

**Location:** City Hall

**B** Date: August 9, 2022

**Time:** 6:00pm

# City of Electric City Council Meeting Minutes August 9, 2022

A special Shoreline Master Program Workshop was called to order on Tuesday August 9, 2022, at 5:45pm by Mayor Diane Kohout.

- There were no comments from the Council members or the public on the presented Shoreline Master Program workshop materials. The council agreed to proceed with Electric City's participation in the program. An official document will be presented at the October council meeting for the councilmembers' approvals.
- The workshop was adjourned at 5:50pm.

The Electric City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor Diane Kohout on Tuesday, August 9, 2022.

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

Staff members/Others present: Jared Armstrong/Public Work Director, Jim & MaryJane Bailey/Electric City Residents, Dave & Nancy Brown/Electric City Residents, Ben & Karon Fox/Coulee Playland Owners, Dan Holland/Grand Coulee Police, Steve Nelson/CenturyWest, Peggy Nevsimal/City Clerk/Treasurer, Mark Payne/Electric City Fire Chief, Mike Shear/Code Compliance, Jacob Wagner/Star Newspaper

#### Pledge of Allegiance

## Approval of Agenda:

- A motion was made and seconded to add a 10-minute executive session regarding a personnel
  performance matter to the August 9, 2022, agenda after Unfinished Business and before New Business.

  M/S (Hoffman/Buche) CU
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the council meeting agenda with the addition of the executive session.

M/S (Slater/Hoffman) CU

#### Consent Agenda:

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

M/S (Redfield/Slater) CU

#### **Public Comments**

• Electric City Residents Nancy & Dave Brown (19 Lakeview Ave) expressed their concerns regarding the short-term rental topic on the evening's agenda. They presented information about previous times the topic had been brought before the city council and had been voted down. They also presented

information on a non-approved short-term rental that operated against city municipal code and took over six months to stop short-term rentals. Many noise, congestion and public nudity problems occurred before the owners finally stopped renting. The Browns respectfully requested that the council strongly consider still banning short-term rentals in Electric City. If the council is seriously considering the topic Nancy Brown would like to be part of a committee that would set up very specific guidelines and rules.

• Electric City Residents Jim & MaryJane Bailey (100 Sandy Lane) reiterated what the Browns stated. They are opposed to opening residential areas in Electric City limits to short-term rentals.

## **Unfinished Business:**

- Law Enforcement, Fire Department, Public Works & Code Compliance Reports were presented by representatives from each department.
- Engineering Projects
  - The FHWA Bike/Ped safety project is ready to go except for final curb approval from WSDOT.
     Bids will be advertised in the Fall.
  - The Sewer Main Lining application has been submitted to USDA and is still in underwriting
  - o An application has been submitted to STBG for funding of a stripping on Hwy 155.
  - CenturyWest will apply for chip seal funding from TIB this month.
- CERB Grant Funding
  - The Community Economic Revitalization Board has approved funding, in the amount of \$11,600, for Electric City's water rights feasibility study south of Osborn Bay.
- RV Living
  - No final decision was reached on this topic, and councilmembers agreed that it should be considered as a topic for the Planning Commission to make recommendations on in 2023.
- Short term rental
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#### **Executive Session**

- The council went into an executive session at 7:04pm to discuss the performance of an employee per RCW 42.30.100(1)(g) for 10 minutes.
- At 7:14pm the council extended the executive session for an additional 10 minutes.
- At 7:20pm the mayor called the regular meeting back to order with no actions to be voted on.

#### **New Business**

- Mosquito Surveillance
  - Robbin Boyce from Mosquito District #2 gave the 2022 Integrated Pest Management Plan Surveillance/Control Implementation document to the Mayor to share with the councilmembers.
- MACC-911 CAD Contract
  - A motion was made and seconded for the Mayor to sign a indemnification and hold harmless agreement for authorized users of new MACC Public Safety Software.

M/S (Hoffman/Buche) CU

- Spring Canyon Cemetery
  - A representative from the Lions Club has approached the Regional Board of Mayors seeking interest in finding a new entity to take over the care and keeping of the local Spring Canyon

- Cemetery. Before the Regional Board of Mayors considers such a request, they are asking whether their town/city councils would like them to pursue further information.
- o Councilmembers have asked the City Clerk to get in touch with the Lions Club treasurer to see if there are financial records for the cemetery.
- Coulee Playland Park Model Proposal
  - o Ben & Karon Fox are asking permission from Electric City to place a Park Model RV as an owner's mobile accommodation at Coulee Playland.
  - o A motion was made and seconded to allow an owner park model at Coulee Playland M/S (Redfield/Rupe) CU

# Reports

- Councilmember Redfield reported that the Planning Commission meeting in July was postponed until August.
- Councilmember Hoffman reported that the Wastewater Treatment facility needed to replace their incubator. The price is \$1,500-\$2,000.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.

M/S (Redfield/Buche)