



🏠 Location: City Hall  
📅 Date: August 10, 2021  
🕒 Time: 6:00pm

## City of Electric City Council Meeting Minutes August 10, 2021

The Electric City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor Pro Tem Bob Rupe on Tuesday, August 10, 2021.

**Present by Roll Call:** Council Members: Brian Buche, Cheryl Hoffman, Don Redfield, Bob Rupe

A motion was made and seconded to excuse Councilmember Cate Slater from the August City Council meeting.

M/S (Buche/Redfield) CU

A motion was made and seconded to excuse Mayor Diane Kohout from the August City Council meeting.

M/S (Hoffman/Buche) CU

**Staff members/Others present:** Jared Armstrong/Public Works Director, Arrow Coyote/Electric City Resident, Steve Nelson/CenturyWest Engineering, Peggy Nevsimal/City Clerk/Treasurer, Ron Pulsipher/Electric City Resident, Carol Rupe/Electric City Resident, Mike Shear/Code Compliance Jacob Wagner/Star Newspaper

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda.

M/S (Buche/Rupe) CU

### Consent Agenda:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda.

M/S (Hoffman/Buche) CU

### Public Comments

Electric City resident Ron Pulsipher spoke regarding ATV/OTV regulations within Electric City city limits. He would like the council to consider changing the speed limits and/or ordinances along Hwy 155 so that ATVs can be driven between the golf course (on the outskirts of Electric City) through Electric City and then into Grand Coulee.

Code Compliance Officer Mike Shear spoke regarding an update on "Property A" that had been referenced in the last two council meetings. The owners are making good progress on cleaning up their property.

## Unfinished Business:

- Steve Nelson from CenturyWest Engineering went through the project list for the city.
  - The City's SAM account has been approved. City Clerk Nevsimal will contact Koni Reynolds at WSDOT to begin the process once again to apply for a USDA grant to help fund a new pick up for the Public Works department.
  - The Complete Streets Sidewalk project is in a bit of a holding pattern waiting for construction expenses to reduce. A projected start date will be in early Spring 2022.
  - The application process to request grant funding for the sewer lining project has been started and will be sent to the USDA shortly.
  - CenturyWest finished the grant application with QuadCo and will submit it on August 26<sup>th</sup> for funding to reconfigure the Crest & Electric Blvd intersection.
  - An application has been submitted to the Transportation Improvement Board for funding for drainage improvements and chip deal projects.
  
- Animal Control Information
  - Code Compliance officer Mike Shear has visited the Ephrata animal control facility and gone over their procedures.
  - There is a two-week "Animal Control" class offered at the Criminal Justice Training Commission in Burien that an animal control officer would need to take.
  - Mike is recommending a tiered pricing structure that could be implemented for "repeat offenders" that need to be caught multiple times.
  - Future follow-ups include:
    - Determining the amount of current dog licenses the City issues to see whether it would be beneficial to move from a yearly license to a lifetime license
    - Re-evaluate our current dangerous dog ordinances as well as our current dog and cat regulations
    - Determine annual costs for running an animal control operation as well as placement of such a facility
  
- Future TVI Investments
  - The councilmembers reviewed the current balances in the City's LGIP and bond investment accounts. There is interest in moving additional money from the LGIP account to more bonds. City Clerk Nevsimal will bring 2-3 recommendations to the September council meeting.
  
- Tree Removal at Wastewater Treatment Facility
  - The City of Grand Coulee has received multiple bids for the removal of trees at the Wastewater Facility. As discussed at the June 13, 2021 council meeting, Electric City council has agreed to pay 50% of the cost.

## New Business

- Security System at the City Shop
  - The City Shop needs a security system as vandalism has happened several times recently. In addition, the fuel shop was recently broken into, and fuel was stolen.
  - Public Works Director Armstrong has done some preliminary research on security systems and how much they would cost.
  - The council would like to see three bids for securing the buildings that would include outdoor lighting, alarms, motion sensors and cameras.

- Planning Documents for amendments to the City's zoning codes
  - The councilmembers reviewed the SEPA checklist, the Zoning Amendments that the Planning Commission presented at the June 13, 2021 council meeting and the notices that will be placed in the local paper announcing the Open Record Public Hearing notice and the Notice of Amendments to Electric City Zoning code.
  - There were no further comments from the council regarding these documents.
  - The Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Electric City City Hall.
  
- Nuisance issues on Crest Avenue
  - The City's Code Compliance Officer has sent "nuisance letters" to multiple residents along Stevens Avenue, Sunset Drive, & Diamond Street asking them to trim back foliage on their properties that is too close to roadways and roadway signs. To-date, several have complied. The Code
  
- Deputy Clerk Job Posting/Timing
  - Diana Parrish, the City's current Deputy Clerk will be retiring in early 2022 and the councilmembers discussed the timing of when the job will be posted and when the interview process will begin.
  - There are a few Deputy Clerk duties that only happen in the late Fall that the council would like the outgoing Deputy Clerk to still be in place to train the incoming Deputy Clerk.
  - The council would like to see the job posted in mid to late September and have the interview process done and an offer extended by November 1, 2021.
  
- Ordinance 583-2021
  - Ordinance 581-2021 that was passed February 16, 2021, had a table containing the pricing for Residential temporary dumpsters that was not updated.
  - A motion was made and second to pass Ordinance 583-2021 updating the schedule of charges for temporary dumpster collection rates.

M/S (Redfield/Hoffman) CU

## Reports

- Public Works Director Armstrong reported that the Surge Protection at the Arsenic Treatment Plant was compromised during a lightening storm on August 3, 2021. Replacing the system will cost between \$13,000-\$14,000. The unit is covered by insurance and can be replaced for the price of the City's deductible.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

M/S (Redfield/Hoffman)

  
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 Peggy Nevsimal, City Clerk/Treasurer

  
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 Bob Rupe, Mayor Pro Tem