

CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
February 26, 2013

The February 26, 2013 Electric City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Sands

**Present by Roll Call:** Council Members Lonna Bussert, Marie Chuinard, John Nordine, Brad Parrish, and Bob Rupe

**Motion to excuse:** N/A

**Staff members present:** City Clerk/Treasurer Jacqueline M. Perman and PWD/Kenneth Dexter

**February 12, 2013 Council Minutes:**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the February 12, 2013, minutes as written.

m/s (Bussert/Parrish)CU

**Public Comments:**

- **Mike Lowry, 214 2<sup>nd</sup> Street:** Would like to see better police protection of property because his rental house on Goodfellow Avenue has been burglarized on several occasions with destruction of property. This happened again last week. A neighbor dialed 911 when they heard the glass breaking on the back kitchen door but the local police department did not show up. Council member Rupe stated he talked to the reporting party and the reporting party told him the police department showed up the next day and apologize for not responding. Mike also wanted to comment on the high price of dumpster pickup. He has been cleaning up the damage to the Goodfellow Avenue rental home. He ordered a dumpster and is being charged weekly instead of by pickup. Mayor Sands explain the charges were discussed at a prior Regional Board of Mayor's meeting. It was the decision of the Board of Mayors that all dumpsters will be charged on a per week rate whether the dumpster was dumped or not.
- **Birdie Hensley, 216 Sunny Drive:** Brought attention to different bills that are before the State Legislature such as changes to the Hotel/Motel tax, purchase of government vehicles using alternative fuels and the elimination of the requirement that police agencies pay half the cost of Police Academy.

**Grant County Public Health/Jeff Ketchel:** Thanked the city council for their support and informed them that approximately 35% of their total budget comes from Federal Funding. He thanked Marie Chuinard for her loyalty and hard work on the board. Mr. Ketchel then informed the council of different projects the Public Health Department is working on such as the waste medicine return, on site sewer septic systems inspections, educating the public regarding animal transmitted diseases. Since teenage birth rate in Grant County is significantly higher than the rest of Washington State along with sexually transmitted diseases a grant was submitted and accepted for \$30,000.00 for prevention education of teenagers.

**Chamber of Commerce Membership:**

Council member Bussert motioned for the City to become a member of the Chamber of Commerce and seconded by council member Parrish. Council member Rupe voted no if the money was not going to come out of the tourism money already voted for the chamber to use. Clerk Perman said she does not know if the money will come out of the Hotel/Motel Fund or the General Fund but will research that answer. Council member Chuinard asked for the issue to be tabled. The issue was tabled until the March 12<sup>th</sup>, council meeting.

**Grant County Economic Development Council 2013 Municipal Services Agreement:**

After discussing the benefits of the EDC a motion was made and seconded to sign the 2013 municipal services agreement in the amount of \$497.50.

m/s (Nordine/Parrish)CU

**Council Meeting Schedule Discussion:**

After some discussion it was decided to change council meetings to once a month on the second Tuesdays. The starting time will be 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. The clerk will prepare an amendment to the existing ordinance to reflect the changes.

**Unfinished Business:**

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

**Reports:**

- **Mayor Sands:** No report
- **Council member Bussert:** Said we are waiting on the attorney's office regarding the contract with Coulee Playland.
- **Council member Chuinard:** No report
- **Council member Nordine:** No report
- **Council member Rupe:** Had a paper that he wrote up regarding the use of marijuana to the employee's Drug and Alcohol Policy. A copy was given to each council member. Mayor Sands added we sent the attorney a copy of the city's policy and she will be updating the policy as needed.
- **Council member Parrish:** No report
- **Public Works Director:** Not Present
- **City Clerk:** Reported the year end bank statements are completed for the audit committee to review before council approval.

**Council Received:**

- N/A

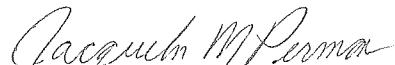
**Voucher Approval:**


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

- EFT's and Warrants #9696-#9716, dated 02/14/2013 – 02/26/2013 for a total of \$30,452.42  
m/s (Chuinard/Parrish) CU

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

  
Jacqueline M. Perman, City Clerk

  
Gerald H. Sands, Mayor