

CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
June 10, 2014

The May 13, 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

**May 13, 2014 Council Minutes:**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the May 13, 2014 minutes as written.

m/s (Derr/Chuinard)CU

**Police Report:**

Sergeant Tufts reported the incidents within the city this past month.

**Public Comments:**

- Richard Rooney/333 Gold said he has had trouble with other people depositing garbage in his garbage can without permission. Grand Coulee has a law on their books stating that it is unlawful for anyone other than the owner or renter of the garbage receptacle to deposit garbage in their garbage can. The fine is \$500.00. He asked the council if they would consider to add that law to Electric City. The council directed the clerk to look into it.
- Mark Payne/1 Washington Place said he is in favor of the large size accessory buildings and wants the council to approve the recommendations of the Planning Commission.

**Arsenic Removal Plant Update:**

Ken Dexter reported on the progress of the sludge removal from the removal plant. The crew pumped approximately 12-13 thousand gallons of sludge into the tanker on site. We will have to hire someone to come in to dewater the tank. We have approximately 45 to 60 days left before the sludge will reach a level that it will have to be disposed. Mayor Sands is working with Grant County Solid Waste to see if we can dispose of it in the Ephrata landfill. Ken has found a bagging system that will work and we may be able to buy Bridgeport's old system.

**Wastewater Treatment Plant Update:**

Brad Parrish gave a report regarding the proposed update/replacement of the motor control center and power supply switchboards to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Total costs may run from \$351,900 to \$417,800. The city's cost may be approximately \$150,150.00.

**Ordinance No. -2014/Amending the 2014 Budget:**

Jackie explained the proposed amendments as the following:

- \$9,000.00 to the Hotel/Motel Fund in order to allow the additional spending that was voted on in May.
- \$3,500.00 to the Street Equipment Cumulative Reserve to allow for the buying of the 1988 Chevrolet Pickup voted on in May.
- \$230,150.00 to the Water/Sewer to allow for the Sunbanks water pipe upgrade, Arsenic Removal Plant Upgrade for the bagging system, and for the first installment on the Public Works Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. A portion of that installment which totals \$150,150.28 will be paid back by Grand Coulee when the new contract is settled.
- \$230,150.00 from the Current Expense Fund will be transferred to the Water/Sewer Fund to cover the expenses.

Jackie went on to explain that the water/sewer fund could pay back the current expense fund at an amount that the fund can sensibly handle plus the going interest rate. She asked the council to consider paying the

amount back to the current expense fund in view of the triple rate that is proposed for the new police contract, the extra cost of supplying the fire department with turnout gear and other equipment needed and other expenses that have been coming up. We have not received a contract with the Bureau of Reclamation for two years now and it is debatable if we will get one in the future. There are no new revenues coming into the fund to make up ongoing and new expenditures.

**SCJ Alliance Scope of Work:**

After reviewing the scope of work a motion was made and seconded to approve having SCJ Alliance move forward with the Comprehensive Plan amendment to allow the over-sized accessory buildings for an estimated budget of \$15,000.00. This cost will be added to the budget amendment.

m/s (Parrish/Bussert) CU

**Resolution No. 2014-07/Disposal of Certain Inventory Items Deemed to be Surplus:**

Motion was made and seconded to pass Resolution No. 2014-07 as written.

m/s (Bussert/Parrish)CU

**Reports:**

- **Mayor Sands:** No report
- **Council member Bussert:** Dariane Seyler appreciated the invitation to come to the council meeting but had to decline because of an appointment in Pullman.
- **Council member Chuinard:** Reported several complaints to her regarding drunks coming from the PUB walking down to H&H Grocery trying to purchase beer. She was told that the complainants need to contact the Liquor Control Board in Spokane and they will investigate.
- **Council member Nordine:** No report
- **Council member Derr:** Reported the police committee from Electric City and Grand Coulee will be meeting this Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
- **Council member Parrish:** Reported that Grant Transit has purchased two used buses and will be making them ADA compliant. When asked what that means he explained that the paint or symbol will be readily understood by those that cannot read.
- **Public Works Director:** Reported that there was a large water break on Gerard and Hillcrest. It is fixed now but the crew still has some cleanup/maintenance work that is needed.
- **City Clerk:** The 2013 annual reports have been filed for both the city and the TBD.

**Voucher Approval:**

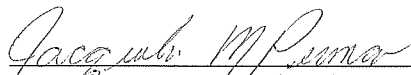
Motion was made and seconded to approve expenditures for the following:


- Warrants #10487-#10502 dated 5/14/2014-5/30/2014 for a total of \$ 19,943.05
- EFT and Warrants #10503-#10532 dated 6/10/2014 for a total of \$47,303.86

m/s (Parrish/Bussert)CU

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

  
Jacqueline M. Perman, City Clerk

  
Gerald H. Sands, Mayor