

CITY OF MCCLEARY
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 26, 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, Paul Nott, and Jon Ehresmann.
PUBLIC HEARING	None.
PUBLIC COMMENT	<p>Joy Iverson addressed the Council regarding her application for the vacant position. She was excited to submit her name for the vacancy on the Council. She said we are fortunate to have city managers and workers that are experts in their fields. With remarkable people like Wendy Collins, Todd Baun, Paul Nott, George Crumb and others, we are fortunate to have a great deal of collective knowledge available to use towards creating solutions to our problems and building a positive future. Add in the rest of the city workers who are experts in their professions, then add in the citizens of our community, and we can make great changes. These changes can only be made with the cooperation and transparency of our Mayor, Councilmembers, employees and community. We must all work together. Unfortunately the past few meetings have shown a breakdown of leadership. The meetings have become disorganized, vindictive and bitter. She thanked Mayor Dent for all the years he has worked hard serving the City. However, the time has come when she feels he has worked beyond his ability to be effective as Mayor. She respectfully asked Mayor Dent to step down and to allow our City to move forward with new transparency and revitalization. She does not think her ideas can be effective at this time so she is withdrawing her application for City Council. When leadership changes and new ideas can be acceptable, she will step up for a position on the Council. She will continue to support the Council by attending meetings and voicing her ideas and concerns. She wants to be part of the Council when her time and efforts can be productive.</p> <p>Gary Atkins apologized to the people he feels he owes one to from the last meeting. He also wanted to second Joy Iverson's motion by asking the Mayor to step down. We don't get answers to questions we ask and only get put off. We are a suburb of Olympia and we are not showing people any reason to move here.</p> <p>Councilmember Schiller would like to advertise longer for Ben Ator's vacancy. He doesn't feel we've had enough time to get enough people to apply for City Council. He thinks there are other people out there that might be interested in it, that did not know there was a vacancy. Councilmember's Reed and Peterson said they want to move ahead with the appointment and not wait.</p> <p>Councilmember Schiller asked if either Pam Ator or Doug Krikava wanted to speak to the public about their desire to be on the Council and Pam Ator declined. Doug Krikava spoke and said he wants to be the voice of compromise. He thinks it's the number one thing this Council needs to move forward. He thinks they need to work together to come up with a resolve. He said the "all or nothing" approach is not working for the police force. He said right now, we can support a two-person force until we can afford more officers and he doesn't know why we have the "all or nothing" position. He doesn't understand why that isn't an option.</p> <p>Mayor Dent said he has a potential way to satisfy the police issue but he's not going to go into it tonight.</p>
EXECUTIVE SESSION	None.
MINUTES APPROVED	It was moved by Councilmember's Reed, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to approve the minutes from the August 12, 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.

COUNCILMEMBER POSITION #5 APPOINTMENT	<p>Councilmember Reed moved, out of respect for Ben Ator, he feels Pam Ator would be a good choice to continue out Ben's appointment, seconded by Councilmember Peterson. It was moved by Councilmember Schiller, seconded by Councilmember Catterlin to nominate Doug Krikava. Mayor Dent said the Chair gets to decide the swing vote so he supports Pam Ator so that issue is resolved. The Council had not voted so the Mayor took roll call and after a tie vote, Mayor Dent said he still has the deciding vote and welcomed Pam Ator to the Council. Motion Carried 3-2.</p> <p>Pam Ator asked not to be sworn in tonight because she is not informed yet. She will come by the office later this week for Wendy Collins to swear her in.</p>
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT	<p>Todd Baun has provided a written report for the Council.</p>
GRAYS HARBOR PUD EASEMENT	<p>Grays Harbor PUD will be installing fiber cable to the cell tower by the City reservoirs. They will be going underground on Cedar Street and will need a utility easement from the City to complete their project. It was moved by Councilmember Catterlin, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to authorize the Mayor to sign the Grays Harbor Utility Easement with the PUD, cable and telephone companies, in a joint motion. Motion Carried 4-0.</p>
GENERAL PACIFIC PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL	<p>The City is requesting the Council approve a purchase order with General Pacific for the replacement of all of the street lights with LED lights, which comes out to 234 lights throughout the City. We received a grant for \$32,000 from the Washington Department of Commerce and we budgeted another \$32,000 as a city match to purchase the lights. The budget impacts the light and power fund. Three bids were received and General Pacific was the lowest bidder of \$76,578.22, including tax. It was moved by Councilmember Schiller, seconded by Councilmember Reed to authorize the Mayor to sign the purchase order for General Pacific in the amount of \$76,578.22. Motion Carried 4-0.</p>
RADWELL PURCHASE	<p>The waste water treatment plant has had several drive failures over the past year. The drivers are old and are now obsolete technology. Staff is asking for a purchase order to purchase an updated driver system to replace one of the obsolete drivers we currently use. This would allow us to get through the year without a catastrophic failure and allow us time to budget for additional drivers for the system in the 2016 budget. The cost will be paid out of the sewer capital improvement equipment fund, which has sufficient available funds. It was moved by Councilmember Catterlin, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to authorize the purchase order for Radwell in the amount of \$5,377.18, including tax. Motion Carried 4-0.</p>
ECIVIS SERVICE AGREEMENT	<p>eCivis is a company that provides a grant management system that will assist us in finding grant funding, improving collaboration and can also write grants. Todd Baun used a demonstration of the product and believes it would be very helpful to find, apply and manage successful grants. It was moved by Councilmember Schiller, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to authorize the Mayor to sign the eCivis Agreement in the amount of \$690.00 annually for 3-years and that Todd Baun is satisfied with the rates. Motion Carried 4-0.</p>
WATER USE RESTRICTION ORDINANCE	<p>Water levels are declining but we are not in trouble at this time. Todd Baun would like to get something in place now, before any potential future problem. Tabled.</p>
ORDINANCE 810, ZONING AMENDMENT	<p>It was moved by Councilmember Catterlin, seconded by Councilmember Reed to adopt Ordinance 810, relating to zoning, amending section 17.20.030 MMC and section 1 (part), Ordinance 709, as last amended by section 2, Ordinance 795, and providing an effective date. Ordinance Adopted 4-0.</p>

ORDINANCE 811, BUDGET
AMENDMENT ORDINANCE

Councilmember Schiller said after the last meeting when things got so heated, he went to the police department and talked things over with them. He also did some research on police departments from the Department of Justice and reviewed the statistics of what the cost is to run various sizes of police departments. It breaks down how they are funded, what the actual operating costs are, and how many are on the force. He made copies and will be happy to share with anyone who is interested. He said people would be surprised to find out what the actual operating budget is to operate a police department for population of under 2500. We are still over budgeted for our police department. The statistics are actual data and is worthy of reviewing. He wanted to share this information before the Council voted on the budget amendment.

Councilmember Schiller would like to make a motion to amend the budget ordinance amendment to state they authorize funding the police department until after the election to see how the residents vote. Todd Baun said we are out of money at the end of the month in the law enforcement line. Councilmember Peterson said he agrees with Councilmember Schiller and will make a second to his motion.

Councilmember Catterlin said the voters need to realize this is funding the police for only one year. It is kicking the can down the road one more year. Wendy Collins stated that when looking at the budget to date, after taking off LEOFF1, which is required, we have \$30,000 left. The cost of wages is \$29,000 per month and other operating costs are another \$4000 to \$6000 a month. It is difficult to do an estimate for what it will actually cost to get to the election. If the levy fails, there is a 30-day notice of lay off that is required so that extends it another month to budget for. Dan Glenn said it would be best to adopt the attachment with the entire \$150,000 to cover all expenses until the election so the Council will not have to adopt another supplemental budget.

Councilmember Schiller wants to budget the police until the end of November. Then we will have to start planning, depending on the vote outcome. Ben Blankenship asked if the City will continue discussions with the County until the November vote. Councilmember Schiller said the City would be covered by the Sheriff Department under the current MOU.

Mayor Dent wants the public to understand that the County collects taxes in both incorporated and unincorporated areas. It's up to the commissioners to decide how they are going to allot it between the various departments. The Sheriff is asking us to pay the County additional money to the tune of \$225,000. In some courts that would be considered double taxation. They are required to be here anyway, if we don't have a force. The issue will be the response time.

It was moved by Councilmember Schiller, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to fund the police department through the end of November and adopt the revised Attachment A. Roll Call taken in the affirmative. Ordinance Adopted 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilmember Schiller said tonight was one of the worst examples he's seen government work. Only two people applying for Council and one bowing out is not the right way to work. You don't go off of neighbors and friends of families' feelings, you go off of people that really have the passion to be on the council. He thinks tonight is an example of how government should not work.

Pam Ator said she probably should have spoken earlier when asked to. She said one of the reasons she wanted to be on the Council is to try to work together. She has served on the Council before and served as Mayor Pro Tem before and she is not here because she is mad at anybody, she wants to see the City, staff, Mayor and public working together. That is what Ben wanted. That is her goal. She is not going to be a yes man to anyone or to appease anyone. Her goal is to do what is best for the City.

Gary Atkins said if you look at movie stars and the people they hire to run their checkbooks, but never look at their checkbooks, they end up broke. When you think we are arguing with the Mayor, we are not. He just wants to get answers and understand how we are going to get there, and it's very hard to sit back and take it when he gets lashed at by the Mayor. The Mayor is making it hard to believe in him. He has to give us something in return to believe by answering questions with answers. Mayor Dent said there are treasurer's reports he can come look at. Gary Atkins said that is not what he wants. Just like tonight, don't tell us you have a plan but you won't go over it now. If you have a plan, tell us now so we can stop fighting as neighbors and as a town and we can start supporting you instead of asking you to step down. Mayor Dent said again, he may have a way to resolve it but he's not going into it tonight.

Jeff Geer has sat on the Council and has gone through the budgets. When the budget gets passed, you don't see everything in the future but you should be able to get a lot closer than three months off. He said he hasn't been to a lot of council meetings after Tom Reed beat him in the election and he moved out of town, but he's back. He said that a few months after Tom Reed won the election, he asked Jeff if he wanted his job back. Jeff told him it's easier to throw stones at a glass house from the outside. He is now back in town and is attending the meetings and if he were sitting in a Council chair, he would be embarrassed to be a part of that board. Incompetence is the one word that comes to his mind.

The new Superintendent of McCleary schools spoke to the Council. One of his and his board members concerns, is that as you look at your budgets for the coming year, consider response time in reference to the police department. His number one priority is the safety of the kids at school. Response time is critical because you put the lives of your teachers, administrators and kids at risk. For those of you in the audience, the people sitting up there as the board have tough jobs. This is a democratic process. You voted them in and that includes your Mayor. Right now you are in a business meeting so to be able to speak your mind is appreciated but he doesn't have to let you have that opportunity. Give appreciation to all these members here because it's a hard job and they are volunteering their time. If you feel they are out of place, you are more than welcome to run against them and take their spot. Just remember it is not an easy job.

RESOLUTION 678, BEN ATOR
RECOGNITION RESOLUTION

Councilmember Catterlin asked if the Resolution honoring Ben Ator was going to be presented. **It was moved by Councilmember Catterlin, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to adopt Resolution 678 in recognition of Ben Ator's service to the Council. Resolution Carried 4-0.**

Councilmember Catterlin asked if Dan Glenn would read the resolution for Ben Ator out loud for the public to hear. Dan read the very moving tribute to Ben's service to the community. Bennie Ator will be missed beyond words.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Accounts Payable vouchers/checks approved were 39930 - 39977 including EFT's in the amount of \$128,603.71 .

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 8:51 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Motion Carried 4-0.

Mayor Gary Dent:

Clerk-Treasurer Wendy Collins:
