

CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 11, 2014

The February 11, 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, Marie Chuinard, Aaron Derr, John Nordine, and Brad Parrish

Staff members present: Clerk/Treasurer/Jacqueline Perman, PWD/Kenneth Dexter, Gary Haven, Code Compliance Officer, and GCPD Sergeant John Tufts

January 14, 2014 Council Minutes:

Motion was made and seconded to approve the January 14, 2014 minutes as written. Council member Chuinard abstained because she was not in attendance. Council members Bussert, Derr, Nordine and Parrish approved.

m/s (Bussert/Nordine)

Police Report:

Sergeant John Tufts reported on incidents within the city. A question was asked if the police department is notified of any sex offenders that move to our area. Sergeant Tufts said that all sex offenders are required to register with Grant County and their web site has a link to see if any live in our area.

Public Comments:

- Patty Taylor/Sunny Drive spoke to the council regarding erecting a new speed limit sign near her home. She reported that a blue truck speeds past her home almost nightly at a high rate of speed. Birdie Hensley/Sunny Drive also said she hears vehicles speeding past her home at night. Mayor Sands said he has spoken to the Public Works Director about erecting a sign there and in other areas of town where there seems to be an extra amount of speeders.

Coulee Corridor Kiosk/Birdie Hensley:

Birdie reported the Coulee Corridor is planning on erecting three new kiosks this year. The kiosks are approximately ten feet by six feet and will need to be on public land and will need an area where vehicles can park. The Chamber budgeted \$3,000.00 for this kiosk in the past. She asked if Electric City has any place to erect this kiosk. The tourism committee will give a recommendation to the council March 11th.

Code Compliance/Gary Haven:

Gary reported that 90% or more of the nuisance issues are corrected without any letters being sent. He sent out approximately ten to fifteen letters in 2013. He mentioned a couple of properties that he has been working on and is having trouble finding the owners. Right now it is slow because of the weather but it will pick up when it gets better.

Water/Sewer Telephone Bid Acceptance:

Ken Dexter said he has reviewed all bids and recommends H.D. Fowler bid. Motion was made and seconded to approve the low bid of \$11,930.78 from H.D. Fowler.

m/s (Nordine/Parrish)CU

Water Main/ Sunbanks Upsizing:

Mayor Sands updated the council on the progress regarding the Port District wells. Two of the three wells were videoed and neither looked good. After testing the water we found the quality was very good but quantity was poor. The city then looked at the wells drilled by A.J. Gerard and found a very high quantity of water but after testing we found the arsenic level was at .038 more than twice the level we test in our wells. Mayor Sands and Ken Dexter attended the Port District meeting on January 30th and asked if the city would be allowed to sink wells on their property and they sounded very favorable. The Port will meet and discuss this further and send the city a letter. The city then talked to Department of Health in Spokane and

was informed that it is next to impossible to receive any more state water rights to withdraw from the city wells. Mayor Sands then gave some options. 1) Drill wells south of the causeway to provide water for developing and which would not use the 10" inch line to cross the causeway or 2) Drill wells closer to Banks Lake on the east side of the causeway that would meet M & I requirements and hook into the 10 inch pipeline and cross the causeway. Since we have not determined where the water will be found he made it very clear that the upgrading of the pipe from an eight inch to a ten inch may or may not be used to provide water across the causeway. Motion was made and seconded to upgrade the pipeline from an eight inch to a ten inch from State Street to the entrance of Sunbanks Resort for possible future expansion.

m/s (Derr/Bussert)CU

Burning Within City Limits and UGA:

Mayor Sands reported in light of the recent newspaper article regarding the illegal burning by the fire chief, a meeting was held with the fire department officers. During the meeting it was decided that the city would use this as an educational opportunity for the public and fire department. The Fire Department will be required to have a training course tomorrow night and go over the law. The firemen will all receive the pamphlet, that has been on the front counter at City Hall, entitled, "Learn Before You Burn in Grant County". Mayor Sand went over the law briefly. 1) Residential and land clearing burning are banned in Electric City. 2) You may not dispose of yard debris in a recreational fire. 3) A recreational fire can be no larger than three feet in diameter by two feet in height and can only burn briquettes, propane and bare, untreated dry firewood. 4) Tumbleweeds may be burned in a pile no larger than four feet by four feet by three feet high. For any other burning within the city limits or UGA a resident will need to call the Department of Ecology to determine if it is legal and be issued a permit prior to burning. Department of Ecology, if approved, will issue permits without cost to the residents. The City is planning on having a link to their web site. When the city receives a complaint of a fire, the police will be notified. If the fire is deemed to be illegal a report will be written and forwarded to the Department of Ecology. The Department of Ecology can fine the resident up to \$10,000 per day per violation.

Local Investment Pool:

Clerk Perman told the council they all need to read the prospectus before voting on the upcoming resolution which is included in the packet. The prospectus will explain how the LGIP operates. The attorney has not reviewed the new resolution required by the Local Governmental Pool but will before the next meeting.

2013 4th Quarter Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was previously reviewed and signed by a member of the audit committee. The council reviewed the report and no questions were asked.

SCJ Alliance Shoreline Invoice Approval:

Motion was made and seconded to forward Invoice No. 45234 in the amount of \$95.00 for Shoreline Management to Grant County Planning to pay.

m/s (Nordine/Derr)CU

Nuisance Ordinance Review:

- **Mayor Sands:** No report
- **Council member Bussert:** Reported to date they have not received any applications for the scholarship. Council member Derr said he will contact the High School counselor and inquire if any have thought about applying for the scholarship.
- **Council member Chuinard:** Reported that anyone interested in updating their health cards can do so online.
- **Council member Nordine:** No report
- **Council member Derr:** No report
- **Council member Parrish:** Reported on the GTA meeting. They have purchased three buses for \$1.00 each.
- **Public Works Director:** No report
- **City Clerk:** Shared a letter from Lake Roosevelt High School regarding ASB Paver Project. Jackie also reported on the Association of Grant County Cities and Towns meeting she attended on January 30, 2014 in Ephrata. The City Attorney gave a presentation regarding the marijuana law. Grant Transit Authority and MACC gave updates of their organizations.

Voucher Approval:

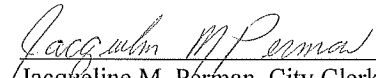
Motion was made and seconded to approve expenditures for the following:

- EFT and Warrants #10292 - #10316 dated 1/16/2014-1/31/2014 for a total of \$ 26,424.82
- EFT's dated 2/05/2014-2/11/2014 for a total of \$20,404.81
- Warrants #10317-10349 dated 2/11/2014 for a total of \$30,093.64

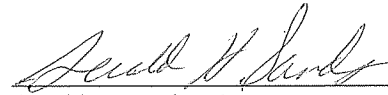
m/s (Nordine/Chuinard)CU

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.



Jacqueline M. Perman, City Clerk



Gerald H. Sands, Mayor