

CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
August 12, 2014

The August 12, 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, and Brad Parrish

**Motion to Excuse:** Motion was made and seconded to excuse Council members Nordine and Derr  
m/s (Bussert/Chuinard)CU

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

**July 8, 2014 Council Minutes**

**July 22, 2014 Public Hearing/Safety Levy Minutes**

**July 22, 2014 Special Council meeting Minutes**

**July 29, 2014 Special Council meeting Minutes:**

Mayor Sands asked if there were any question regarding the four sets of meeting minutes and if there was any objection to passing them all together. There were no questions or objections. Motion was made and seconded to approve the July 8, 2014 council minutes, July 22, 2014 Public Hearing/Safety Levy minutes, July 22, 2014 Special Council minutes and the July 29, 2014 Special council meeting minutes as written.

m/s (Bussert/Parrish )CU

**Police Report:**

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

**Public Comments:**

- *Lynda Zernick/218 Stevens Ave:* Read a letter she wrote to the council regarding a letter she received from the Code Compliance Officer. She feels she is being picked on and Electric City has a “good old boy” system within the council and planning commission. She says she would have been treated much better by Grand Coulee. She did not give a copy of what she read for the files.
- *Dan Nagle/119 Grand Ave W:* He feels it could have an economic impact on Janet Hanke if she cannot have bands playing loud after the 10:00 p.m. enforcement. He asked the council to consider changing the Noise Ordinance to allow loud noise up to midnight.
- *Janet Hanke/ Electric City Tavern:* She employs people all year around and she needs the bands to play loud after 10:00 p.m. so she can make money.

**Resolution No. 2014-14/Official Newspaper:**

Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution No. 2014-14 naming The Star Newspaper as our official newspaper.

m/s (Parrish/Bussert)CU

**Ordinance No. 483-2014/Interfund Loan:**

This loan is needed until Grand Coulee and Electric City can come to terms on the new intertie agreement. Motion was made and seconded to approve Ordinance No.483-2014 for an Interfund loan from the Current Expense to the Water/Sewer Fund for \$150,150.28. The interest rate will be 2.5 % per annum and is required by law.

m/s (Bussert/Parrish)CU

**Noise Ordinance Review:**

Mayor Sands explained the background in regards to two headlines in the Star Newspaper entitled, “*Mayor to police: Back off noise enforcement*” and “*Police will enforce law, despite mayor’s wishes*” published July 30 and August 6, 2014. He at no time told the police that they are not to enforce the noise ordinance. The e-mail from Chief Hunt to his officers says that the Mayor was allowing the music at Electric City Tavern to continue with greater than normal noise until 11:00 p.m. and at that time they must turn the volume down. If the police receive any calls the police should contact the owner of Electric City Tavern and she

will turn the music off or receive a citation. Earlier the mayor and city clerk talked to Janet Hanke and she agreed to the terms and admitted that the music was exceptionally loud the evening she received the citation. The night in question Janet Hanke was given a warning at 11:20 p.m. and when she did not comply she was given a citation after midnight.

This is the first citation Electric City Tavern has received in nine years. Birdie Hensley said that while Electric City Tavern did have music this past weekend it was quieter. She would like a trial case for the lower volume music to find if Electric City Tavern would lose money if the music was played at a lower volume. Council member Parrish would like to review the full ordinance before making any changes. Councilmember Bussert said she liked the loud band that played that evening when the citation was given and made a motion to have the ordinance changed to allow loud noises up to 12:00 a.m. Brad Parrish seconded the motion and a meeting was scheduled to pass the amended ordinance on Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. m/s (Bussert/Parrish)CU

#### **City Logo Discussion:**

After the council member received the six options they were asked to comment on what they like or do not like about the options. This is the first review and these options are far from done. *ButtonIt* would like to receive some feedback in order to establish a feel or direction for the logo. The next round we will begin to narrow down the choices and discuss color options. Brad Parrish likes option 2 which is a free form design and Lonna Bussert likes the sky in option 5. Marie Chuinard likes the logo the city is currently using. At that time several in the audience voiced their agreement with Marie and to leave the city logo as it is. There were no further comments.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Treasurer's Report:**

The council reviewed the second quarter treasurer's report which Council members Bussert and Chuinard had made a formal review earlier. Motion was made and seconded to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter treasurer's report. m/s (Parrish/Chuinard)CU

#### **Reports:**

- **Mayor Sands:** No report
- **Council member Bussert:** Asked if we heard anything about park property and we have not.
- **Council member Chuinard:**
- **Council member Nordine:** Not present
- **Council member Derr:** Not present
- **Council member Parrish:** The GTA are presently having their state audit conducted.
- **Public Works Director:** Not present
- **City Clerk:** No Report

#### **Council Received:**

- Email dated 08/11/2014 from Chief Hunt to officers in the Grand Coulee Police Force regarding loud music at Electric City Tavern
- Email dated 08/11/2014 from Holly Allen to Mayor Sands and Council regarding police protection

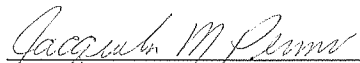
#### **Voucher Approval:**

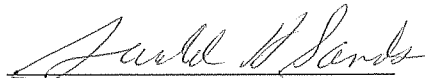
Motion was made and seconded to approve expenditures for the following:

- EFT's and Warrants #10583-#10602 dated 7/18/2014-07/31/2014 for a total of \$30,845.39
  - EFT's and Warrants #10603-#10642 dated 8/1/2014-08/12/2014 for a total of \$72,320.99
- m/s (Chuinard/Parrish)CU

#### **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

  
Jacqueline M. Perman, City Clerk

  
Gerald H. Sands, Mayor