

CITY OF MCCLEARY
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 25, 2012

FLAG SALUTE	Mayor Dent Called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Flag Salute.
ROLL CALL	Councilmembers Catterlin, Reed, Lant, Schiller and Ator.
ABSENT	None.
STAFF PRESENT	Present at the meeting were Dan Glenn, Wendy Collins, Nick Bird, George Crumb, John Graham, Randy Bunch and Jennie Reed.
MINUTES APPROVED	It was moved by Councilmember Schiller, seconded by Councilmember Ator to approve the minutes. Motion Carried.
PUBLIC COMMENT	Joy Iverson invited everyone to the Mark Reed Hospital Board meeting in Elma.
CITY ATTORNEY REPORT	Dan Glenn is expecting a counter offer response from Chief Prater regarding the Fire District 5 contract. Mr. Glenn said he would like guidance on the street weight limits from the Council for the Ordinance being presented tonight.
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT	Nick Bird commended the City Crew on their hard work and response to the power outages and street plowing during the recent snow and freezing rain events. He thanked them for all their tireless effort in assisting residents during the storm.
IT SERVICE CONTRACT	Contract discussion continued by talking about how many hours is necessary per month to perform appropriate maintenance and security tasks. Rollover hours were addressed along with the possible approach of "pay as you go". Adnets will update the contract again with the new changes made and the Council will relook at it at the next meeting. Jeff Catterlin did not want to spend over \$1000 a month on support but understands we need to have something in place to support the City's IT needs. Tabled until the next meeting.
MAYOR PRO TEM	Tom Reed nominated Ben Ator and Brent Schiller nominated Mike Lant for Mayor Pro Tem. Jeff Catterlin stated he thought Mike Lant has done a good job as Mayor Pro Tem for the past two years but believed it would be fair to allow other Councilmember's the opportunity to experience being in that position. Roll call taken: Four votes were made in favor of Ben Ator and one vote, made by Ben Ator, was made for Mike Lant. Ben Ator was chosen as the new Mayor Pro Tem.
FINANCE COMMITTEE	Jeff Catterlin nominated Tom Reed because of his accounting experience and stated it would be nice to have a new member on the Finance Committee since Ben Ator now has the new position as Mayor Pro Tem. Discussion took place regarding the need to keep Brent Schiller on the Finance Committee since he is experienced and can continue giving his valuable input. Roll call taken: By unanimous vote, Tom Reed will hold position #1 and the Council reconfirmed Brent Schiller to hold position #2 on the City of McCleary Finance Committee.
ELCON WORK ORDER 2012-1	The Elcon work order was revised to state that each service request shall not exceed \$500 and the total aggregate fees for the work shall not exceed \$3000 and that service requests shall be authorized via email and each request shall have a task number. It was moved by Councilmember Lant, seconded by Councilmember Catterlin to authorize the City to execute Work Order 2012-1 with Elcon Associates. Motion Carried.
STEP SEWER SYSTEMS	Councilmember Lant does not want the City to take on the cost that this will incur. Councilmember Catterlin agrees but would have no problem with step systems if the cost was the burden of the developer. Nick Bird stated the sewer bills are already high and by moving toward a step system in this area, the bill would increase at least \$30 more per month, which is too high to demand from a customer. Also stated was the concern that step systems back up when the power goes off. Tabled until the next meeting.

STORMWATER BILLING

The Council discussed a discrepancy in the wording of the current stormwater billing resolution. Strip malls are billed per parcel, which makes it difficult to bill correctly. Each customer pays a stormwater rate but the resolution reads, "each parcel". Nick Bird wants to leave it based on a parcel. Councilmember Catterlin believes it should be based on the parcel size or square footage and the landlord/owner should be responsible for the fee. Councilmember Lant would like it to be based on total impervious square footage charged to the landlord/owner. **It was moved by Councilman Schiller, seconded by Councilman Reed to table the stormwater billing and storm water rates Resolution. Motion Carried.**

WELL 2/3 PILOT STUDY

A TEC, the supplier of the filtration components used in Wells 2 and 3, have discovered that the presence of silica can impact the filtration process. The City had a similar test done nine years ago. A TEC can perform a pilot study to determine if there is any silica present, allowing us to correct the problem, if one exists. **It was moved by Councilman Lant, seconded by Councilman Catterlin to authorize the City to execute the A TEC Agreement to conduct the additional pilot retesting, and not to exceed \$1,500.00.**

STREET WEIGHT LIMITS

Tabled until the next meeting.

STORM RATES

Tabled until the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Vouchers/Checks approved were 34226 - 34285, including EFT's in two batches in the amounts of \$18,721.53 and \$106,563.59.

It was moved by Councilmember Lant, seconded by Councilmember Ator to approve the vouchers as received. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilmember Lant stated he believes the City desperately needs to purchase at least one new Police car, if not two. He said the Police Chief cannot drive around in a broken down car and be effective in the current vehicle is driving. Mr. Lant would like to see the Council address this issue quickly because he believes this is a necessity and not just something they want.

Councilmember Schiller wants to get development moving. He is concerned the City and Council are hiding behind fear. He commented that the City needs to grow and we keep raising rates but they are not seeing any growth and he is worried about how long this can go on.

Councilmember Lant submitted a letter during the last meeting stating concerns he has with the negotiations with Fire District 5. He spoke extensively with Chief Prater and he still does not have a good understanding of the contract issue.

Jeff Geer thanked the City crew for all their hard work during the storm. Councilmember Catterlin agreed and stated the crew worked very long hours for days on end to restore power and keep the streets plowed. The community is grateful for their hard work.

Sherry Huff asked if the City has an emergency plan for business plowing and shoveling. She said the Post Office never closes and they must have safe access for the mail trucks to deliver the mail to the building or the mail trucks won't stop. Residents depend on the mail for medications and other serious deliveries so it is imperative that the Post Office be plowed for the mail trucks.

Jeff Catterlin would like to see a plan of priority plowing be created for crucial businesses such as the Post Office, hospital, grocery store, etc. These are all essential businesses that provide essential services. Nick Bird will double check the past City plan.

Joy Iverson said she had to come to the City to get a snow plow headed toward the hospital so vehicles could safely get in and out of the emergency room.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Councilmember Lant, seconded by Councilmember Schiller to have an Executive Session at 7:50 pm for 5 minutes to discuss personnel. No action will be taken.

The Executive Session ended at 7:55 pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED

It was moved by Councilmember Ator, seconded by Councilmember Lant to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 PM. The next meeting will be on February 8, 2012 at 7:00 PM. Motion Carried.