

CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 11, 2017

The April 11, 2017 Electric City Council meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Mayor John T. Nordine

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

Staff members present: Russell Powers/City Clerk

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda.

m/s)(Derr/McGuire) CU

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda.

m/s (Derr/Bussert) CU

- March 7, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes
- Expenditures:
 - EFT's and Checks #12170-#12188 dated 3/8/2017-3/31/2017 for a total of \$75,417.71
 - EFT's and Checks #12189-#12217 dated 4/1/2017-4/11/2017 for a total of \$84,986.38

POLICE REPORTS:

- Chief John Tufts reported on incidents within the city. John mentioned a police committee meeting is forthcoming soon to discuss the police contract.

COUNCIL AGENDA:

Public Comments:

- No Public Comment

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Council Member Position#4:**
3 persons submitted letters of interest in the position. Ken Anderson, Lisa Lyngar, and Jeremy Miller introduced themselves and briefly gave some personal history.
- **Executive Session RCW 42.30.110 (g)**
Mayor Nordine said the council will now go into executive session for 10 minutes to review the qualifications of the candidates for council position #4. They left the chamber at 6:07 PM and returned at 6:17 PM.
- **Council Member Position#4 Appointment:**
After the executive session each candidate was asked 2 questions. 1. Were they registered voters in Grant County and 2. What would they like to see improved or changed in Electric City? Each candidate answered the questions appropriately and the council appointed Jeremy Miller into Council Position# 4. Jeremy Miller was sworn in by Mayor Nordine.

m/s (McGuire/Derr) CU

- **PARC Committee Member Appointment:**
1 person submitted a letter of interest in the position. The council appointed Brad Parrish to the committee position.

m/s (Derr/McGuire) CU

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Grant County Assessor's Office:**
Melissa McKnight and Bobbee Poplawski gave each council member a packet and discussed how properties were assessed in the county. Melissa explained that if the city did not increase its property taxes the 1% annually, that those monies would be retained by the residents and not the County. Melissa explained that the increase in property taxes in 2017 would not be seen in the City's disbursement and our area is assessed on a 6 year rotation and wasn't done "feet on the ground" for many years.
- **City Clerk Appointment Certification:**
Motion was made and seconded to Confirm Russ Powers into the City/Clerk Treasurer Position.
m/s (Bussert/McGuire) CU
- **Resolution No. 2017-03 Officials making Deposits and Withdrawals:**
Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution No. 2017-03 as written.
m/s (Bussert/McGuire) CU
- **Resolution No. 2017-04 MRSC Rosters:**
Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution No. 2017-04 as written.
m/s (Hensley/McGuire) CU
- **Resolution No. 2017-05 Northwest Code Professionals Contract:**
A discussion ensued regarding how the new company was conducting business. Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution No. 2017-05 as written.
m/s (McGuire/Derr) CU
- **Resolution No. 2017-06 Fire Protection District 14**
A discussion ensued regarding the secretary for the Fire District and there was concern for the handling of the money. Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution No. 2017-06 as written.
m/s (Bussert/Derr) CU
- **Scope of Work change for Chamber of Commerce:**
Motion was made and seconded to approve the scope of work change for the Chamber.
m/s (Bussert/McGuire) CU
- **Resolution No. 2017-07 Job Descriptions for Transfer Station Operator and Court Clerk/Deputy Clerk 2:**
Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution No. 2017-07 as written.
m/s (Hensley/Derr) CU
- **PARC Recommendations**
Russ Powers presented the recommendations from the PARC Committee to the council. The three(3) recommendations were:
 1. Accept a revised draft of the Parks and Recreation Plan and recommended that it go out for a 60 day public review.
 2. That the council hire and contract with an engineering/landscape design firm to design and create plans for both the proposed McNett Ave. Park and the Grand Ave. Park.
 3. That the proposed basketball court located in the Grand Ave Park be revised to a full sized basketball court and the existing large tree be removed to accommodate for the larger court, and prevent future damage to the courtA discussion ensued regarding the retaining wall at the McNett Ave. Park. Lonna suggested the city should build the retaining wall at the McNett Ave. Park now, so the citizens can see some improvements. Rich objected to the Basketball court stating that it wouldn't be used enough and tourists would not come to the park to use it. Aaron stated that the court was to double as a

farmers market and meeting area that may draw tourism. The council members discussed the use of Hotel Motel Tax to fund the engineering and other portions of the Parks.

A Motion was made and seconded to accept recommendation number two(2) with the exception that the money for engineering comes from the City Park Fund and recommendation three(3) The council did not accept recommendation one(1) at this time because the Parks and Rec Plan was currently out for review with RCO Recreation and Conservation Office.

m/s (Bussert/Derr) CU

REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS:


- **Mayor Nordine:** No report.
- **Council member Derr:** No report.
- **Council member Hensley:** Would like all public meetings posted with a quorum notice as standard procedure. Would like the use of Hotel/Motel tax added to the council retreat.
- **Council member McGuire:** Stated he would like the council to give him some recommendations for Grant County Transit in regards to how they might improve services to the area.
- **Council member Bussert:** No report.
- **City Clerk:** Suggested that the council review the cash flow statements included with their packets and reminded the council about the council retreat.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, motion was made to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m.

m/s (Bussert/Derr) CU


Russell D. Powers, City Clerk /Treasurer


John T. Nordine II, Mayor