

CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 12, 2017

The December 12, 2017 Electric City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor John T. Nordine II.

Present by Roll Call: Council Members Aaron Derr, Roberta Hensley, Richard McGuire, and Lonna Bussert.

Staff members present: Russell Powers/City Clerk, Police Chief John Tufts

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Councilmember McGuire motioned to add Agenda Item 8.91 to the agenda: Street Closures. Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of agenda item 8.91.

m/s (Derr/McGuire) CU

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda.

- November 14, 2017 Minutes
 - Expenditures:
 - EFT's and Checks #12570-#12583 dated 11/15/2017- 11/30/2017 for a total of \$18,245.71
 - EFT's and Checks #12584--#12620 dated 12/1/2017- 12/31/2017 for a total of \$103,294.98
- m/s (Derr/Hensley) CU

POLICE REPORTS:

- Police Chief John Tufts reported on incidents within the city.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Ben Hughes from the Grand Coulee Area Chamber of Commerce:
Ben stated he was told that if the Chamber resubmitted invoices they would get paid. He said the city owes the Chamber \$3,000 and it was not paid. Councilmember Bussert stated that she was under the "Beer Tent" when she assisted with the event and she appreciated the cover. She thinks the city should pay for the beer tent. Mr. Hughes stated that the Chamber would "take action" if necessary. Councilmember McGuire and Bussert agreed to review the invoices again at a meeting with the City Clerk.

COUNCIL AGENDA:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **No Unfinished Business**

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Council Positions # 1 and # 4 Swearing in Ceremony**
Mayor Nordine swore in Councilmember Derr for a (4) year term, and swore in Councilmember Nordine for a (2) year unexpired term.

- Coulee Playland Rates**
 Hal Rauch of Coulee Playland presented the council with increased 2018 rates for Coulee Playland. Hal was asked if Electric City residents still got a break on boat launch fees. Hal answered yes. Hal was asked if his rates were comparable to other facilities in the area. Hal answered yes. Motion was made and seconded to approve the rate increase for 2018.
 m/s (McGuire/Derr) CU
- 2015-2016 Audit Report**
 Clerk Powers reviewed the results of the 2015-2016 financial audit and explained how the city has resolved some of the concerns on the report.
- Ordinance 528-2017 2018 Budget**
 Clerk Powers explained revisions to the proposed budget including changes to insurance rates in each department and the addition of Fund 104 (TIB Grant Western & Grand Ave). Motion was made and seconded to approve Ordinance 528-2017 2018 Budget.
 m/s (Bussert/McGuire) CU
- Vacation Rentals and District Use Chart**
 Clerk Powers reviewed an application to amend the Comprehensive Plan and recommendations from the City's Planning Agency in regards to allowing vacation rentals in the residential district. A majority of the council consented to proceed with draft plans to allow the vacation rentals in a residential district. Councilmember Hensley did not consent. The council unanimously consented to revise the C-1 Commercial Zone at the west end of town to Light Industrial/Commercial. The council unanimously consented to not allow storage units in any commercial zone and to add "Bitcoin/Data Mining" to the district use chart in that zone.
- Mosquito Larvicide**
 Motion was made and seconded to permit Mosquito District #2 conduct field surveillance and conduct aerial and ground applications of mosquito control products within Electric City limits.
 m/s (Derr/Bussert) CU
- Resolution 2017-28 LGIP RBOM/Electric City**
 Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2017-28 LGIP RBOM/Electric City
 m/s (Derr/McGuire) CU
- Resolution 2017-29 TIB Contract**
 Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2017-29 TIB Contract
 m/s (Derr/Bussert) CU
- 2018-2019 General Engineering Contract**
 A discussion ensued regarding the statements of qualifications submitted by various engineering firms. Motion was made and seconded to accept Gray & Osborne as the city's general engineering contractor for 2018 and 2019.
 m/s (McGuire/Nordine)
 Councilmember Hensley voted no. Motion Carried.
- City Street Closures**
 Councilmember McGuire stated that he is opposed to closing Hillcrest Ave when there is no snow on the ground but understands if there is an emergency or winter conditions. Councilmember Derr stated that the city should consider what impact the road closure has on its citizens. Mayor Nordine stated the road was re-opened and that the issue was being handled. Clerk Powers stated that residents on Hillcrest Ave. and Grand Ave will be receiving a letter informing them of intermittent road closures due to winter road conditions.

REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS:

- **Mayor John T Nordine II:** Reported on minutes from the S.W.A.C. Board meeting he attended in November.
- **Council member Derr:** None
- **Council member Hensley:** Stated that turkeys were still an issue in the city. She would like to invite Eric Braaten with the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife to the next council meeting and add him to the agenda. Clerk Powers said he would call Mr. Braaten.

- **Council member McGuire:** None

- **Council member Nordine:** Reported that she will be attending the Board of Health meeting tomorrow.
- **Council member Bussert:** None
- **City Clerk:** Clerk Powers Reported he had closed the TBD Checking account and transferred the balance to the city's checking account, transferred \$80,000 from the RBOM LGIP account to the transfer station account to prepare for the purchase of a trailer. He asked the councils opinion on placing the refurbished Fire Truck in the park behind the City Hall. The council agreed that it was a good place to put the playground equipment.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, motion was made to adjourn the regular meeting 7:20 p.m.

m/s (Bussert/McGuire)



Russell D. Powers, City Clerk /Treasurer



John T. Nordine II, Mayor