

**CITY OF MCCLEARY**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 9, 2014**

ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE	Councilmember's Schiller, Reed, Ator, Catterlin and Peterson.
ABSENT	Mayor Dent was not in attendance. Mayor Pro Tem Ator Chaired the meeting.
STAFF PRESENT	Present at the meeting were Todd Baun, Wendy Collins, George Crumb and Dan Glenn
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.
MAYOR'S COMMENTS	None.
MINUTES APPROVED	<b>It was moved by Councilmember Reed, seconded by Councilmember Catterlin to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2014 meeting. Motion Carried 4-0.</b>
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT	<p>Todd Baun has provided the Council with a written report and welcomes any questions they may have. He reminded the Council of the upcoming power outage and city-wide clean up planned for this coming Saturday.</p> <p>Todd is working with Dan on the storm pond issue. They are working on the extra labor cost and how to recover it. Councilmember Catterlin does not believe all the residents should absorb the cost. He said the people that live in the development elected to ignore or abandon their homeowners association agreement. We shouldn't penalize the other residents because of their decision. Councilmember Reed agreed.</p>
CITY ATTORNEY REPORT	Dan Glenn reminded Council there are items still open to discuss. One is the mobile food units and the other is the BPA contract, whether to enter into it or not.
MRSC RESOLUTION CLARIFICATION	Resolution 668 was passed on March 12, 2014 without clarifying the dollar amount in the Resolution on page 6, which states, "Director of Public Works, with the prior approval of the Mayor, shall have the authority to award public works contracts without council approval, provided that the Director shall notify the Council of such award at the next scheduled Council meeting by means of a written report". <b>It was moved by Councilmember Catterlin, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to enter the amount of \$6,000 to Resolution 668, Section D. (2). Motion Carried 4-0.</b>
COMCAST FCC REQUIREMENT	Comcast is required to give municipalities written notification of their intention to change rates and the allocation of those rates. The City has no direct control over those rates. The City has received a notification as to anticipated rate changes. The City may give a written response to the FCC in terms of its opinion as to the rate figures. It is up to the Council if they wish to respond.
BPA REP SETTLEMENT	Councilmember Catterlin asked Councilmember Schiller what his opinion of the BPA settlement was and he responded he did not have one yet. Councilmember Catterlin understands the Light & Power Department was in favor of the settlement. Todd Baun agreed and said the Grays Harbor PUD was against it. Councilmember Catterlin commented that since the PUD consistently rejects the offer, the City should go in consensus with them. <b>It was moved by Councilmember Catterlin, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to reject the BPA REP offer. Motion Carried 4-0.</b>

LANDLORD UTILITY BILLING  
ISSUE

This is an ongoing issue for landlords. They have tenants move out with outstanding utility bills that they are responsible for paying. The landlords believe the renters should be responsible for the outstanding debt, not the landlords. The Council can either change the process or leave it the same. The landlords are very frustrated over this process. The tenant, after leaving a large utility bill, can move into another rental after the previous landlord paid off the debt. The tenant has a clean slate and can move on and do the same to the new landlord. Dan Glenn stated the landlord's have the right to request copies of all bills so they can keep up on the tenants balances. The landlord also collects a deposit, which should include enough for delinquent utility bills. Councilmember Catterlin said it's a matter of who should be responsible for the loss. He said landlords are in the business to make money and the City is not in a position to take a loss. He would like to see things stay the way they are. Helen Lake said she knows of two landlords that had large outstanding bills that really hurt them financially. She would like to see a list created that would show who are the abusers and not allow them to re-establish another account.

Dan Glenn said if a person has a bad credit record, the City has the right to say no. Wendy Collins told Dan that is not a practice the office knew they could exercise. Dan will find the statute that allows this and provide it to Wendy and the front office.

LIGHT & POWER POLE AND  
TRANSFORMER BID RESULT  
AND APPROVAL

**It was moved by Councilmember Catterlin, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to award the transformer purchase to HD Supply for a total cost of \$45,907.41 and McFarland Cascade for a cost of \$31,620 plus tax, and contingent upon no bid error being claimed by the companies. Motion Carried 4-0.**

ENERGY CONSERVATION  
PROGRAM FUNDING

At the February 26, 2014 meeting, the Council chose to provide \$30,000 funding for the Energy Smart Grocer program. In order to start the ESG program, we have to update our agreement. **It was moved by Councilmember Catterlin, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to authorize the updated Energy Conservation Program Funding Renewal Agreement. Motion Carried 4-0.**

PACIFIC COUNTY FIRE  
DISTRICT #5 SUBSCRIBER'S  
AGREEMENT

Grays Harbor E9-1-1 Communications submitted a copy of the agreement for review and signature. The agreement was approved at their March 11, 2014 Administrative Board meeting. **It was moved by Councilmember Schiller, seconded by Councilmember Reed to authorize the Mayor to sign the Pacific County Fire District #5 and Grays Harbor E9-1-1 subscriber's agreement. Motion Carried 4-0.**

IPI, INC. AGREEMENT

The agreement is a great opportunity for the City to have the sewer lines filmed and reviewed by a company out of Tumwater. The last time the lines were inspected was in the 1990's. Todd Baun would like to get all the sewer lines inspected, which will help Gray & Osborne with the general sewer plan and identify our deficiencies in the lines. Right now we have an I & I problem that when it rains it gets processed through the treatment plant and Todd does not believe it's right to have our rate payers pay to treat rainwater through our treatment plant. He would like to help out our community with the sewer rates we have now by correcting the I&I problem and alleviating the cost from them. The cost of the inspection process is \$40,000, which sounds expensive but is actually a good deal. Jon Hinton said the company is a reputable firm and a plus is that G&O would not have to spend \$10,000 for their study, making the cost actually net only \$30,000. The item is tabled so the Council has more time to review the agreement.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Accounts Payable vouchers/checks approved were 37754 - 37807 including EFT's in the amount of \$226,629.33 and 37812 - 37868 including EFT's in the amount of \$184,836.55.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilmember Schiller asked Councilmember Catterlin if the promises that were told to him by the Mayor have happened, regarding budget discussions prior to adoption. Councilmember Catterlin stated so far, yes they have. He added the first thing is the presentation of the levy, which will begin by meeting with Grays Harbor County Sheriff, Rick Scott, to discuss contracting options if the levy fails. Councilmember Schiller stated that nothing has been presented yet and Councilmember Catterlin replied that there are no hard figures to present yet and it will probably be May before there are any numbers.

Councilmember Catterlin stated the ambulance contract ends this year and is hoping the Council and Mayor can look at alternatives other than Fire District #5. Councilmember Schiller added they might also want to include the McCleary Fire Department when the ambulance discussions take place.

EXECUTIVE SESSION      None.

MEETING ADJOURNED      **It was moved by Councilmember Catterlin, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2014 at 7:00 PM. Motion Carried 4-0.**