

CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 30, 2014

The December 30, 2014 Electric City Council meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Gerald Sands

Present by Roll Call: Council Members, Lonna Bussert, Aaron Derr, John Nordine, and Brad Parrish

Motion to Excuse: Motion was made and seconded to excuse Council member Marie Chuinard. (Marie entered the chamber at 8:06 p.m.)

m/s (Derr/Bussert)CU

Staff members present: Clerk/Treasurer/Jacqueline Perman

2015 Police Contract Discussion and Recommendation:

Council member Derr gave the background information regarding the police committee meetings and the failure of the police levy by the population of Electric City. The contract price for Grand Coulee is for one year only at \$115,000.00. Whereas the Town of Coulee Dam has offered us a five year contract price of \$101,253.57 with a CPI annual increase. At this time we are not bringing in the funds to cover the higher cost of the Grand Coulee contract. The city can only take out of reserves so long before you empty the fund. Both Council members Derr and Nordine recommended going with the Coulee Dam contract. At this time Mayor Sands opened the floor for comments.

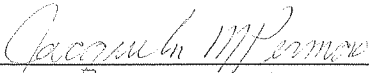
- Brent Kelton asked how long the city has been working towards a contract.
- Pam Byam remembers what it was like when they were in the county and does not want to depend on the county for police calls. Police protection was a major reason she and her husband voted for annexation. Although she voted against the levy she still wants police protection.
- A Grand Coulee officer said Grand Coulee and Coulee Dam do not have a reciprocal agreement. When Coulee Dam needs back up the tribal police would probably have to respond and that would be cause for a time delay. Grand Coulee officers in the audience said they would not show up for 911 calls as back up for Coulee Dam.
- A Grand Coulee officer said that Coulee Dam officers are not mandated to answer calls when they are 'on-call'.

Council member Parrish said there are no good options on the table and the rest of the council agreed. Council member Derr explained to the police officers that Grand Coulee has not shown good faith and has not been progressive in working with Electric City. Telephone calls for meetings have been continually ignored while Coulee Dam has been very progressive and agreeable to working with Electric City. If the city signs the contract with Grand Coulee they will have to have a new contract on the table for us to sign by June, 2015. Because of the earlier comments regarding reciprocal agreement and 911 calls a motion was made and seconded for Mayor Sands to sign the contract with Grand Coulee for one year.

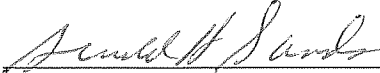
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Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.



Jacqueline M. Perman, City Clerk



Gerald H. Sands, Mayor