

CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2015

The February 10, 2015 Electric City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Gerald Sands

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

Staff members present: Clerk/Treasurer/Jacqueline Perman, PWD/Kenneth Dexter, Attorney Anna Franz/LAW and GCPD Sergeant John Tufts

January 13, 2015 Council Minutes:

Motion was made and seconded to approve the January 13, 2015 minutes as written with the following change. Under Chamber of Commerce/Peggy Nevsimal: "Council member Derr replied the city is trying to build a reserve savings account to ~~do a capital expenditure for the city...~~"

m/s (Nordine/ Parrish)CU

Police Report:

Sergeant John Tufts reported on incidents within the city.

Public Comments:

- *Bob Boll/229 Sunny Drive:* In his opinion the city is losing money by not allowing larger accessory buildings.
- *Bob Steffens/58028 3rd Street:* Wants the city to go to a 60% lot coverage to allow for larger accessory buildings
- *Kurt Steinke/38 Lincoln:* Is in agreement with Bob with allowing 60% lot size coverage.
- *Todd Kinzel/ 22 Lincoln Ave:* Wants it to be thirty (30) feet in height and decided on a case by case decision.
- *Mark Payne/1 Washington Place:* Wants to keep zones as is but allow 60% non-pervious lot coverage. Get away from shop size. He also cautioned the council on hiring SCJ to do the consolidation survey.
- *Mike Dennis/118 Lincoln Ave:* Would like to see the 1728 square foot size limit removed on accessory buildings. He gave the council a handout.
- *Natalie Dennis/118 Lincoln Ave:* She would also like to see the 1728 square foot size limit go away. She says these people will go to Grand Coulee and buy a home instead of here in Electric City.
- *Tim Miller/ 199 Electric Blvd:* Would like to see the 1728 square size limit go away and have 60% lot size coverage.
- *Brian Buche/219 Washington Place:* Would like to the city to go to 60% lot size coverage.
- *Kerry Higgin/45 Diamond:* Would like the council to reconsider and not create a savings account for the Hotel/Motel funds but to use the money on tourism advertising and take the lead to form a Local Tourism Advisory Council for the entire area. He does not want to see the city collect the funds for a future unspecified purpose. He gave the council a handout.

SCJ Alliance/Dan Penrose/Consolidation Funding:

Dan Penrose introduced himself as the Planning Manager for SCJ Alliance. They are an on-call planner for Grand Coulee. He stated they use to be on call with Electric City and because of subpar work Electric City let them go. He noted that they did write off an invoice for Electric City for some of that work. Their firm would like to be the facilitator in the process which would unite Grand Coulee and Electric City into one community. It would involve conducting interviews, hosting community forums, survey, a summary report and findings. The total cost could be up to \$30,000.00 and that total would depend on the amount of support they would receive with this project. They would be paid by task and at any time the City would like to opt out they can. In able to move forward there must be joint resolutions. Lee Buttons wanted to know the long

term savings and was told there probably would not be any. The two cities share sewer, water, garbage and police services at this time. The same number of employees would probably be needed to maintain services. Mark Payne wanted the city to check with its city planner, Kurt Danison, before making any decisions. When Peggy Nevsimal, Chamber of Commerce, was asked if she checked with any other planners she said no because she felt there weren't any that would be qualified. Motion was made and seconded to move forward with SCJ toward consolidation of the two cities.

Brad Parrish/Report on Pathway:

Council member Parrish explained to the council about constructing a pathway from the east side of town to the west side of town. In the council's packet was a preliminary pathway feasibility study from Gray & Osborne. Most, if not all of this first phase may be eligible for grants. Jeff Stevens/G&O and Jonathan Smith/EDC is available to be at our council meeting in March if the council is agreeable and interested in moving forward with this. Clerk Perman said she thinks the Grant County Health District may have some grant money to move this forward. Council member Chuinard said she would talk to Jeff Ketchel when she attends the Health Board meeting tomorrow night. Council member Parish also talked about a gravel pathway alongside the lake in conjunction with the Bureau of Reclamation. He has a meeting with them on February 17th. Council member Bussert is hoping to go with him. He added the pathway has a possibility to be constructed with hotel/motel funds. Council member Parrish went on to describe projects such as moorage or an ADA fishing dock. The Chamber of Commerce members in the audience voiced an opposition to the projects wanting the money for their purposes. Peggy Nevsimal then gave the clerk a new request for additional funds.

Resolution No. 2015-__/Adopting Policy 2015-01 titled "Lodging Tax Revenues":

No action taken.

Resolution No. 2015-__/Establishing a Lodging Tax Capital Improvement Reserve Fund:

No action taken.

Planning Commission Recommendation on ECMC Chapter 18:

Clerk Perman explained there was a motion by the Planning Commission to recommend the city to accept the draft amendment to the Title 18 and for the city to make a motion to move the amendments forward to the state for the sixty day review. One of the council members asked if they can make changes. Mayor Sands said he spoke with Kurt Denison this morning and it was explained to him that the council can make minor changes to the chapter but any major changes would have to go back to the Planning Commission. Mark Payne and Mike Dennis did not agree with the mayor's statement and encouraged the council to change the accessory building to no size limit. ~~Ray Clover/ Planning Commission said he has no objection to the accessory buildings being unlimited in size.~~ He stated it was Merle Kennedy's suggestion to limit the buildings in size to 1,728 square feet. Motion was made and seconded to eliminate the square footage of the accessory buildings. All else to remain as written.

m/s (Derr/Chuinard)CU

Treasurer's Report 4th Quarter 2014:

The council reviewed the report and did not have any questions.

Reports/Miscellaneous:

- **Mayor Sands:** The city will be meeting with CIAW regarding the playground equipment on February 20, 2015.
- **Council member Bussert:** The city has not received any scholarship applications.
- **Council member Chuinard:** The Health Department is encouraging everyone to receive a measles vaccination.
- **Council member Nordine:** No report
- **Council member Derr:** Reported the police committees are going to meet on Thursday, February 12, 2015.
- **Council member Parrish:** The meeting is still set up with Stephanie Utter/Bureau of Reclamation regarding a pathway, ADA fishing pier and docks at Coulee Playland.
- **Public Works Director:** Reported we have received approval from Grant County to dispose of the sludge material in their Landfill and Jared Armstrong will start hauling the bags next week.

- **City Clerk:** Asked the council to please read the article in the Municipal Research News regarding Washington State's GMA. There is much misunderstanding why we need this program and the article will help everyone to understand it better.

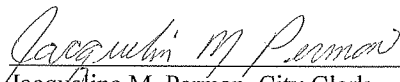
Voucher Approval:

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


- Warrants #10907 - #10919 dated 01/30/2015 for a total of \$19,825.64.
- EFT's and Warrants #10920 - #10953, dated 2/02/15-2/10/2015 for a total of \$56,663.94
m/s (Nordine/Chuinard)CU

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



Jacqueline M. Perman, City Clerk



John T. Nordine II, Mayor Pro Tem