

CITY OF MCCLEARY
Public Hearing and Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 28, 2013

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

ABSENT None.

Public Hearing
Marijuana Moratorium

The Public Hearing opened at 7:00 PM and Mayor Dent asked for any comments from the public regarding the Marijuana Moratorium. No comments were made. The Hearing closed at 7:01 PM.

Regular Council Meeting

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

PUBLIC COMMENT Helen Lake gave the council a letter addressing utility rate comparison with Montesano and Elma. She stated she was providing the information because budget season is coming up and it may be useful. She believes she was misled by the past administration in regards to utility rates. She and the council were told that the city has the lowest utility rates in the harbor, which she recently discovered is not true. Mayor Dent confirmed the only rate the city has that is lowest is the power rate. The water and sewer rates are higher to cover the loans needed to fix and upgrade our ageing system.

MINUTES APPROVED **It was moved by Councilmember Ator, seconded by Councilmember Reed to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2013 Council Meeting. Motion Carried 5-0.**

MAYOR'S COMMENTS Mayor Dent said he received a high compliment earlier from someone. They stated Mayor Dent likes to pretend he is worse than he really is. He appreciated the compliment.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT Dan Glenn attended a meeting on I-502 implementation put on by AWC. He heard at the meeting they are considering allocating locations by population. He believed the meeting was valuable.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT Nick Bird has provided a written report for the Council and is available for any questions.

ENGINEERING STANDARDS **It was moved by Councilmember Ator, seconded by Councilmember Catterlin to authorize Amendment No. 5 to contract for engineering services to review and update the development standards by Gray & Osborne for \$10,826.00 to bring all of our development standards in line with current issues. Motion Carried 5-0.**

FLOAT SHED The structure is a hazard and has temporary fencing around the property. The City can internalize the cost by utilizing staff to perform the demolition or the other option would be to hire an engineering firm and subcontractor to perform the job. After discussion, Council agrees the City should internalize the demolition since there is no pressing timeline. **It was moved by Councilmember Catterlin, seconded by Councilmember Schiller to internalize destructing of the float shed building. Motion Carried 5-0.**

PROGRESS ESTIMATE #10 **It was moved by Councilmember Ator, seconded by Councilmember Reed to authorize payment of Progress Estimate No. 10 to Award Construction in the amount of \$56,125.01 and deposit \$2,713.97 into the retainage account. Motion Carried 3-2, with Councilmember's Ator, Reed and Peterson voting in the affirmative and Councilmember's Schiller and Catterlin voting in the negative.**

SIMPSON TRACK & TUNE Tabled.

FREE STANDING CANOPY
REQUEST

Tabled.

POWER RATES

An error was discovered by BPA after the City questioned why we were in the 99th percentile for rate charges and we were seeing a huge rate increase. BPA corrected the rate increase, which is now expected to be 7.7%, and our existing rate is actually in the 85th percentile, which makes more sense considering our size and loading configurations.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Accounts Payable vouchers/checks approved were 36812-36874 including EFT's in the amount of \$78,275.88.

It was moved by Councilmember Reed, seconded by Councilmember Ator to approve the vouchers. Motion Carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilmember Schiller asked Helen Lake about the letter she handed out to the Council. He wanted to know who it was directed to. She said to whoever was interested in the information. She feels bad that she did not check the information she received when she previously served on the Council. She is upset at the previous City Administrator and staff for delivering inaccurate information. She was told that other cities were higher in their rates than McCleary. She recently discovered this is not factual. Mayor Dent explained why the water rates are higher, which is because the city had to take out at loan for necessary improvements. He spoke extensively about the improvements that were made and the financial impact it made on the rates.

Councilmember Schiller said it's due to the lack of growth. He said it's the towns own fault because people stopped incorporating city limits and growth by voting against it. Now the rates are going up and we have limited source of people to pay the utilities. The residents chased away people interested in growth and business.

Helen explained how she discovered the variations in rates with the neighboring cities. She was shocked to find out how different the rates are because it is not what she was told while serving on the Council. She wants to encourage the current council to check out the information they are being told by city administration and engineering firms that represent the city.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:40 PM it was moved by Councilmember Catterlin, seconded by Councilmember's Ator and Peterson to move to executive session for fifteen minutes to discuss potential legal settlements. Motion Carried 5-0.

At 7:54 PM the executive session ended. **It was moved by Councilmember Catterlin, seconded by Councilmember Reed to authorize the Chair to sign Lemay garbage settlement. Motion Carried 5-0.**

MEETING ADJOURNED

It was moved by Councilmember Catterlin, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. The next meeting will be September 11, 2013 at 7:00 PM. Motion Carried 5-0.

Mayor Gary Dent:

Clerk-Treasurer Wendy Collins:
