

CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 13, 2012

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

Present: Council members: Lonna Bussert, John Nordine, and Birdie Hensley

Absent: Council member Marie Chuinard and Bob Rupe

February 28, 2012, Council Minutes:

Motion was made and seconded to approve the February 28, 2012, minutes as written.

m/s (Nordine/Bussert)CU

Police Report:

Officer Cook gave the monthly police report. There were four illegal drug buys and a warrant which led to an arrest.

Public Discussion:

There was no public discussion.

Grant County Economic Development Council:

Jonathan Smith introduced himself as the new Managing Director of the GCEDC and Allan Peterson, Business Advisor, for the Small Business Development Center at Big Bend Community College. Allan offer's one-on-one technical assistance at no charge to help small businesses make informed decisions in multiple areas including, getting and keeping customers, cost-cutting strategies, planning or growing a business, finding and keeping qualified employees, buying or selling a business, marketing, start up, and record keeping. Since 2004 he has had a few individuals contact him from our area but not many. He would like to see that increase. Allan distributed a Retail Market Place Profile which shows the leakage/surplus factor within a 25 minute drive from Electric City. Council member Hensley asked if they would be able to help market small businesses in our area to expand as internet businesses. As an example: A business that sells to tourists during the summer season but than can sell over the internet during the winter months to continue sales of their products. Mr. Peterson offered to have a workshop to work on a plan for marketing our area year around. Council member Nordine asked that the GCEDC Service Agreement be added to the next agenda. Both Jonathan and Allan would love to do a presentation for the Chamber of Commerce and a conduct a workshop afterward for new/old businesses.

Clearwater Contract Agreement for the Arsenic Treatment Plant:

Motion was made and seconded to direct the mayor to sign the contract after the attorney's approval.

m/s (Nordine/Hensley)CU

Reports/Miscellaneous:

Unfinished Business:

- **Earth Day:** The committee is moving along and the posters are ready to be distributed this week. The final meeting will be April 9th 10:00 a.m. at City Hall.

Reports/Misc:

- **Block Watch:** Council members Hensley and Bussert had conversations with the City Clerk and the Mayor of Sultan regarding setting up a block watch. This will be a volunteer organization. It was suggested the first steps would be discussing this with the local police, the County Sheriff Dept., and the communities of Electric City and Grand Coulee. This will be on the agenda next council meeting to bring the council members not in attendance today up to date.

Council Received:

- Pamphlet and other information from GCEDC

Voucher Approval:

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

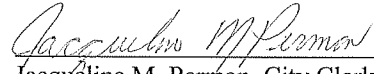
- Payroll Vouchers #9078 - #9090, dated 2/29/2012 in the amount of \$23,731.98
- EFT's and Vouchers #9091- #9112, dated 03/01/2012-03/13/2012. Claims amount of \$17,269.00 and Payroll amount of \$ 8,604.69

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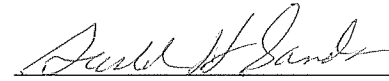
Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

m/s (Hensley/Bussert)CU



Jacqueline M. Perman, City Clerk



Gerald H. Sands, Mayor