

CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 9, 2014

The December 9, 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 (Chuinard/Nordine)CU

Staff members present: Clerk-Treasurer/Jacqueline Perman and GCPD Sargent John Tufts, Public Works Director/ Ken Dexter

November 11, 2014 Council Minutes

Motion was made and seconded to approve the November 11, 2014 council minutes as written.
m/s (Bussert/Derr)CU

November 11, 2014 Preliminary Budget Hearing Minutes:

Motion was made and seconded to approve the November 11, 2014 minutes as written.
m/s (Derr/Bussert)CU

Police Report:

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

Public Comments:

- *Mike Dennis/Lincoln Avenue:* Said he received a telephone call from a Planning Commissioner stating they do not appreciate the comments he is making at the public meetings, such as the one he made last month. He made a public apology for the comment and stated he hopes they can still be all friends.
- *Carol Boyce/Washington Place:* Although she did not vote in favor of Proposition No. 1 Levy for the provision of Police Protection Services she is concerned that the City will not have any police protection starting January 1, 2015. She asked if continued negotiations are in process with Grand Coulee. Council member Derr said they have tried but are getting no response from the committee members in Grand Coulee. At this point Grand Coulee is holding the ball. As Grand Coulee's City Clerk she will do what she can do to contact their committee and move forward with negotiations.

At this time Council member Parrish attended via speaker phone for council agenda item 7. All council members could hear him and he could hear them.

Resolution No. 2014-__/Repealing Policy No. 2006-04 titled 'Lodging Tax Revenues':

Council member Nordine stated that the committee felt they were 'cold turkeyed' last council meeting when council member Bussert and Mayor Sands said they had expected that the amount given to organizations was going to be raised to 75% of the revenues. Council member Nordine contacted City Attorney Kenison regarding the implied threat that the state would take the Hotel/Motel funds away from the city if it was not spent. He read a reply from Attorney Kenison stating she reviewed the statutes, spoken to several finance directors and can find no legal authority for the premise that the state can "take away" any or all of our lodging tax funds. Council member Nordine said in view of this e-mail he is against raising the spending limit to 75% of the revenues received. The intention of the city is to someday move forward on a capital project to increase tourism. Council member Bussert argued that the Chamber of Commerce Clerk, Peggy Nevsimal is doing a wonderful job. Mayor Sands said that the Chamber of Commerce might as well shut its doors. Council member Derr replied that the issue is not Peggy's job but the responsibility to the city's citizens to spend their money wisely. Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution No. 2014-__

repealing Policy No. 2006-04. Council members Derr and Bussert voted 'yea' and Council members Chuinard, Nordine and Parish voted 'nay'. Motion did not pass.

m/s (Bussert/Derr)

The teleconference session with Council member Parrish was terminated after the discussion of Resolution No. 2014-__ Repealing Policy No. 2006-04

Hotel/Motel Committee Report:

Council member Nordine and Chuinard had reviewed the four applications received and the prior recommendations stand.

Coulee Area Park and Recreation District: \$5,000.00

Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce: \$24,479.58

Coulee Pioneer Museum: \$500.00

Ridge Riders: \$5,500.00

The council approved by consensus.

Finding of Fact, Justification or Continued Imposition or Repeal Ordinance No. 486-2014:

Motion was made and seconded to adopt all the recitals in Ordinance No. 486-2014 as findings of fact.

m/s (Nordine/Derr)CU

City Logo:

Motion was made and seconded to adopt the closed Logo design with the blue border. The clerk was instructed to find if our official name is 'City of Electric City' or 'Electric City' and have the name changed accordingly. Councilmembers Derr, Chuinard, and Nordine voted 'yea' and council member Bussert voted 'nay'. Motion carried.

m/s (Nordine/Derr)

Sewer Funding Coalition:

Mayor Sands stated the coalition is to secure ongoing revenue for unfunded sewer infrastructure mandates. The support fee will be for lobbying the Legislature and Governor for grants for small cities and local governments under the population of 25,000. Motion was made and seconded to join the coalition for a fee of \$500.00.

m/s (Bussert/Nordine)CU

Resolution 2014-20/Senior Meal Program:

Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution No. 2014-20 as written.

m/s (Derr/Bussert)CU

Resolution No. 2014-21/Coulee Playland Capital Facility Park Fund:

Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution No. 2014-21 as written.

m/s (Bussert/Chuinard)CU

Resolution No. 2014-22/Establishing a Municipal City Park Fund:

Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution No 2014-22 as written.

m/s (Derr/Chuinard)CU

Resolution No. 2014-23/Authorizing an Agreement with Highlands Associates:

Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution No. 2014-23 as written.

m/s (Nordine/Bussert)CU

Ordinance No. 487-2015/Adopting the 2015 Budget:

Motion was made and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 487-2015 as written.

m/s (Bussert/Aaron)CU

Reports:

- **Mayor Sands:** Gave an overview of City Consolidation that was presented by SCJ Alliance to the Grand Coulee Area Chamber of Commerce. A proposed cost of \$30,000 was stated for community leader interviews, community forums, drafting and testing survey, work with the chamber to collect

data, analyze returns and draft a summary report. A handout was given to council and any in audience that wished for it

- **Council member Bussert:** The survey has been ordered for the proposed park property. Fire Chief Payne mentioned possible problem with kids climbing on the roof of the fire station which will border the park. Council member Bussert said it will be looked into.
- **Council member Chuinard:** No report
- **Council member Nordine:** No report
- **Council member Derr:** There is no report regarding the police negotiations. He gave the Park Committee a copy of the surplus playground equipment from the school. CIAW will not insure them for the school but maybe they have different standards for cities.
- **Council member Parrish:** Not present
- **Public Works Director:** There were eleven volunteers who helped with the Christmas displays and he wanted the council to know who they were. The sludge removal is coming along okay and it looks like the city will be able to dispose of the bags at the Ephrata Landfill.
- **City Clerk:** We received a letter regarding the 2015 Quality Communities Scholarship program. Council members Bussert and Derr will be the committee to recruit and pick out an Electric City youth to nominate.

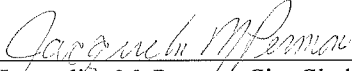
Voucher Approval:

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

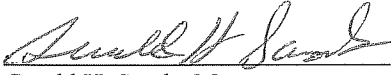
- EFT's and Warrants #10790#10812 dated 11/13/2014-11/26/2014 for a total of \$26,615.22
- EFT's and Warrants #10813-#10842 dated 12/01/2014-12/09/2014 for a total of \$49,948.98
m/s (Nordine/Chuinard)CU

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.



Jacqueline M. Perman, City Clerk



Gerald H. Sands, Mayor