

CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
January 24, 2012

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

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

**Also Present:** Jacqueline Perman/City Clerk, Roger Lucas/The Star, Ken Dexter/PWD, Lynda Dexter, Carol Rupe, Vicki Logan, George Kohout, Susan Miller and Kathy Baty/Chamber of Commerce, Lou Nevsimal and Hal Rauch/ Coulee Playland.

**January 10, 2012, Council Minutes:**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the January 10, 2012, minutes with the following change, "Mayor Sands swore Lonna Bussert in to hold Council Position #5 for two years, thereafter she will have to run for the council position. m/s (Nordine/Rupe)CU

**Public Discussion:**

There was no public discussion.

**Ridge Riders/George Kohout:**

George introduced himself as the new president of the Ridge Riders and gave the council the 2012 marketing plan. The money would be directed through the Chamber of Commerce. Motion was made and seconded to spend \$4,000.00 from Hotel/Motel Tax to promote the Ridge Riders events in our area. m/s (Nordine/Bussert)CU

**Chamber of Commerce/Kathy Baty:**

The Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce presented the council with a 2012 community wide tourist marketing plan. They see the need to utilize North Dam Park for tourist related events. The Chamber would like to purchase a reader board, a Shane Proctor Permanent sign and two Coulee Corridor Kiosks contingent on funds. Council member Hensley wanted a date when the area can expect the Colorama buttons to be released. She would also like to see advertisements done in a timely manner. Motion was made and seconded to give the Chamber \$13,000.00 out of the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund to promote tourism related events. m/s (Nordine/Hensley)CU

**Coulee Playland/2012 Rates:**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed increase in rates. Council member Hensley asked Coulee Playland to provide an update of improvements to resort in 2011. m/s (Hensley/Bussert)CU

**Grand Coulee Dam Earth Day:**

Council member Hensley reported that a small committee met this Monday to see if it was feasible to host another Earth Day. The group decided they would like to work together and have the festival on April 28<sup>th</sup> if the council approves. Motion was made and seconded to approve the April 28, 2012 Earth Day Festival and to give \$1,000.00 out of the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund to promote the Festival. m/s (Bussert/Chuinard)CU

**2012-01 Policy and Procedure/Telephonic Participation in Council Meeting:**

Motion was made and seconded to approve 2012-01 Policy Regarding Telephonic Participation in Council meeting. m/s (Hensley/Chuinard)CU

**Grant County Emergency Management Support:**

Motion was made and seconded not to support the Grant County Emergency Management Support System this year. Council members, Rupe, Hensley, Chuinard, and Bussert vote Yea, Council member Nordine voted Nay. m/s (Rupe/Hensley)

**Arsenic Treatment Facility Bid Acceptance:**

Motion was made and seconded to award the Arsenic Treatment Facility bid to Clearwater Construction for \$1,310,985.00. m/s (Rupe/Nordine)CU

**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2011/ Treasurer's Report:**

The treasurer drew the council's attention to the year end totals for all the funds. The audit committee reviewed the three month report and had suggested the council approve the report. Motion was made and seconded to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Treasurer's Report. m/s (Hensley/Rupe)CU

**Unfinished Business:**

There was no unfinished business to report.

**Reports/Misc:**

- Mayor Sands explained the letter from the Faith Community Church was for informational purpose only. The church could not locate their sewer line to cap it. Mayor Sands made the decision not to require the church to continue further excavation and considered the line capped to eliminate future sewer charges. The church has requested reimbursement of past sewer bills and to be reimbursed for the excavation. A letter is being sent to them denying the reimbursement.
- Mayor Sands said he is back working on the city logo and is looking into some new sites.
- Clerk Perman said there will be a budget amendment on the agenda regarding the new funds for the transfer station.

**Council Received:**

- Coulee Playland proposed rates for 2012

**Voucher Approval:**

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

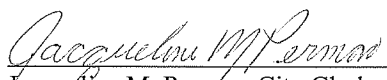
- EFT and Vouchers #9003-#9024 dated 1/24/2012. Claims amount \$21,053.92, Payroll amount \$3,410.26 for a total of \$24,464.18

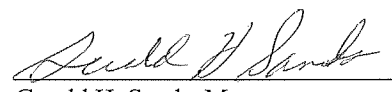
m/s (Hensley/Chuinard) CU

**Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

m/s (Rupe/Bussert)CU

  
Jacqueline M. Perman, City Clerk

  
Gerald H. Sands, Mayor