

CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 11, 2018

The December 11, 2018 Electric City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Derr

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

Staff members present: Russ Powers City Clerk/Treasurer, Police Chief Tufts Grand Coulee Police, Jacob Wagner 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 13, 2018 Budget Hearing Minutes
- November 13, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes
- Expenditures:
 - EFT's and Checks #13201 - #13217 dated 11/21/2018 – 11/30/2018 for a total of \$20,866.81
 - EFT's and Checks #13218 - #13253 dated 12/1/2018 – 12/11/2018 for a total of \$230,137.58

m/s (Hensley/Bussert) CU

POLICE REPORTS:

- Police Chief Tufts reported on incidents within the city. He stated that things have slowed down a bit, and he was taking a weeks' vacation time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- No Public Present

COUNCIL AGENDA:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **RV's on vacant lots**

A discussion ensued regarding how many RV's would be allowed on a lot. Councilmember McGuire made a motion to accept the revisions with limiting RV's to two units and leaving utility and cargo trailers in the code.

m/s (McGuire/Nordine)CU

- **Entrance Sign Design**

A revised design was presented to the council from Graybeal Signs. Councilmember Hensley asked if a location had been selected. Clerk Powers replied that the location was still needing to be decided upon, but two locations were suggested. The council consented to get bids from other vendors on the proposed sign to compare costs.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Ordinance - City Officers Pay**

Councilmember Hensley asked who placed this item on the agenda. Clerk Powers replied that it was brought up by Carol Nordine and that he thought it would be consistent with cost of living increases over the past few years. Councilmember McGuire made a motion to vote on the item.

m/s (McGuire/Nordine)

Councilmember McGuire, Hensley and Bussert voted Nay, Councilmember Nordine voted Aye. With the majority voting nay the ordinance failed.

- **Ordinance 536-2018 Amended 2019 Wages**

A motion was made and seconded to approve Ordinance 536-2018 Amended 2019 Wages.

m/s (McGuire/Bussert) CU

- **Resolution 2018-21 Fire District 14**

A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2018-21 Fire District 14

m/s (Bussert/Hensley) CU

- **Resolution 2018-22 TIB Grant Agreement**

A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2018-22 TIB Grant Agreement

m/s (Hensley/McGuire)CU

- **Resolution 2018-23 RBOM Budget Amendment**

A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2018-23 RBOM Budget Amendment

m/s (Bussert/McGuire)CU

- **Resolution 2018-24 TIB Consultant Agreement**

A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2018-24 TIB Consultant Agreement

m/s (McGuire/Bussert)CU

- **Volunteer Firefighter Approval**

Councilmember McGuire asked how many volunteers were staffed currently and if there was a cost associated with adding more firefighters. Clerk Powers stated there was approximately 25 members and the cost is about \$90 per year for pension. A motion was made and seconded to approve Michael Langstaff as a volunteer with the fire department.

m/s (Bussert/Nordine)CU

- **Policy 2018-04 Council Rules of Procedure**

Clerk Powers explained that the attorney had recommended a revision to the policy to allow councilmembers to abstain from a vote if they believed they might have a conflict of interest. A motion was made and seconded to approve Policy 2018-04 Council Rules of Procedure.

m/s (Bussert/McGuire)CU

- **Policy 2018-05 Small and Attractive Assets**

Clerk Powers explained the details of the policy and the requirement from the State Auditor's Office to adopt such a policy. A motion was made and seconded to approve Policy 2018-05 Small and Attractive Assets.

m/s (Bussert/Nordine)CU

- **Paid Family and Medical Leave**

Clerk Powers explained the new legislation, and the options the council had for the employees. He stated that he had spoken with the attorney and she recommended doing the minimum requirements for now. Councilmember Bussert made a motion to have the City “Opt Out” of paying the employee’s portion of the program.

m/s (Bussert/Hensley)CU

REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS:

- **Mayor Pro Tem Derr:** No Report
- **Council member McGuire:** Stated that there was a GTA meeting at Grand Coulee City Hall on November 28th. The GTA decided to offer “call in” service for our area. People will need to call in 48 hours prior to pick up, and the cost will be raised to \$3 per ride. Patrons may also request weekly services if they called in the Friday before the week. Councilmember Derr asked if Rich could present a phone app idea for riders to request rides online to the GTA. Rich said he would present the idea at the next meeting.
- **Council member Hensley:** Reported that she met with the Grand Coulee sewer committee. She stated that they didn’t have a clue as to what they were doing next year, but had agreed to schedule further meetings in the future. She stated that she thought bringing the attorney to the previous council meeting in regard to the consolidation was premature.
- **Council member Nordine:** No Report
- **Council member Bussert:** No Report
- **City Clerk /Treasurer:** Clerk Powers reported that the city received confirmation of the WSDOT pathway grant. He stated the grant was approximately \$750,000 and will be for the pedestrian pathway from Coulee Playland to North Dam Park.


ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Councilmember McGuire made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

m(McGuire)



Russell Powers, City Clerk / Treasurer



John T. Nordine II, Mayor