

CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2014

The March 10, 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, and John Nordine

Motion to Excuse: Motion was made and seconded to excuse Brad Parrish.

m/s (Bussert/Derr)CU

Staff members present: Clerk/Treasurer/Jacqueline Perman, PWD/Kenneth Dexter, and GCPD Officer Adam Florenzen

Mayor Sands said the resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a Developers Extension Agreement with Sunbanks, LTD is withdrawn and the 2015 Dump Truck Bid will be added.

February 11, 2014 Council Minutes:

Motion was made and seconded to approve the February 11, 2014 minutes as written.

m/s (Derr/Chuinard)CU

Police Report:

Officer Florenzen reported there were twenty incidents within the city this past month.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Wayne Snyder/ Chip Sealing Road:

Wayne Snyder appealed to the council to chip seal the roads in the newly annexed area. He said Mayor Halsey, the previous mayor, promised him that the city would chip seal the roads within two years of annexation which occurred in 2010. He mentioned that Mayor Halsey's promise may be in previous council meeting minutes. Two years ago the city did chip seal from State Highway 155 to almost the crest of Snyder Hill Road. Council member Derr suggested the street committee to review the records and report back to Wayne. Mr. Snyder was okay with that suggestion.

Commendation:

Mayor Sands presented Robert (Bob) Rupe a plaque in appreciation for his years of service on the Electric City council and to his commitment to the community. He served from 1998 through 2004 and 2007 through 2013.

Mike Dennis/ Accessory Building:

Mr. Dennis stated it has been ten months since he first approached the city regarding the over-sized accessory buildings. He wanted to know what was happening. The City Clerk read a memo written to the Planning Commission dated 9/17/2013 which stated the following facts. On May 14, 2013, the city council directed a memo asking the Planning Commission to review Chapter 18.40.020. On September 3rd the Planning Commission made a preliminary decision to be sent to the City Planner for review. On September 10th several citizens came to the council meeting where the mayor explained there was not a proposal before the council and while it was a little premature he did discuss the proposal going to the city planner. The City Clerk explained the suggested amendment needs to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the council agreed that the Planning Commission would need to rethink their proposal.

Mr. Dennis asked about the time period and it was explained within our code that it gives the dates of December through March to consider plan amendments and October through March for development regulations. It was explained that since they are asking that accessory buildings not be incidental and subordinate to the principal structures within a particular zone the city would need to change the Comprehensive Plan and that it would involve full public input with published meetings. Mr. Dennis asked the council to by-pass the City Planner and just have the council and the planning commission decide the

new details. Mayor Sands asked if the council would all come to the next planning meeting on April 1, 2014. City Clerk Perman said she did not think that was permissible and SCJ Shoreline Planner/Chuck Jones said according to the RCW it is illegal for the council to deliberate with the commission. The group of residents at this meeting said they will be at the planners meeting on April 1st. Clerk Perman reiterated the proposed development code must be in compliance with the comprehensive plan. Council member Derr explained they are putting the cart before the horse and they will have to wait until the Planning Committee presents the council with a recommendation.

Larry Donnelly/Sunbanks Resort/Hotel-Motel Tax:

Larry introduced himself as the new general manager of the Sunbanks Resort. They want to be very involved with the local communities in the encouragement of tourism activity. He asked if the city would be agreeable to giving \$3,000.00 to schedule Vicci Martinez, a singer, to perform at the resort and at the Fourth of July Festival. The council recommended Mr. Donnelly to go to the Chamber of Commerce that the city cannot give money for a private business.

Grant County EDC/Building Prosperity:

Allan Peterson, certified business advisor, encouraged the council to direct potential employers to contact EDC for information in starting up businesses. He talked of the EDC web site regarding the small business Research Tool. He also gives advice to individuals hoping to open a small business.

Jeanne Johnson is the campaign director who has been visiting committees within Grant County developing a five year strategic plan to guide EDC's work. The plan is designed to recruit and expand businesses within our county and create a total of 736 jobs over the next five years. EDC is asking the city to pledge an annual amount for five years to help Grant County Economic Development Council to accomplish its mission. In the past Electric City has given \$498.00 a year. Motion was made and seconded to pledge \$500.00 a year for the next five years. This decision will be reviewed annually and may be adjusted.

m/s (Bussert/Derr)CU

Tourism Committee Recommendation of Coulee Corridor Kiosk:

Council member Chuinard speaking for the committee suggested three places where the kiosk could be erected. Two locations are located in the vicinity of the Skate Boarding Park above it and below it near signs that are already into place. They also recommended an area approximately five miles on Highway 155 on the right hand side by the Northrup Canyon sign. Council member Bussert said she will recommend those places to Ms. Hensley when she sees her on Thursday.

Resolution No. 2014-01/ Authorizing Investment in the LGIP:

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2014-01 as written.

m/s (Nordine/Bussert)CU

Ordinance No. 481-2014/ Adopting the Shoreline Master Program:

Chuck Jones/SCJ Alliance was here to answer any questions regarding the Shoreline Master Program. During the public hearing on March 4th they discussed erosion control and the permitting process along Banks Lake. It was also noted that Coulee Playland does not need any permitting through the Shoreline Master Program but if Sunbanks Resort wants to do any developing they will need to go through the permitting process with Department of Ecology because of the wetland buffer minimum setback.

m/s (Nordine/Derr)CU

Shoreline Master Program Invoice Approval:

Motion was made and seconded to forward Invoice No. 45306 in the amount of \$190.00 for Shoreline Management to Grant County Planning and Invoice FEB1632 in the amount of \$37.80 from Star Publishing, Inc.

m/s (Nordine/Derr)CU

2015 Dump Truck Bid:

Ken Dexter said the truck will come with a sander, nine foot dump bed, and an eight foot snow plow. Ken said this truck will replace the six yard dump truck which he will recommend to surplus in the future. Motion was made and seconded to award the 2015 Dump Truck bid to Jess Ford for a total of \$59,148.78.

m/s (Nordine/Chuinard)CU

- **Mayor Sands:** No report
- **Council member Bussert:** Reported they received four applicants for the AWC Scholarship Program. The committee endorsed an applicant and sent her name and application to AWC.
- **Council member Chuinard:** Reported that she did not get charged the \$20.00 car tab fee. The council directed the clerk to check with Olympia regarding the local Grand Coulee office not charging the fee.
- **Council member Nordine:** No report
- **Council member Derr:** No report
- **Council member Parrish:** Not present
- **Public Works Director:** No report
- **City Clerk:** Informed the council that there will be a public meeting regarding the developing of the water line on April 8th. The meeting will be held at 5:45 p.m.

Voucher Approval:

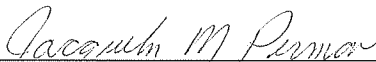
Motion was made and seconded to approve expenditures for the following:

- Warrants #10350 - #10363 dated 2/28/2014 for a total of \$ 18,667.22
- EFT's dated 3/03/2014-3/11/2014 for a total of \$19,592.38
- Warrants #10364-#10391 dated 3/06/2014-3/11/2014 for a total of \$81,795.76

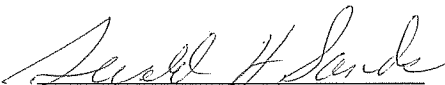
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Adjournment:

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.



 Jacqueline M. Perman, City Clerk



 Gerald H. Sands, Mayor