

CITY OF MCCLEARY
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 11, 2015

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, Dan Glenn, Paul Nott and Randy Bunch.
PUBLIC COMMENT	<p>Joy Iverson announced there will be a new urgent care clinic opening at the Summit Pacific Hospital in Elma. She also stated there will be a new clinic opening in McCleary before the end of the year.</p> <p>June Arndt thanked the McCleary Police after they had a terrifying experience. She said John Graham and Justin Ralkey responded within approximately two minutes. She said her son had taken some bad drugs and went crazy. He went after her and her husband with a machete. She said the McCleary Police saved her son's life because they knew him and were able to talk him out of what he was doing. If it were another police agency, she believes they may have killed her son. She said her house has been ransacked twice, and her shed broken into, and she wants to put in a good word for the police department because we need them.</p> <p>Gary Atkins thanked John Graham for his help this week. He is tired of the drugs in town and is frustrated that the business he refers to as the "candy store" is back open. He asked why the city doesn't have a B&O tax. He would like to see a business go through an approval process through a board before operating. He believes it could prevent a business from opening up as a front. Mayor Dent said it is up to the Council to impose a B&O tax, and he will pass on his appreciation to Officer Graham.</p>
MINUTES APPROVED	It was moved by Councilmember Ator, seconded by Councilmember Schiller to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2015 meeting. Motion Carried 5-0.
CITY ATTORNEY REPORT	Dan Glenn provided a written report for the Council.
MAYOR'S COMMENTS	None.
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT	Todd Baun provided a written report to the Council.
IBEW UNION CONTRACT	Attorney Scott Snyder met with the Mayor and the Council prior to the meeting to discuss both the FOP union and the IBEW union's progress. Mayor Dent's direction was to provide a settlement in the range reached by the Teamsters Union, which was three annual consecutive increases of 2%, 2% and 2.25%. It was moved by Councilmember Ator, seconded by Councilmember Reed to reject the IBEW proposal and proceed with negotiations in accordance with Mayor Dent's direction. Motion Carried 4-0 with Councilmember Catterlin recusing himself from voting due to the conflict of interest of his son working in the IBEW union.
INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	The City has been dealing with properties which are not being properly maintained or utilized. This can result from the time it takes to clear ownership upon a property in foreclosure/forefeiture or simply through neglect. Through Dan Glenn's research, he confirmed that a number of governmental entities within the State have adopted International Property Maintenance Code as an enforcement tool and has found it useful. This is not a Code that has been adopted by the City of McCleary so it cannot be used. Dan provided a draft ordinance, which would adopt the Code and allow the City to utilize it. He asked the Council to review it and consider adopting it at a future meeting.
ATV VEHICLES ORDINANCE	Discussion took place regarding an ATV ordinance. The Cities of Elma and Montesano adopted an ordinance but Oakville chose not to. It was moved by Councilmember Schiller, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to table the ATV ordinance until the next meeting. Motion Carried 5-0.

ASTOUND WAVE BROADBAND
ORDINANCE

Tabled.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Nott stated that two months back, the Council discussed marijuana. A lot of communities in Grays Harbor are turning to manufacturing marijuana but not distributing it. He asked the Council to please reconsider their decision to prohibit manufacturing. He said the manufacturers use a lot of electricity and water, which will benefit the City, plus the amount of additional tax dollars earned could be used to help save the police department. He believes manufacturing marijuana is more controllable than selling it. He believes the City of McCleary is missing out on a huge opportunity. He said we need something that will create tax revenue and encourage employment and he would like to see the City Council change their stance on "total prohibition" to "only manufacturing" marijuana and not distributing or selling it.

Councilmember Schiller added that the Hearing Examiner held a Public Hearing last year and only a couple people attended it. The Hearing Examiner advised the City to either manufacture or distribute marijuana. He advised the City to not adopt total prohibition.

Terri Mount agrees with Paul's standpoint. She recently listened to talk radio and they were saying that a lot of income can be made from manufacturing, if it is maintained properly.

Patrick Saller asked what the Council's plans are to bring in more revenue when there are so many empty businesses in town. Mayor Dent said the topic can be added to a future meeting and was not on the planned agenda for this meeting.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Accounts Payable vouchers/checks approved were 39126 - 39157 including EFT's in the amount of \$38,392.64.

Payroll checks approved were 39030 - 39064 including EFT's in the amount of \$158,739.42.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

MEETING ADJOURNED

It was moved by Councilmember Ator, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Motion Carried 5-0.

Mayor Gary Dent:

Clerk-Treasurer Wendy Collins:
