

**CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 10, 2019**

The December 10, 2019 Electric City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor John Nordine II.

Present by Roll Call: Council Members Aaron Derr, Rich McGuire, Birdie Hensley, Carol Nordine and Lonna Bussert.

Staff members / Others present: Russ Powers City Administrator – Clerk/Treasurer, Police Chief John Tufts Grand Coulee Police, Steve Nelson Century West Engineering, Scott Hunter The Star Newspaper

Motion to Excuse: None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda.

m/s(Bussert/Hensley) CU

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda.

- November 12, 2019 Preliminary Budget Hearing Minutes
- November 12, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes
- Expenditures:
EFT's and Checks #13766 - #13807 dated 11/13/2019 – 12/10/2019 for a total of \$173,104.27

m/s(McGuire/Nordine) CU

POLICE REPORTS:

- Police Chief Tufts reported on incidents within the city. He stated that calls were continuing to wind down.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- **Diane Kohout - 151 Sunset Dr.** Stated that at the last meeting she requested if there was going to be any meeting with Century West she'd like to be there. She stated she wanted to listen because it was going to be her administration that dealt with issues upcoming next year. She said she requested to come to any meeting with Century West if they had one. She said she asked Russ, and he told her it wasn't appropriate for her to attend a meeting at this time.. She said she never heard from Russ and there was a meeting on the 21st or 22nd of November and why wasn't she called?
Mayor John Nordine II: Stated that he spoke to Russ concerning the meeting with the engineer and asked him not to invite Diane to the meetings as he was still the Mayor. He stated that she can meet with them all she wants after she takes office.
Diane Kohout: Stated that he should be more open to the public.
Diane Kohout: Stated that since the new administration will be responsible for the park and will be fully involved in the project and code enforcement "We'd like you to table the contract for the park and the hiring of the Code Enforcement Officer until we take office".
- **Cheryl Hoffman – 15 Pearl Ave.** Thanked the city crews for putting up the Christmas lights and has heard good comments from all four communities.

- **John Avey – 106 4th St.** Concerning the Street Vacation he said that he hopes nobody objects to David Ayers because he's the only person who has the know-how to vacate the basalt rock. Let him put an extension on his garage. It's a great thing and I'm in favor of it. It will beautify the city and they are great people.

COUNCIL AGENDA:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Ordinance 566-2019 Fireworks Ordinance**
Councilmember Bussert made a motion to table the Fireworks Ordinance until January. The motion was seconded.

m/s(Bussert/McGuire) CU

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Ordinance ~~567~~ 566-2019 2020 Budget**
A motion was made and seconded to approve Ordinance 566-2019 2020 Budget
m/s (McGuire/Bussert) CU
- **Resolution 2019-30 Century West Engineering Contract for 2020-2021**
Administrator Powers explained that the contract had been reviewed by the attorney, and there were a lot of revisions. He stated at this time the council could either accept the contract contingent on approval of the contract by the attorney, or table the contract until it can be negotiated. Steve Nelson of Century West Engineering stated, "whatever is most convenient for you, we should have no problem getting to a final contract." A motion was made and seconded to table Resolution 2019-30 Century West Engineering Contract for 2020-2021 until January.
m/s (McGuire/Hensley) CU
- **Resolution 2019-31 Century West Engineering Contract for Sewer Lift Station**
A motion was made and seconded to table Resolution 2019-31 Century West Engineering contract for sewer lift station as the general contract was not signed.
m/s (Hensley/McGuire) CU
- **Sewer Lift Station Preliminary Cost Review**
Councilmember Hensley asked if there were one or two pumps in the lift station. Administrator Powers explained that there was two, one submersible and an old unit that need to be replaced.
- **Resolution 2019-~~32~~ 30 Grant County Health District Contract**
Councilmember Hensley asked if the city was paying \$2 or \$3 per person in the contract. Administrator Powers stated that it was \$2 per person in this contract. A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2019-30 Grant County Health District Contract.
m/s (Hensley/Bussert) CU

- **Water Rates Review**

Councilmember McGuire stated that he had been looking at the previous resolution and since we are raising the fee \$2.50 for the base rate, I wanted to ask the council about raising the maximum usage from 10,000 to 12,500 gallons before the next rate tier. Councilmember Nordine stated that the increase might encourage residents to water their lawns. Councilmember McGuire made a recommendation to amend the resolution to allow for 12,500 gallons and put it on the agenda for the December 17, 2019 Special Council Meeting. Consensus of the council agreed.

- **Special Council Meeting for Ice Age Park Bid Selection**

Councilmember Bussert made a recommendation to hold the special meeting on December 17th, 2019 at 6:00PM. A motion was made and seconded to hold the special meeting on December 17th, 2019 at 6:00PM.

m/s (Bussert/McGuire) CU

REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS:

- **Mayor John Nordine II:** None
- **Council Member Derr:** None
- **Council member McGuire:** None
- **Council member Hensley:** Congratulated John on being the only Mayor to complete his term as Mayor.
- **Council member Nordine:** Stated that it had been lovely serving on the council.
- **Council member Bussert:** None
- **City Administrator - Clerk /Treasurer:** Thanked the council and mayor for their service and gave appreciation for all the progress they had made over the years in the city.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 PM

m (Derr)



Russell Powers,
City Administrator - City Clerk / Treasurer



John T. Nordine II, Mayor