

CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 10, 2012

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

Present: Council members: Marie Chuinard, John Nordine, Birdie Hensley, and Bob Rupe
Absent: None

Also Present: Jacqueline Perman/City Clerk, Roger Lucas/The Star, Officer Cook/GCPD, Ken Dexter/PWD, and others. There were twenty two present in the audience.

Mayor Sands said there will be Ordinance 552-2012 and Ordinance No. 553-2012 added to the agenda.

December 19, 2011, Council Minutes:

Motion was made and seconded to approve the December 19, 2011, minutes as written.

m/s (Rupe/Hensley)CU

Police Report:

Officer Cook gave the monthly police report.

Selection of Council Position #5:

Lonna Bussert and Brad Parrish wrote letters of interest to be a council member. The council members reviewed the letters and went into executive session to discuss the qualifications of both candidates at 7:13 p.m. until 7:23 p.m. The city council resumed its session at 7:23 p.m. The council members asked if they could have a secret ballot but was informed by the City Clerk that it would be illegal to have a secret ballot. Council members Hensley, Rupe, Chuinard voted for Lonna Bussert. Council member Nordine voted for Brad Parrish to be the new council member. Mayor Sands swore Lonna Bussert in to hold Council Position #5 for two years; thereafter she will have to run for the council position. a four-year term.

Public Discussion:

There was no public discussion.

Resolution No. 2012-01/Declaring Dangerous Dog/Miley:

Council member Hensley asked if the council needed to take action on this resolution when she understands the Miley dog, named Gemini, is no longer within the city limits. Clerk Perman explained the council would be declaring the dog dangerous and where ever the dog is located the present/future owner would have to register the dog in the new location. Council member Rupe asked for Gemini, to be declared as a potentially dangerous dog instead of a dangerous dog since the dog is now out of our area. Jeff Brent told the council that this dog is not a first time offender. Gemini had attempted to bite him in the past. He filed a police report on this dog but there was no follow-up by the police department. Council member Rupe said it is a huge expense for a dog to be declared dangerous and he does not want the new owners to face the costs when the offense happened previously. Jeff Brent asked how Council member Rupe can state for a fact the dog will not repeat the offense since this dog has a record. Council member Rupe replied that he could potentially bite someone and would that make him a dangerous person? Mr. Brent said that statement is ludicrous. Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution No. 2012-01 as written. Council member Rupe voted nay. Council members Bussert, Chuinard, Hensley, and Nordine voted yes.

m/s (Hensley/Nordine)

Resolution No. 2012/Declaraing Dangerous Dog/Olmstead:

Jeff Brent was a chief animal control officer in California, and is very aware what makes a dog dangerous. Whenever a dog comes up to a person unprovoked with teeth bared, invades your space and acts like he wants to bite you it is a dangerous dog. Ruth Olmstead asked if she could bring the seven month old puppy into the council chamber to demonstrate that it is not dangerous. Council said that is not necessary. Lynda Dexter is a complete stranger to the dog but she works across the street. She said one day she was frightened when the puppy came up to her car door because of the size of the dog, but all the dog wanted was to be petted. She testified that Ms. Olmstead has been working very hard to prevent the dog from getting out of her fenced yard. She does not feel it is a vicious dog. Christine Bunker said there is another

black lab that roams the streets in this area. Marlin Newman who is a neighbor to Ms. Olmstead said all the pup does is bark and he does not feel it is dangerous. Donna Deckman stated she was reading meters last summer and the dog came running up to her in the street and she just told the dog to get back home. Council member Hensley asked Mr. Brent if he was aware there were two dogs in the area that meet the description and if he was pretty positive it was the Olmstead dog. Mr. Brent said he could not positively say if there could have been another black lab in the neighborhood. What he can say is that this was a regular part of his walking route and he would walk past Olmstead's house where there are three dogs in the yard, one a black lab. On this particular day there were no dogs in the yard and yet when he came in front of the property a black lab was standing in the middle of the street and tried to bite him. When the police officer drove to the area where the dog confronted him the police saw the dog in the yard. The officer, after walking around the fenced yard could not find where the dog had dug out so he assumed the dog had jumped the fence. The dog did not return to the yard in Mr. Brent's sight. Mr. Brent stated the dog that approached him was an older dog. Lisa Stanzack read a letter stating she does not view Mia as dangerous. Motion was made and seconded not to approve the Ordinance declaring Mia to be a dangerous dog. m/s (Hensley/Rupe)CU

Ordinance No. 452-2012/Creating New Fund entitled "Transfer Station Fund":

Mayor Sands explained the ordinance is placed before them because Electric City is taking over the transfer station. Motion was made and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 452-2012 creating Chapter 3.71 entitled, "Transfer Station Fund" as written. m/s (Hensley/Rupe)CU

Ordinance No. 453-2012/Creating New Fund entitled, "Transfer Station Post Closure Reserve Fund":

Motion was made and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 453-2012 creating Chapter 3.72 entitled, "Transfer Station Post Closure Reserve Fund" as written. m/s (Rupe/Nordine)CU

2012 Grant Transit Authority Representative:

Council member Rupe was on the committee for six/eight years. He has two years left of his term and he would like to be the representative for our area. He thinks it might be on tape that he would be able to be back on the committee. Council member Hensley has been the representative for the past two years. Jean Mueller belongs to the Senior Center and she would like to retain council member Hensley as the representative as Hensley is very active with the Senior Center, works with the members, and is present for all the meetings. The seniors feel she has been more active than the past representatives. Council member Rupe said approximately four years ago he received approval to get a bus for the seniors at no cost. Bob had volunteered to house the bus, and to maintain it. Bob Schryvers, president of the Senior Center would like to see Hensley serve as the representative. Motion was made and seconded for Birdie Hensley to be the Grant Transit Authority Representative. Council members Bussert, Chuinard, Nordine, and Hensley, voted Yae, Rupe voted Nay. m/s (Nordine/Hensley)

Council member Rupe asked to be put on record that he thinks this selection should have been handled two weeks ago before the new council members took their seats. He thinks some shenanigans are going on and someone did not have their ducks in a row at that time. Council member Rupe feels this selection was not done properly.

2012 Selection of Committee Assignments:

The following committee assignments were made by council consensus.

- o Health-Welfare & Safety Bob Rupe and John Nordine
- o Parks Birdie Hensley and Lonna Bussert
- o City Streets Bob Rupe and John Nordine
- o Water & Sewer Birdie Hensley and Marie Chuinard
- o Building & Maintenance Marie Chuinard and John Nordine
- o Audit Lonna Bussert and Birdie Hensley

2012 Mayor Pro Tem Appointment:

Mayor Sand explained this appointment is made in each even numbered year following municipal elections in odd numbered years according to Chapter 2.20.010. Motion was made and seconded to appoint Bob Rupe for Mayor Pro Tem. m/s (Chuinard/Bussert)CU

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

Reports/Misc:

- Mayor Sands said the Grant County Health Board would like to know if any of the council members would like to be the representative for Seat 7 which includes Grand Coulee, Electric City, Hartline, and Coulee City. Troy Ritter was the representative for our area last year because there was no council member or mayor that could serve. Council member Chuinard said she would be interested serving on the Health Board.
- Ken Dexter reported that the pre-bid arsenic removal plant walk through was attended by approximately 17 contractors.
- Council member Hensley reported the new Keller ferry will be constructed and delivered May 20, 2013. At this point in time a name has not been decided on. The Chamber of Commerce thought the community should have some input on the new name.

Council Received:

- Letter from Teresa Miley dated 1/5/2012

Voucher Approval:

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

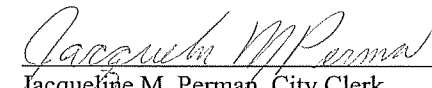
- Vouchers #8955 - #8997 dated 12/28/2011-12/31/2011. Claims amount of \$25,957.16 and Payroll amount of \$26,984.29 dated 12/28/2011-12/31/2011
- EFT and Vouchers #8998 - #9002 dated 1/3/2012-01/10/2012. Claims amount of 5,427.32 and Payroll amount of \$5,508.90

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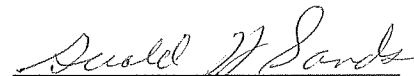
Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

m/s (Nordine/Rupe)CU



Jacqueline M. Perma, City Clerk



Gerald H. Sands, Mayor