

CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
February 13, 2018

The February 13, 2018 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, Rich McGuire, Roberta Hensley, Carol Nordine, and Lonna Bussert.

**Staff members present:** Russell Powers/City Clerk, Sargent Moore/ Grand Coulee Police, Wiyaka Steinke / Code Compliance Officer

**Motion to Excuse:** None

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda with agenda item 5.1 added (Code Compliance Officer Reports)

m/s (Derr/McGuire) CU

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion was made approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Hensley stated that Lynda Anderson's name was misspelled in the minutes. Motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda with the revision to Lynda's name.

- January 9, 2018 Minutes (with revision)
  - Expenditures:
    - EFT's and Checks #12674 – 12691 dated 1/10/2018 – 1/31/2018 for a total of \$24,985.83
    - EFT's and Checks #12692 - #12724 dated 2/1/2018 – 2/13/2018 for a total of \$65,422.53
- m/s (Derr/Bussert) CU

**POLICE REPORTS:**

- Police Sargent Gary Moore reported on incidents within the city. He mentioned there has been a lot of dog violations and briefly discussed some options for enforcement.

**CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER REPORT:**

Wiyaka Steinke reported on notices and corrections issued between November 2017 and February 2018. She discussed sending out corrections for low hanging branches in preparation for spring cleanup.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- **Nancy Brown, 19 Lakeview Ave.:** Nancy stated that she is opposed to the proposed short term rental ordinance. She asked if the rentals would be allowed in residential and multi-residential units. She suggested the council considers a 6 month trial period on permits, that a background check be done on the property manager, a preference to have the units owner occupied, a density clause that allows limited number of short term rentals per street, and that we contact the City of Clyde Hill to see how their short term rental ordinance is working

**George Osborne, Representative for Terry Jensen, 9 Lakeview Ave:** George read a letter from Mr. Jensen that stated he bought the property for his family and employees to use at no charge. He stated that Air B&B has a strict vetting process for potential renters. He stated they have restrictions and requires them to have insurance covering the property. He stated that he had given the neighbors phone numbers to the manager of the property and his own phone number. Mr. Osborne stated he would send the letter he read to the city clerk.

**Owen Taylor, 226 Coulee Blvd. W:** Owen stated that he received a violation notice to clean up his property from the city. He stated he couldn't possibly get it done by March because he has been ill and his son has 15% function in his heart. Owen stated that he would like until June 15<sup>th</sup> to clean up the property. Councilmember Derr asked if he had checked with the school for volunteer students, and asked Mr. Taylor to try calling Jesse Utz. Owen stated he could get it cleaned up when the weather gets better.

**James Bailey, 100 Sandy Lane:** Stated that although he was impressed by the short term rental document, he felt that short term rentals would not bring in tourists and he felt discouraged knowing that he might not be able to borrow tools or gain help from his neighbor if they were rented out to tourists and visitors and would hurt the neighborhood block watch system currently in place.

**Robert Piekarski, 14 Lakeview Ave.:** Asked why the issue of short term rentals was even coming up. The city issued a decision against Mr. Monteith for trying to start a short term rental in the past, so why is the council addressing the issue at all. Clerk Powers stated that a resident had made an application to amend the zoning ordinance, so therefore the council had to consider the application. Clerk Powers stated that two public hearings would be held before a new zoning ordinance would be passed.

**Robert Boll, 229 Sunny Drive:** Stated he was against the short term rentals.

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#### **COUNCIL AGENDA:**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- **PARC Committee Re-Authorization**  
Motion was made and seconded to add Lynda Anderson to the PARC Committee for a 1 year term.  
m/s (Derr/Hensley) CU
- **ECMC Chapters 5 and 18 Draft Ordinance Review**  
Council consented to send the draft versions of Chapter 5:30, 18.05, 18.10, 18.36, 18.40, 18.45, 18.47 and 18.60 of the Electric City Municipal Code out for public hearing with one minor change to Chapter 5.30.040 to add "city" before the word administrator.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Mayor Pro Tem Selection**  
Motion was made and seconded to nominate Councilmember Derr for Mayor Pro Tem.  
m/s (McGuire/Hensley) CU
- **Resolution 2018-01 Gray & Osborne 2018-2019 Engineering Contract**  
Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2018-01 Gray & Osborne 2018-2019 Engineering Contract  
m/s (McGuire/Bussert) CU
- **2018 Water Sewer Bid Approval**  
Motion was made and seconded to award the 2018 water sewer supply bid to HD Fowler for \$7,990.62.  
m/s (Hensley/Derr) CU
- **Resolution 2018-02 Dept. of Commerce Growth Management Act Update Grant**

Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2018-02 Dept. of Commerce Growth Management Act Update Grant

m/s (Derr/Bussert) CU

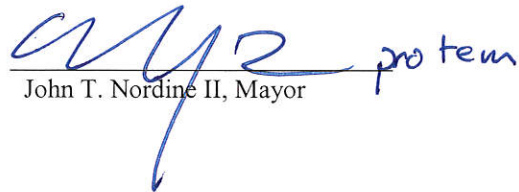
**REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS:**

- **Mayor John T Nordine II:** Reported that the RBOM had voted on the spring and fall cleanup dates. The dates were set for April 7<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> for self-haul spring cleanup and October 27<sup>th</sup> – November 3<sup>rd</sup> for the fall cleanup. Curbside pickup will occur the week after spring clean-up.
- **Council member Derr:** None
- **Council member Hensley:** Asked Clerk Powers why the city had not signed up to be members of the Chamber of Commerce. Clerk Powers stated he had not received an invoice and that the city generally pays the dues upon receipt. Councilmember Hensley gave him a copy of the invoice. He stated he would pay the dues in March.
- **Council member McGuire:** Reported that the Grant County Transit meeting was tomorrow.
- **Council member Nordine:** Reported that January 10<sup>th</sup> was the last Board of Health meeting and tomorrow would be the next meeting. She reported that the county had 270 apps for septic service and reported on various health related results.
- **Council member Bussert:** None
- **City Clerk:** Clerk Powers reported the results of the 2017 final budget numbers. He reviewed the Hotel/Motel tax allocations from January, and presented the council with information on speed signs and a Coulee Playland report. He reported that the application for a Lauzier grant was nearly complete and the deadline was sometime in April 2018.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the regular meeting 7:39 p.m.

  
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Russell D. Powers, City Clerk /Treasurer

  
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John T. Nordine II, Mayor