb deals with RV's parked in City right of ways that are dilapidated with people coming and going at all hours of the night. Some trailers are parked on the owner's property that are well maintained, have power running to them and are perfectly fine. Those are the trailers that he has no concerns about. He's concerned about the ones that people leave parked on the street or the City right of way. Councilmember Orffer added that the City is only wishing to address the City right of way parking, not personal property parking for RV's. Staff needs clarity because the ordinance does not speak to right of way parking. The Council is not trying to cause any problems with people that are already parking on their property and taking care of their RV's properly.

MEETING ADJOURNED **It was moved by Councilmember Peterson, seconded by Councilmember Richey to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Motion Carried 4-0.**

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