

CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
January 14, 2014

The January 14, 2014 Electric City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Gerald Sands

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

**Motion to Excuse:** Motion was made and seconded to excuse Marie Chuinard.

m/s (Bussert/Parish) CU

**Staff members present:** Clerk/Treasurer/Jacqueline Perman, PWD/Kenneth Dexter, and GCPD Sergeant John Tufts

**Oath of Office:**

Mayor Sands swore in Aaron Derr as Council Member Position No. 1 for a four year term.

**December 10, 2013 Council Minutes:**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the December 10, 2013 minutes as written.

m/s (Nordine/Bussert)CU

**December 10, 2013 Public Hearing Six-Month Interim Zoning Ordinance Minutes:**

Motion was made by Nordine and seconded by Bussert to approve the December 10, 2013 minutes as written. Council members Bussert, Nordine and Parrish voted to approve. Council member Derr abstained because he was not in attendance at the meeting.

**Police Report:**

Sergeant John Tufts reported on incidents within the city.

**Public Comments:**

- Mike Dennis/118 Lincoln asked if there was a faster way the city could approved the increased size of accessory buildings without the public review process. The clerk will contact the city planner and see what is happening with this project.

**Coulee Playland Resort/Hal Rauch:**

Hal Rauch present the new proposed costs for 2014. This is his 29<sup>th</sup> year and the decision was made not to have any cost increases expect for the rental of pontoon boats and boat and motor. He also mentioned that they are adding paddle boards this summer. Motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed rate increases. He would like to talk to the Park Committee regarding setting up a new fund which all his lease money will be paid into and expenses will only be for capital improvements to Coulee Playland. They will meet at a later date to discuss that topic.

m/s (Nordine/Derr)CU

**Project Completion Amendment DWSRF:**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Project Completion Amendment DWSRF in the amount of \$1,843,408.88. This is a de-Obligation of \$682,601.12.

m/s (Derr/Bussert)CU

**Gray & Osborne/Amendment No. 2 to the Contract for Engineering Services:**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the amendment not to exceed \$4,907.00 for preliminary investigations of wells and water tank located on property owned by Grant County Port District No. 7. The outcome of this report may be a recommendation to conduct further tests, including video logging and pump testing of one or more of the wells if the likely hood is they will be able to support the water needs of the city on that side of the causeway. The city has received a verbal commitment from two of the port commissioners that the city may be able to take over the operation of the Port District wells. On January 30<sup>th</sup> during their meeting we hopefully will have a written commitment.

m/s (Derr/Nordine)CU

**Mayor Pro Temp Selection:**

John Nordine was selected to the position of Mayor Pro Temp.

**Council Committees:**

Following are the appointments to the committees:

Health-Welfare & Safety – Aaron Derr and John Nordine

Parks – Brad Parrish and Lonna Bussert

City Streets – Aaron Derr and John Nordine

Water & Sewer – Jerry Sands, Aaron Derr and Brad Parrish

Tourism/Hotel-Motel – Marie Chuinard and John Nordine

Audit – Lonna Bussert and Marie Chuinard

**Grant Transit Authority Board Appointee:**

Bradley Parrish will serve on the Executive Board of Directors for the year 2014. The substitute will be Marie Chuinard. The out-going representative, Bob Rupe, gave an up-date regarding the responsibilities and the workshops coming up.

**Nuisance Ordinance Review:**

Council member Parrish led the discussion. He handed a report from Municipal Research to all members. He asked if there is any way the city can speed the process up from notice to clean up by the city. There are two residences located near his home that have been in the process for a long time. What is the hold up? The code compliance officer was going to be in attendance tonight but was unable to because of medical problems so the mayor and clerk tried to explain the process and the fact that we had to wait until after foreclosure but council member Parrish was unsatisfied with the reasoning. Gary Haven will be in attendance for the February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting to further explain the process.

**Reports/Miscellaneous:**

- **Mayor Sands:** Encouraged the council members to attend the Association of Grant County Cities and Towns meeting at Moses Lake January 30, 2014. Please contact the city clerk if interested.
- **Council member Bussert:** No report
- **Council member Chuinard:** No report
- **Council member Nordine:** No report
- **Council member Derr:** No report
- **Council member Parrish:** Asked if the city receives funds for traffic fines within the city limits. It was explained that the city does but most of the amount is remitted to the state.
- **Public Works Director:** No report
- **City Clerk:** Reported because of a tax sale the city had to adjust the amount due to the delinquent utility bill and late charges of \$5,901.50. She also drew the councils' attention to the book Grand Coulee-Creston Transmission Line Rebuild Project on the table for them to review and make comments if they wish.

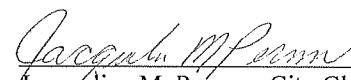
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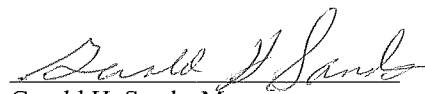
Motion was made and seconded to approve expenditures for the following:

- Warrants #10236 - #10281 dated 12/18/2013-12/31/2013 for a total of \$46,904.94
- EFT's and Warrants #10282 - #10291, dated 1/1/13-1/14/2014 for a total of \$29,289.14  
m/s (Nordine/Parrish)CU

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

  
Jacqueline M. Perman, City Clerk

  
Gerald H. Sands, Mayor