

CITY OF MCCLEARY
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 09, 2011

REGULAR MEETING	Called to order by Mayor Dent.
FLAG SALUTE	The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with the Flag Salute.
ROLL CALL	Councilmember's Boling, Geer, Lant, Schiller, and Ator. All present.
ABSENT	None.
STAFF PRESENT	Present at the meeting were Dan Glenn, Wendy Collins, Nick Bird, Todd Baun, George Crumb, Mick Schlenker, Jennie Reed and Jon Hinton.
MINUTES APPROVED	It was moved by Councilmember Boling, seconded by Councilmember Geer to approve the minutes as written. Motion Carried.
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.
MAYOR'S REPORT DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS	The Department of Corrections performed an onsite visit to the three potential sites the City submitted for a new reception center. In addition, they brought architects, a biologist and other individuals, totaling nine people, that are part of their site team. Mayor Dent extended a public thank you to Pauline Martin from Subway and to the Rain Country Restaurant for arranging sticky buns for the attendees of the visit and they were a big hit. The DOC is moving rapidly and are working toward eliminating sites from 15 to 3 by March. The perception after the visit was that one of our sites rated as a strong contender. The City was informed that Grays Harbor County is not under the Growth Management Plan. This could save money for the DOC and would make our sites more desirable. Community feedback has been positive, Mayor Dent stated. Jon Hinton from Gray & Osborne said both Nick Bird and Todd Baun did a good job during the presentation and site visit.
LEOFF1 UPDATE	The Mayors in Grays Harbor County, which have LEOFF1 retirees, signed a letter in support of the LEOFF1 Board adopting standards for in-home care and also, supported the option for cities to obtain second opinions on whether a retiree will be best cared for by an in-home care provider or an in-facility care option. In addition, the LEOFF1 Board is questioning one of the caretakers who cares for a retiree of the City of McCleary. They are asking the caretaker to provide her current registered nursing certificate because she has been requesting an additional \$400 a month more than the other two caretakers on the basis that she is a registered nurse. The Board has reason to believe her certificate expired many years ago and was never renewed.
SOFTWARE UPDATE	As previously discussed, Vision Software has not provided all modules as contractually promised. Mayor Dent and Clerk-Treasurer Collins had a conference call with the principals of Vision Software today to discuss the issues presented. Unfortunately, they did not provide any satisfactory reasons for the constant delays and Mayor Dent has decided to move forward in terminating the contract with them. The City will now need to move forward with the request for proposal process.
BILLING CORRECTIONS	The City is still working on cleaning up billing issues on certain accounts where the multiplier calculations were not entered correctly into the billing system. There is one large business, which the Mayor was not going to name publicly, that had an incorrect multiplier for many years. Mayor Dent instructed the Utility Billing Accountant to make the correction to the billing system. Customer was notified by letter of the error and that the City would be contacting them to discuss the correction and the hospital's liability. Current employees are trying to correct these issues.
SUBSTATION MAINTENANCE	The substations have not been regularly maintained. Our crews handle the lines but there are other maintenance tasks, which our staff is not specialized in. Cost has been a significant issue as to why the tasks have not moved forward. Mayor Dent authorized staff to contact an appropriate company to provide maintenance on these tasks.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Dan Glenn reported on a new bill that has been introduced in both houses that mandates all municipal court judges be chosen by election. The City of McCleary Court appoints a judge for a four-year term. The currently appointed judge is Judge Blauvelt, who has served our City very well. The way the bill is written, all municipal court judges, regardless of the size of the City, would have to be elected by the municipality's electorate. This would be mandated by 2014. The only exception appears to be if the City chooses to appoint a municipal court judge, it would have to be an elected district court judge. If an election process is chosen, the person running for the position does not have to be a resident of the city or the county in which the city is located. The qualifications are either to be a member of the State Bar or have passed a training program.

There is no fiscal note indicating what the cost would be for holding an election to the cities of the state who currently appoint their judge. Attorney Glenn is preparing to oppose the Bill and is suggesting that communications be sent to our Legislators and the Committee members, several of who are bill sponsors. **It was moved by Councilmember Lant, seconded by Councilmember Ator to authorize the Mayor to endorse a stand with AWC supporting appointed judges, not elected judges. Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
REPORT

Nick Bird previously discussed the Public Works Trust Fund potential funding for replacement of the electrical and mechanical equipment at the wells and providing a treatment system. He is asking if Council wants to support this debt service.

The conservation program has been delayed due to miscellaneous items that have come up this week and Mr. Bird was unable to complete the establishment of the conservation program. He is approximately 90% complete on the non-residential side, and anticipate deployment the coming week. He anticipates the residential program will follow shortly.

DONATED DEFIBULATORS

The McCleary Fire Association received a donation of \$3,000.00 from the Cool Creek Nights Care Show group that hosts car shows around the area and donates the funds to local fire departments for AED's. The McCleary Fire Association used the donated funds to purchase two Zoll AED's and would like to donate them to the McCleary Fire Department and activate into service. **It was moved by Councilmember Boling, seconded by Councilmember Ator to authorize the Mayor to take ownership of the two Zoll defibulators. Motion Carried.**

RESOLUTION NO. 625
CITY FACILITY FEES

Nick Bird prepared a memo with suggested fees for the Community Center, Park Kitchen, and Beerbower Park. The fees were updated, along with deposit amounts. Councilmember Schiller asked what steps are taken to check the condition of the Community Center after each use. Mr. Bird explained they have created a check list which the weekend duty employee uses each morning to check the condition. If it's unacceptable, they report it to the office and the deposit is kept. **It was moved by Councilmember Boling, seconded by Councilmember Ator to adopt Resolution No. 625, relating to the utilization of certain municipal facilities, establishing fees; and repealing Resolution Number 473 and any other Resolution in conflict therewith. Motion Carried.**

FLOAT SHED

Mayor Dent reported the condition of the float shed is atrocious. It was originally built to store the float for the Bear Festival but can no longer store anything due to it being condemned. The Mayor and Nick Bird are asking for a decision from Council on whether they would prefer to demolish the structure using a small works contract or attempt to repair it via a small works roster. Nick Bird's recommendation is to demo the building. Discussion took place on a previous option of re-roofing the structure vs. demolishing it. Todd Baun stated he was contacted by a local roofing contractor and they quoted approximately \$15,000 to re-roof the structure.

Also discussed was the option of selling the property. This topic was brought up last year and was never settled. Recently, a family moved into a home next to the property and they have small children, bringing up the issue of safety and liability. Councilmember Schiller stated the Department of Corrections offers work crews at a very low rate and will give Nick Bird contact information to pursue if this is the route the Council chooses to go. The Council asked to table the issue until more research has been completed.

LEMAY RATE RESOLUTION
ADDENDUM

It was moved by Councilmember Lant, seconded by Councilmember Boling to adopt Resolution 626 relating to public services; establishing and confirming fees; repealing Resolution 619 upon passage of a certain notification period; and providing for effective dates. Motion Carried.

AWC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT
TRUST MASTER
PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

The employees medical and dental benefits are provided through the Association of Washington Cities through a Master Participation Agreement. The current agreement does not include insurance benefits for part-time employees. The City will be reducing the Building Official's position to half-time later this month and do not wish to have his benefits discontinued as an added hardship. The City updated the agreement to include part-time employees with 20 or more hours per week. No action is required from the Council.

RESERVOIR PROGRESS
ESTIMATE #3

It was moved by Councilmember Ator, seconded by Councilmember Boling to authorize the Mayor to approve progress estimate no. 3, reservoir repainting project for \$9,890.04 due now, and \$478.24 to be deposited into a retainage account. Motion Carried.

CONTRACT AMEDMENT #16A
TO RESERVOIR CONTRACT

Additional reservoir interior painting engineering services were required to complete the project. It was moved by Councilmember Boling, seconded by Councilmember Schiller to authorize the Mayor to sign contract amendment #16A for the increased amount of \$5,000, with the total authorized amount under the contract to not exceed \$39,200 without further authorization from the Agency. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

It was moved by Councilmember Lant, seconded by Councilmember Geer to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Walter spoke in frustration over the increasing rates on the utility bills. He believes this is causing the numerous empty rentals in town. Mayor Dent explained the rates are set in relation to the debt service. Mr. Walter stated he understood that but is feeling he has to look for a home outside the City limits that will have lower utility rates.

Angenette Thompson is married to a Firefighter and she said they moved here because they were priced out of Olympia and loved our community. They are finding it very difficult to pay the high utility rates the City charges. She would like to see the City offer payment arrangements during the winter months to help out people that are struggling. She doesn't like the shut off process the City implements. Clerk-Treasurer Collins explained the option of 12 equal payments per year, however, the customer needs to have one year of on-time billing to qualify. Ms. Thompson is interested in working toward other options that could assist customers during this difficult recession time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Boling, seconded by Councilmember Geer to adjourn the meeting. The next meeting will be held on February 23, 2011 at 7:00 PM. Motion Carried.

Mayor Gary Dent:

Clerk-Treasurer Wendy Collins:
