

CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 8, 2014

The July 8, 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 Brad Parrish

Motion to Excuse: Motion was made and seconded to excuse Council member Nordine.
m/s (Derr/Chuinard)CU

Staff members present: Clerk/Treasurer/Jacqueline Perman and GCPD Sergeant John Tufts

June 10, 2014 Council Minutes:

Motion was made and seconded to approve the June 10, 2014 minutes as written.
m/s (Bussert/Chuinard)CU

Police Report:

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

Public Comments:

- *Mike Dennis/118 Lincoln Ave* wanted to know if the accessory buildings was going to be on the agenda. Mayor Sands explained that he will need to keep in contact with the Planning Commission as they are the ones in communication with SCJ on the Comprehensive Plan amendment and not the council. The council will not be acting on it until they receive a recommendation from the planners.
- *Steve Salstrom/2 Grand Ave East* asked the council to readdress the noise ordinance. He mentioned that this is a tourist town and as such the music should be able to play for a longer period than 10:00 p.m. He is concerned with the loud music/noise coming from Electric City Tavern when it goes past midnight. When he moved into his home he understood that the tavern would be having bands and he has no problem with that but he does when it goes past midnight. He asked the council to look into adding to the noise ordinance about inside/outside volume of noise. Is there a possibility to use sound level meters? He also feels bands should have to get a business license. Clerk Perman explained the city does have a noise ordinance. The police department does not have sound level meters but they can give tickets if the noise can be heard a certain distance away.
- *Larry Donnelly/Sunbanks Resort* asked if he could volunteer his services on the tourism committee. Mayor Sands said the Chamber of Commerce has been trying to pull a committee together from all the communities but due to lack of participation it is not getting off the ground. Lonna Bussert who is one of the originals on that committee said she would be happy to hear any comments or suggestions.

Police Contract:

Council member Derr updated the council regarding the meeting held July 3rd between Grand Coulee and Electric City police committees. Since Grand Coulee was five months late in requesting a meeting date to begin negotiations and a formal proposal was never received the two committees are proposing a one year extension to the contract for \$115,000.00. During the next eighteen months the two committees are going to look into forming an independent police force ruled by a commission made up of an equal amount of members of both cities. In our current contract there are no parameters and it looks like we are receiving call response only. No matter if the city will need to form their own police force or we are able to form a new police force in conjunction with Grand Coulee we will need to ask for a safety levy. By an affirmative censuses vote of council members Bussert, Chuinard, Derr, and Parrish it was decided to move forward with a public hearing to be held at the Fire Station on July 22nd at 7:00 p.m. to hear the citizens response. Immediately after they will hold a council meeting to decide to move forward or not with the levy.

Sludge Removal Building:

The building is estimated to cost \$19,500 which includes the in-house labor. The plans were on the table for review. Time is of the essence because the tank will need to be drained within a couple of weeks with nowhere to dry or drain the sludge. Motion was made and seconded to move forward with the building to house the sludge removal equipment.

m/s (Derr/Bussert)CU

Ordinance No. 482-2014/Amending the 2014 Budget:

The proposed amendment to the budget includes \$9,000 in the Hotel/Motel Fund, \$3,500 in the Street Equipment Cumulative Reserve Fund to allow the buying of the 1988 Chevrolet pickup, \$230,150.00 in the Water/Sewer Fund for the Sunbanks water pipe upgrade, arsenic removal plant upgrade for the bagging system and the first installment on the Public Works Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. The clerk was directed to write an ordinance for the water/sewer fund to pay back \$150,150.38 which is the amount of the first installment on the loan. Motion was made and seconded to pass Ordinance No. 482-2014 as written.

m/s (Derr/Bussert)CU

Resolution No. 2014-08/Establishing a Public Participation Plan:

Mark Payne asked the council if they had heard from Vivian/City Planner in regards to the definition of attached accessory buildings. Mayor Sands said that all questions regarding the Comprehensive Plan amendment and the accessory buildings have to go through the Planning Commission. Mark said that while Monty is going to ram-rod the accessory buildings ordinance through he has not handled this question yet. The clerk said Mark Payne or Mike Dennis asked that question at the Planning Commission meeting July 1st and Monty Fields is handling it. Council member Derr asked the Clerk to handle that question also. There was no discussion regarding the public participation plan. Motion was made and seconded to pass Resolution No. 2014-08 as written.

m/s (Bussert/Parrish) CU

Resolution No. 2014-09/Authorizing an Agreement for Mutual Aid and Assistance between Emergency Response and Management Agencies:

Motion was made and seconded to pass Resolution No. 2014-09 as written.

m/s (Chuinard/Bussert) CU

Resolution No. 2014-10/Authorizing Investment of Electric City/RBOM monies in the Local LGIP:

Motion was made and seconded to pass Resolution No. 2014-10 as written.

m/s (Derr/Bussert)CU

Resolution No. 2014-11/ Disposal of Certain Inventory Items Deemed to be Surplus:

Motion was made and seconded to pass Resolution No. 2014-11 as written and to sell the 1976 Ford F880 truck to Okanagan Fire District 2 for \$3,000.00.

m/s (Bussert/Derr) CU

Resolution 2014-12/Declaring Certain Real Property Surplus to the City's Needs:

This property was donated to the city by A.B.J. Company in order to correct legal boundaries adjacent to the original Electric City Plat, Sunset Tracts Addition and Sunset Terrace. There are four adjacent lot owners that have agreed to purchase the property at fair market value. This property is fifteen feet wide and is subject to an easement of fifteen feet in width for ingress and egress and utility installation and maintenance reserved to the City of Electric City. Motion was made and seconded to pass Resolution No. 2014-12 as written.

m/s (Derr/Bussert) CU

1st Quarter Treasurer's Report:

The council reviewed the first quarter treasurer's report and approved by consensus. Council member Bussert/Audit committee made a formal review of the statements earlier.

Reports:

- **Mayor Sands:** No report

- **Council member Bussert:** Would like the city to look into purchasing property for a city park. The clerk will contact a few property owners where this might be possible.
- **Council member Chuinard:** Reported on the last Health Board meeting where it was noted that Sexual Transmitted Infections in Grant County are more than double the rate of Washington State. Jeff Ketchel is planning on meeting with school boards and others regarding this issue. The Health Board received a grant to develop safe medicine return drop boxes in Grant County and Mayor Sands would like to know what is happening with this project in regards to the Grand Coulee/Electric City area. Don Redfield, citizen, commented that Nespelem has a program where they can dispose of the needles and medications three times a year. Council member Derr said the Safeway store bathroom has a container where you can dispose of needles.
- **Council member Nordine:** No report
- **Council member Derr:** Asked if the city could address the allowing of golf carts and/or ATV's on city streets.
- **Council member Parrish:** GTA is in the process of buying property for a central Hub.
- **Public Works Director:** Not present
- **City Clerk:** The Capital Facility Plan is almost completed after working on it for 18 months. The Planning Commission should have it by August 5th.

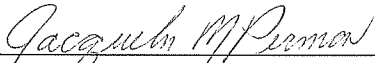
Voucher Approval:

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

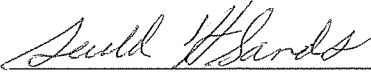
- Warrants #10533-#10550 dated 6/18/2014-6/30/2014 for a total of \$ 25,771.11
- EFT and Warrants #10551-#10582 dated 7/01/2014-07/08/2014 for a total of \$66,899.39
m/s (Parrish/Chuinard)CU

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.



Jacqueline M. Perman, City Clerk



Gerald H. Sands, Mayor