

CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 10, 2018

The July 10, 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: Russ Powers City Clerk/Treasurer, Chief Tufts/Grand Coulee Police

Motion to Excuse: None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda with the AECOM Memorandum Approval added to the agenda

m/s (Bussert/McGuire) CU

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda.

- June 12, 2018 Minutes
- Expenditures:
 - EFT's and Checks #12942 - #12957 dated 6/20/2018 – 6/29/2018 for a total of \$22,228.74
 - EFT's and Checks #12958 - #12995 dated 7/1/2018 – 7/10/2018 for a total of \$89,029.20

m/s (Derr/Bussert) CU

POLICE REPORTS:

- Police Chief John Tufts reported on incidents within the city. Chief Tufts reported they would be down 2 officers now as Officer Higgs was moving to the coast. He reported that they had completed the job posting and could start the hiring process for the first officer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- **Jerry Sands:** Stated that the Snyder annexation started with the area beyond the causeway. He stated the council thought at the time it was to the cities advantage to get the Snyder Hill area to come in on the annexation. He thought the council came to the conclusion that they had waved the streets and sidewalks requirement for the existing short plat He said that Mr. Snyder put a lot of time and money in sewer lines to the area after the annexation.
- **Roger Butler:** Said he was told that the road would be chip sealed within 2 years. He stated that the snow plow just plows a straight line around his house and then backs out. He was concerned about the bus being able to navigate in a major snow storm. He stated that the 6 year street plan is for major repairs and doesn't address the pot hole problem.
- **Wayne Snyder:** Said he'd been made a fool of by the city and knows that Jackie was against all of this. He asked why the city thinks they shouldn't maintain their offer to chip seal the roads. He asked the council members if they had read the minutes and asked them to read them if they hadn't. Mayor John Nordine stated that the minutes are conversations, but the ordinance is the law.
- **Lila Snyder:** Stated that Wayne went around to everyone and let them know the city would chip seal the road within 2 years. She stated that the residents aren't asking the city to snow plow to their back doors and that she feels the city led the residents to believe that things were going to be different.

COUNCIL AGENDA:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Resolution 2018-12 French Potentially Dangerous Dog**
Mr. French did not attend the council meeting. Mayor John Nordine asked if Tara Dominguez wanted to make a statement. Tara stated no. A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2018-12 French Potentially Dangerous Dog.
m/s (Derr/McGuire) CU

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Charter Communications Franchise Fee Ordinance Review**
The council reviewed the proposed ordinance and there were no recommended changes. The first reading of the ordinance was concluded.
- **Quit Claim deeds for Snyder Annexation.**
A motion was made to accept the quit claim deed as an acceptable means of conveyance of the existing private roads within the Snyder Annexation. A resolution will follow after signatures are obtained from the residents.
m/s (McGuire/Bussert) CU
- **City Beautification**
Councilmember McGuire addressed the council regarding the recent write up in the Star Newspaper about Electric City being the ugliest city in the west. Rich stated he was an avid walker and has noticed that several areas in the city are less than desirable for new residents to want to move here. He stated that there was a lot of properties that weren't being maintained and he'd like the council to consider a beautification committee to address the problem. He also suggested that we might consider help from the Colville Tribe by getting some workers to do cleanup and weed control. Councilmember Derr made a request to establish an agenda item next month concerning a beautification committee.
- **Quarterly Report**
Clerk Powers reviewed the 2nd Quarter 2018 financial reports. He noted that all the funds were performing on budget so far.
- **Volunteer Firefighter Approval**
A motion was made and seconded to approve Michael Adolph on the Electric City Volunteer Fire Department.
m/s (Derr/Bussert) CU
- **RBOM AECOM Memorandum Approval**
Motion was made and seconded to approve the AECOM amendment for the Delano Transfer Station groundwater monitoring.

REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS:

- **Mayor Nordine:** None
- **Council member Hensley:** Reported that a perspective business owner was told by the administration that his business was not the kind we wanted in the city. When asked which staff member she was referring to, she stated that it was John Nordine. Mayor Nordine stated he didn't know what she was referring to.
- **Council member McGuire:** None
- **Council member Nordine:** None
- **Council member Bussert:** Stated that she'd like to present an idea to the Regional Board of Mayors regarding a combined dog pound/ day care facility that might help the 4 cities address growing dog compliance issues and possibly provide income for the facility.
- **City Clerk /Treasurer:** Clerk Powers reported that the city was transferring its website to a new hosting service that will add more resources and would be providing the council with privately hosted email addresses. He stated that the written portion of RCO Grant was resubmitted and he would be attending the final grant presentation in August. He stated that we had hired a new Code Compliance / Court Clerk and could possibly be hiring a new maintenance worker next week.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the regular meeting 7:10 p.m.

m/s (Derr/McGuire) CU



Russell Powers, City Clerk / Treasurer



John T. Nordine II, Mayor