

CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 23, 2012

The October 23, 2012, Electric City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Gerald H. Sands.

Present by Roll Call: Council Members Lonna Bussert, Marie Chuinard, John Nordine, Brad Parrish, and Bob Rupe
Absent: None

Staff members present: Debbie M. Pifer, Deputy Clerk; Kenneth Dexter, Public Works Director; Donna Deckman, Maintenance.

October 9, 2012 Council Minutes:

Motion was made and seconded to approve the October 9, 2012 minutes as written.

m/s (Bussert/Parrish)CU

Public Comments:

- **Troy Ritter/ 76 Sunset Dr:** Gave the council a copy of Grand Coulee's Ordinance on Urban chicken. He would like the Electric City to incorporate this into the City's zoning. He also explained that there have been chickens in Electric City for the last eight years that nobody has complained about.
- **Roberta Hensley/ 216 Sunny Drive:** Questioned the Sunset Terrace Covenants and if chickens were allowed. She also was not sure if the covenant was still in effect.
- **Roger Lucus/ 33 Pearl:** Is in favor for allowing urban chickens. He stated Seattle allows them in a big city.

TBD/ Interlocal Agreement:

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Electric City and the Electric City Transportation Benefit District.

m/s (Parrish/Nordine)CU

Grand Coulee Area Chamber of Commerce 2013 Budget Request: Peggy Nevsimal, Chamber Manager, gave a presentation for 2013 budget request. Topics of discussion were:

- Target Markets
- Objectives
- Advertising Marketing Channels
- Event Cost Breakdowns

Peggy explained the total Campaign expense for 2013 is higher than last year. Last years budget was \$13,000 per City and this year the Chamber is asking for \$61,416.15. This amount would be divided between the three cities at a cost of \$20,472.05 per City. Peggy would like for all four Mayor's to consider looking into giving a percentage of Hotel/Motel funds they receive. Council requested to table this budget item.

Coulee Area Parks and Recreation District 2013 Budget Request: Phil Hansen, Commissioner, gave a presentation for 2013 budget request. The CAPRD has entered into a ten year agreement with U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for operation and maintenance of the North Dam Park. Phil Hansen explained that under this agreement, they qualify for grants under Title 28 which will allow for \$50,000 in matching funds. These funds will assist with safety issues of concern that include, but are not limited to:

- Baseball Bleachers
- Picnic Table Replacement
- Baseball Fencing
- Handicap Access

The CAPRD is requesting a budget amount of \$6,000 per City. The purpose for this request is to provide matching funds for operations and maintenance of North Dam Park and Event Center for the year 2013. Council requested to table this budget item.

Grant County Health District Agreement: Mayor Sands reviewed the contract with the council, and explained that last year the council agreed to \$1,000 versus the two dollar per person proposed. Mayor Sands also explained that Jeff Ketchel, Administrator for the Grant County Health District, will be at the November 13, 2012 Council meeting to present his proposal. Council Member Nordine requested this item be tabled until November 13th.

Resolution No 2012-11/Ad Valorem/Property Tax Revenue:

Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution No. 2012-11 as written.

(Parrish/Bussert) CU

Employee Raise/Consumer Index:

There was confusion on the CPI Charts provided and why we are using this particular Index. Mayor Sands explained that we used this Index last year; however the rate was reduced from four percent to a lower amount. Council Member Parrish would like to see a consistent manner in which this raise would be given. Mayor Sands agreed; however, he is not sure why we would use this Index. Council Member Rupe requested we table this budget item.

Coulee Dam/Coulee City Nutritional Program Budget Request for 2013:

Mayor Sands explained that last year's budget amount was \$1,000 and the increase is due to additional cost. Council Member Chuinard reported that the cost of food has risen 30% from last year. Motion was made to accept the Coulee Dam/Coulee City Nutritional Budget Request for \$1,500.

m/s (Bussert/Rupe)CU

Urban Chickens:

Mayor Sands asked if the council would like to direct the City to look into creating an Ordinance allowing chickens. Council Member Rupe expressed concern regarding the Sunset Terrace Covenants and reported that Section #6 does not allow for fowl. He suggested contacting the Building Committee for the covenants. The majority of the council sees nothing wrong with allowing chickens within the city limits. Council Member Parrish motioned to direct the city to look into drafting an ordinance allowing chickens.

m/s (Parrish/Bussert)CU

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business discussed.

Reports:

- **Mayor Sands:** Would like to eliminate the Building & Maintenance Committee and replace it with the Hotel/Motel Committee. Mayor Sands asked if the person now serving on the Building & Maintenance would consider serving on the Hotel/Motel Committee. Both Council Members Nordine and Chuinard accepted the change.
- **Council Member Bussert:** No report
- **Council Member Parrish:** Reported that there are several trees on the corner of Electric Blvd. and Coulee Blvd. that have become a site hazard and would like them removed.
- **Council Member Chuinard:** No report
- **Council Member Nordine:** No report
- **Council Member Rupe:** No report
- **Public Works Director:** Reported the Arsenic Treatment Facility is still in the testing process. He also reported that cost for chemicals has not been determined. Other budget items on the Public Works list consisted of: new truck, re-lining sewers, new lights, gravel and water/sewer revenue.
- **City Clerk:** No report

Council Received:

- Grand Coulee Ord. regarding the keeping of poultry.

Voucher Approval:

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

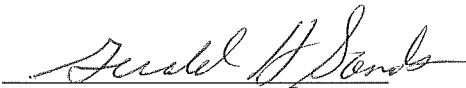
- Vouchers #9456 – #9471 dated 10/23/2012 for a total of \$15,967.81
- EFT's dated 10/23/2012 for a total of \$9,262.00

m/s (Nordine/Rupe) CU

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.


Debbie M. Pifer, Deputy Clerk


Gerald H. Sands, Mayor