

CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 12, 2013

The March 12, 2013 Electric City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Gerald Sands

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

Staff members present: City Clerk/Treasurer Jacqueline M. Perman, Public Works Director Ken Dexter, GCPD Sergeant John Tufts

Agenda Addition:

Mayor Sands asked that Item 10 Resolution for an Interlocal Agreement between Electric City and Fire District 14 and Item 11 RBOM Meeting Change be added to the agenda. There were no objections.

February 26, 2013, Council Minutes:

Motion was made and seconded to approve the February 26, 2013 minutes as written.

m/s (Nordine/Bussert)CU

Police Report:

Officer John Tufts reported on incidents within the city.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Consent to Assignment of Concession Lease Agreement:

Council member Bussert said inquires were made of both our insurance agent and the city attorney. Neither had any objections to the change of Hal Rauch d/b/a to Coulee Playland L.L.C. Motion was made and seconded to direct the mayor to sign the Consent to Assignment of Concession Lease Agreement.

m/s (Bussert/Nordine)CU

Chamber of Commerce Membership:

The membership to the Chamber of Commerce was tabled last council meeting. Mayor Sands said the membership would be expensed from the Current Expense Fund. Council member Bussert would like the city to have a voice in the chamber since we give them money for advertisement. She does not understand why we would not want to be a member. Mayor Sands said a benefit to becoming a member would be reduced rates for Northwest MedStar. Motion was made and seconded to become a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Council members Chuinard, Nordine, Parrish, and Bussert voted yes. Council member Rupe voted no.

m/s (Bussert/Parrish)

Ordinance No 472-2013/Amending ECMC Section 2.20.02 titled "Council Meetings:

Motion was made and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 472-2013 amending the date and time of the council meetings.

m/s (Chuinard/Nordine)CU

Ordinance No. 473-2013/Amending ECMC Section 6.15.010 titled "Chicken Management"

Mayor Sands outlined the changes regarding the slaughtering of chickens and the number of chickens allowed in the Suburban S-1 zone. Motion was made and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 473-2012 as written.

m/s (Bussert/Chuinard)CU

Ordinance No. 474-2013/Amending ECMC Section 18.18.040 Livestock to Conform with Chapter 6.15 “Chickens”:

Mayor Sands explained although this was declined by the council last month the Planning Commission asked if they would please reconsider passing it. This makes it mandatory that the residents in Suburban S-1 zone have to comply with the “Chicken” Ordinance. Motion was made and seconded to adopt Ordinance No 473-2013 Amending ECMC Section 18.18.040.

m/s (Nordine/Parrish)CU

Resolution No 2013-01/Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Grant County Fire District 14:

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2013-01 as written.

m/s (Parrish/Bussert)CU

Treasurer’s Report 4th Quarter 2012:

The council received the beginning fund balances for 2013 along with the 4th quarter Treasurers Report for 2012. There was a question when and what fund the payment for the arsenic treatment plant will come out of. Clerk Perman explained that we have been raising the water rates to cover the payments and the money has been going into Fund 400 so most likely that will be the fund it will be expensed from. The first payment will be due a year after the project has been deemed complete. After further review and no other comments the 4th quarter treasurer’s report was accepted as presented.

RBOM Meeting time change:

The Regional Board of Mayors would like to change their meetings from being held every month to every other month. Mayor Sands said at this time we are just asking if the councils have any objections. If the four councils do not have any objections than a 5th Addendum and a new resolution will be drafted and presented. The council by consensus had no objection.

Reports/Miscellaneous:

- **Mayor Sands:** Updated the council on the removal of some of the main street trees. The city crew has removed six more. Gary Norris has asked for the trees to be removed from the front of his parking area. Council member Bussert, Nordine and Parrish would like to see all the trees removed in the center of town. Mayor Sands said they will continue to work with Ken Dexter and be selective in taking any more out. Mayor Sands also said they had a comment back from the attorney regarding the concern from Council member Rupe regarding the city’s Drug and Alcohol testing. Clerk Perman read the e-mail from Anna Franz saying our Drug and Alcohol Policy is unaffected by the passage of Initiative 502 because our manual incorporates federal law as the applicable standard. The city has all the CDL holders in a random testing program.
- **Council member Bussert:** No report
- **Council member Chuinard:** Asked if there were any questions for the Health Board. There were no questions.
- **Council member Nordine:** No report
- **Council member Rupe:** Would like to see roll call as the #1 on the agenda. Clerk Perman said the mayor has been reminding her to incorporate it and she keeps forgetting. She did finally add it to the April agenda so hopefully no more problems there.
- **Council member Parrish:** No report
- **Public Works Director:** The light fixtures in the Fire Station have all been replaced with energy efficient fixtures. The city crew will be starting on the City Hall and the Shop next.
- **City Clerk:** The inventories have all been completed for the city except for the Fire Department. They have been asked for an inventory for several years and especially since the city passed the policy regarding small and attractive items in 2010 and have refused. The council directed the mayor to talk to the Fire Chief.

Council Received:

- N/A

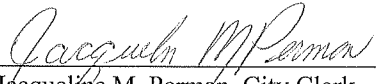
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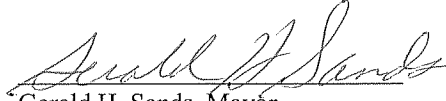
Motion was made and seconded to approve expenditures for the following:

- EFT's and Warrants #9729- #9751, dated 3/01/13- 03/13/13 for a total of \$45,989.79
 - Warrants #9717-#9728 dated 02/27/13-02/28/13 for a total of \$17,812.16
- m/s (Rupe/Chuinard)CU

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.


Jacqueline M. Perman, City Clerk


Gerald H. Sands, Mayor