

**CITY OF MCCLEARY**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 24, 2014**

ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE      Councilmember's Reed, Schiller, Catterlin, Ator and Peterson.

ABSENT                                  None.

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

PUBLIC HEARING                      None.

PUBLIC COMMENT                    Helen Hamilton stated the property west of her office looks really nice and wanted to compliment the City on the clean-up effort.

Gary Atkins thanked the City for the water lines. He then asked how the Mayor how the funding for the police department is happening next year. He asked if all the voting turmoil and the levy was for nothing because he was going to come up with the money anyway. Mayor Dent responded stating the City Council in Elma does not want to go with the County Sheriff's office either. He said the Sheriff's office originally offered us 40 hours of service for \$110,000 and now it's up to \$250,000 for potentially one to two deputies. Response time is still an issue. Mayor Dent added he is working on the budget and will be providing revenues to the Council by October 8th. He said the newspaper reported the County is in financial trouble and they want to get as much contracted services as possible. He said they gave big raises to the Sheriff's Department. The Mayor said the McCleary Court is almost a \$90,000 operation and he will be meeting with Grays Harbor County Courts in the next couple of weeks to discuss contracting options with them. Right now his budget includes keeping the police department.

Gary Atkins stated our police are so expensive and we are in the red. He said the Cheif of the Seattle Police Department makes \$250,000 per year. He added we are paying high dollars for a police department in McCleary where there are no murders or nothing. Mayor Dent and Helen Hamilton stated there have been murders in McCleary. Gary Atkins said he meant like Seattle has. He said this doesn't make any sense to take from our PUD to pay our police staff. Mayor Dent disagreed with him. He said \$55,000 is authorized to be transfered from the light and power fund, which he has already transfered, but might transfer it back to the light and power reserve fund.

Councilmember Catterlin said the Mayor gave his opinion and now he wants to give his own opinion. He said Mayor Dent had said the Sheriff's office quoted us \$110,000 per year. Mr. Catterlin said it was actually \$150,000 to \$200,000 per year. The quote they gave Elma recently was a ball park figure of \$900,000. The Sheriff assured him we could contract with the County for no more than \$200,000 per year. Mayor Dent responded that the Sheriff's Deputies get paid more money than our officers.

Gary Atkins asked the Mayor if he was trying to extend the police going out because the Chief of Police is getting close to retirement and the two of them are very, very good friends. He asked if that is what this is really about? Mayor Dent said no, there might be implications about that by people but that simply is not the case. Mr. Atkins said money is money to him and he sees more shereiffs driving around here than McCleary Police officers. Mayor Dent told him he was entitled to his opinion. Mr. Atkin's said he lives here on the main street of town. He said unfortunately he lives inside the City limits and asked the Mayor, "do you"? Mayor Dent said he does live inside the City limits and Mr. Atkins said he must hide then because he never sees him. Mayor Dent said he does not live in Mr. Atkins neighborhood and Mr. Atkins said, "well I hope not too close". Mayor Dent told him to keep a civil attitude and Mr. Atkins replied, "I am". Mayor Dent said if it gets much worse he would have him escorted out. Mr. Atkins said he was leaving anyway. Mr. Atkins left the meeting.

MINUTES APPROVED                **It was moved by Councilmember Ator, seconded by Councilmember Reed to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2014 meeting. Motion Carried 5-0.**

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT            None.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS	Dan Glenn is gone on vacation so Chris Coker attended in his absence. The Mayor said we are getting close to having the revenues ready for the Council.
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT	Todd Baun, Mayor Dent and Wendy Collins have begun working on the budget for 2015 and are currently going through revenue projections.
LABOR NEGOTIATIONS	Mayor Dent will begin labor negotiations with all three unions. He asked for the Council's approval to enter into labor negotiations. <b>It was moved by Councilmember Ator, seconded by Councilmember Reed to authorize the Mayor to enter into union negotiations for the employee union contracts. Roll Call taken in the affirmative. Motion Carried 5-0.</b>
PERMISSIVE USE APPLICATION FOR KELLIE HOWELL AND BRIAN PETERSON	Brian Peterson asked for approval of the Permissive Use Application he submitted for a six-foot fence that will run down Hemlock Street. He spoke with Colin Mercer about site issues and options for backing out of his driveway. Councilmember Schiller asked if the Council still has the right to require the owner to lower or move the fence if there is a complaint and Todd confirmed that is correct. <b>It was moved by Councilmember Schiller, seconded by Councilmember Reed to approve the permissive use application for a fence for Brian Peterson and Kellie Howell. Motion Carried 5-0.</b>
NAME THE POND	The students at McCleary Elementary were given the opportunity to name a pond that had never been officially named. The students had two names they suggested: Wildcat Pond or Seahawks Slough. Councilmember Catterlin asked Todd if he had confirmed that the pond didn't already have a name and Todd said no, he could not find any prior name after researching old maps. After considering the options, Councilmember Catterlin suggested "Wildcat Pond" to keep with the same theme of the school and mascot, which is the McCleary Wildcat's. <b>It was moved by Councilmember Catterlin, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to name the pond, "Wildcat Pond" in keeping with the school mascot theme. Motion Carried 5-0.</b>
PWTF LOAN AMENDMENTS	The City has three loans with the Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF). They are asking for an amendment for all three loans to formally alter the day and month in which the loan payments are due. <b>It was moved by Councilmember Ator, seconded by Councilmember Schiller to amend the PWTF loans; PW-01-691-PRE-130 Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade, PW-5-95-792-TIM-201 Simpson Avenue Water Main Upgrade and PP09-951-013 Stormwater Comprehensive Plan, to formally change the payment due dates. Motion Carried 5-0.</b>
ELCON WORK ORDER 2014-1	The work order we have been using for Elcon Associates is now under \$500 that previously was authorized and signed in 2012. Elcon has provided an updated work order to continue the great service we have been receiving. <b>It was moved by Councilmember Catterlin, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to authorize the Mayor to execute Work Order 2014-1 with Elcon Associates. Motion Carried 5-0.</b>
ELCON WORK ORDER 2014-2	The 3rd Street Improvement Project design includes the design of the placement of existing electrical facilities underground. Skillings Connolly originally had Elcon performing the work as their sub-contractor. Staff believes it would be more cost effective if we contract directly with Elcon for the electrical design and there are sufficient funds available in the Light and Power budget. <b>It was moved by Councilmember Schiller, seconded by Councilmember Reed to authorize the Mayor to execute Work Order 2014-2 with Elcon Associates, not to exceed \$12,352.00. Motion Carried 5-0.</b>
APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS	None.
PUBLIC COMMENT	Councilmember Schiller commented about the vote at the last meeting regarding marijuana prohibition. He stated the Council went totally opposite of what Hearing Examiner's recommendation was and he believes the Council should consider that. Other Cities are being sued around the state because they are not authorizing them. Mayor Dent said they do not have to follow the Examiner's opinion and if they wanted to reconsider their vote, it would take a motion from one of the Council that voted in the majority. Councilmember Reed added Westport extended their moratorium for another six months.

Councilmember Catterlin asked to make a statement. He said last year on December 11, 2013, when they approved the 2014 budget, before they voted, he made a statement that the records will show that said, "Mayor Dent, I need your word that the council will be included in the preparations and negotiations for the levy and we will start that process well before the levy is run and the voters have all the information they deserve. Also the council will be included in searching out solutions for next years budget and your response was, of course". Mayor Dent said the Council just voted for him to do contracts. Councilmember Catterlin asked the Council which one of them have been included in searching out solutions for next years budget.

Mayor Dent said the Council would be receiving the estimated revenues and then they will go into expenditures, but the preliminary budget, which is submitted to the Council, is totally within his control. Mr. Catterlin asked the Mayor if he is not keeping his word. Mayor Dent said he doesn't believe Councilmember Catterlin has kept his word on occasion either so shall they will just drop it there. Chief Crumb asked Councilman Catterlin if he researched the tape for Mayor Dent's response he just quoted. Councilman Catterlin said a day after he made this statement, he came into Wendy's office and handed her a copy of his typed speech to make sure it got into the minutes word for word. Chief Crumb said he believes the Mayor's response was different and he will research it again.

EXECUTIVE SESSION      None.

MEETING ADJOURNED      **It was moved by Councilmember Ator, seconded by Councilmember Reed to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2014 at 7:00 PM. Motion Carried 5-0.**