

CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
July 12, 2011

Mayor Gerald Sands called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Council members: Mark Borden, Birdie Hensley, and Bob Rupe

**Excused:** Willie Bott and John Nordine

**Unexcused:** None

**Also Present:** Jacqueline Perman/City Clerk, Roger Lucas/The Star, Officer Cook/GCPD, Ken Dexter/PWD, Carol Rupe, Lynda Dexter, Lonna Bussert, Steve Salstrom, Marie Chuinard, Ted Christenson, and Bill Vancik

**June 28, 2011 Council Minutes:**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the June 28, 2011, minutes as written.

m/s (Borden/Hensley) CU

**June 28, 2011 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program minutes:**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the June 28, 2011, minutes with a date change.

m/s (Rupe/Borden) CU

**Police Report:**

Officer Cook gave the monthly police report which included 17 traffic tickets.

**Public Discussion:**

• **Bill Vancik:**

Mr. Vancik has been noticing how fast vehicles drive on Coulee Blvd pass his place of business. He would like to see better traffic enforcement, vegetation removed for site distance and the city to lower the speed limit to 30 mph on Coulee Blvd. He related an experience with a traffic officer where the suppose offense was committed in Electric City and Bill was not pulled over until he entered Grand Coulee. Bill did not receive a ticket and wanted an explanation why if the police thought he drove through a stop sign in Electric City why did he wait until Grand Coulee to pull him over. Does Electric City get the proceeds of a ticket when the offense happened in Electric City but given in Grand Coulee? The clerk said we do not have any way of knowing when these tickets are given. If a ticket is written in Grand Coulee we do not receive a police report and we do not receive the proceeds.

Mr. Vancik asked if the city should look into a barrier of some sort to protect the sewer raisers by Coulee Playland in case a vehicle runs off the road and causes damage to the concrete raisers.

Mr. Vancik would like the city to look into purchasing redirection traffic signs to Electric City using Hotel/Motel tax.

• **Steve Salstrom:**

Mr. Salstrom feels the stop sign on the corner of Grand Avenue and Western is a very dangerous one. He has seen a couple of dangerous situations almost happen there. He asked that the police enforce the speed coming down Western Avenue

Mr. Salstrom speaking for Ted Christenson would like to know what law the city is enforcing that prohibits him from having extra vehicles on his property or limits the amount of vehicles on a lot. The code compliance officer asked Ted to remove some of his vehicles. Ted's vehicles do have insurance, are licensed and are collector's items. Ted came to the office asking for a copy of the ordinance but said it was refused. The clerk asked him to please come into the office tomorrow and he would receive a copy of the ordinance that the code compliance officer is using. But, she wanted to speak to the code compliance officer to hear what action is being taken on the property.

• **Ted Christenson:**

Ted asked who does the up keep on city right-of-way. Mayor Sands commended the many citizens like Ted, who go the extra step by keeping the city right-of-way looking good by their properties. Ted complained about how the snow plow ripped up his edging next to the curbing last winter. Mayor Sands

said that happened when Mr. Christenson complained the snow-plow driver did not plow to the curbing. After Ted complained he directed Ken Dexter to return to Ted's property and re-plow right up to the curb. When Ken plowed the snow to the curb it caused a large amount of snow to be deposited onto the property causing damage to the wood edging Ted had put in along side the curbing. After that happened and we had a complaint it was decided to go back to plowing approximately four feet from the curbing. Ted offered to plow the snow in the city street in front of his home. It was explained that is the city's responsibility. Ted asked if the city would buy an arm attachment on the snow plow to direct the snow away from the driveways.

- **Lonna Bussert;**

Lonna asked if Ordinance No. 444-2011 entitled, "Manufactured Home Parks" will affect her park. Mayor Sands explained this is the same ordinance that she gave input on several months ago. Her park is a nonconforming manufactured home park in her zone and will not need to change.

**Ordinance No. 445-2011- Creating Chapter 10.12 Entitled "Speed Regulations":**

Motion was made and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 445-2001 Creating Chapter 10.12 Entitled, "Speed Regulations" as written. m/s (Borden/Rupe) CU

**Unfinished Business:**

Mayor Sands reported on the following:

- **Knapweed**  
Donna Deckman investigated the compliant of the knapweed at Coulee Playland. They have been sprayed.
- **CAPRD Contract**  
Phil Hansen brought in the contract with Bureau of Reclamation and the Oasis Lawn Care Proposal and acceptance letter. They are filed in the clerk's office.
- **United Builders Trailers/Code Compliance**  
The Code Compliance officer reported to the office that he does not feel the trailers are a safety hazard. He has been monitoring the property and it is being kept up.
- **Radar Units**  
D.O.T. has a few radar units and we may be able to have one for a short time. Electric City is close to the top of the list for D.O.T. to record speeds and foot traffic across the causeway. There may be a possibility of erecting pedestrian signs to help slow down the traffic.
- **Willow Tree on Crest Avenue**  
The tree has been trimmed by the city crew.

**Reports/Misc:**

Council member Rupe is concerned that if the Bureau of Reclamation collected a half ton of firework debris this year whether they may consider closing North Dam for fireworks. They discussed several options so that this may not happen.

**Voucher Approval:**

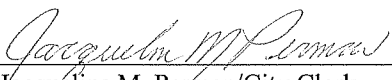
Motion was made and seconded to approve expenditures for following vouchers:

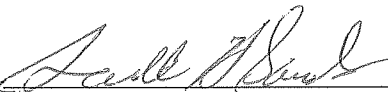
- Claims #8696-#8717 in the amount of \$40,526.21 and Payroll EFT in the amount of \$5,528.87 dated 07/01/11-07/12/11
  - Payroll Claims #13585-#13600 in the amount of \$27,270.19 dated 06/30/11
- m/s (Rupe/Borden) CU

**Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

m/s (Borden/Rupe)CU

  
Jacqueline M. Perman/City Clerk

  
Gerald H. Sands, Mayor