



🏠 Location: City Hall
📅 Date: December 14, 2021
🕒 Time: 6:00pm

City of Electric City Council Meeting Minutes December 14, 2021

The Electric City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor Diane Kohout on Tuesday, December 14, 2021.

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

Staff members/Others present: Jared Armstrong/Public Works Director, Steve Nelson/CenturyWest Engineering, Peggy Nevsimal/City Clerk/Treasurer, Carol Rupe/Electric City Resident, Jacob Wagner/Star Newspaper

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda:

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

M/S (Buche/Redfield) CU

Consent Agenda:

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

M/S (Redfield/Slater) CU

Public Comments

- There were no public comments.

Unfinished Business:

- Steve Nelson from CenturyWest Engineering went through the project list for the city.
 - WSDOT comments have been received on the Complete Streets sidewalk project, the scope changes have been reviewed by TIB and TIB will allow front end purchase of guardrail for the trail and street beacons.
 - CenturyWest is working with WSDOT in conjunction with bike/ped safety project. Dropping the speed limit to 30 or 35 along Coulee Playland is acceptable, however, dropping it the entire length of the pathway will be a challenge.
 - The Sewer Main lining grant has been submitted to USDA.
 - The USDA rolling stock grant paperwork for a public works pickup has been submitted to USDA.
 - A FEMA grant has been submitted with a request for funding of a new structure truck for the City of Electric City's Fire Department.
 - The chip sealing grant submitted to TIB was not funded.

- The Lincoln and State Street resurfacing grant submitted to TIB was not funded. CenturyWest will follow up with TBI and Grant County to research other sources of funding.
- Engineering Contract Renewal
 - The City has received four applications for Engineering Services.
 - A review committee, consisting of Councilmember Brian Buche, Electric City resident Alric Miller, Fire Chief Mark Payne and Mayor Kohout has been formed. They will meet on December 21 to begin the review process and submit their recommendation to the council at the January 11, 2022, council meeting.
- Property A Discussion
 - A motion was made and seconded to place a lien on property A in the amount of \$5,000 for unpaid nuisance violation fees.

M/S (Hoffman/Redfield) CU

New Business

- Installation of returning and new Councilmembers and Mayor
 - Mayor Diane Kohout was sworn in as Mayor for Electric City for the term 1/1/2022-12/31/2025
 - Councilmember Don Redfield was sworn in as Councilmember Position #1 for Electric City for the term 1/1/2022-12/31/2025
 - Councilmember Bob Rupe was sworn in as Councilmember Position #3 for Electric City for the term 1/1/2022-12/31/2025
- Ordinance 587-2021 Adopting the Budget for 2022
 - A motion was made and seconded to adopt the budget for the fiscal year ending 12/31/2022.

M/S (Buche/Hoffman) CU
- Electric City Lodging Tax
 - The City of Electric City has received approximately \$100,000 in lodging tax for 2021.
 - During budget discussions the council has agreed to disburse approximately \$93,000 of the received monies.
 - The tourism committee, consisting of Councilmembers Cheryl Hoffman and Cate Slater and City Clerk Peggy Nevsimal will meet in January 2022 to discuss how best to allocate monies to local tourism agencies/organizations.
- A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution 2021-14 approving the budget for the Regional Board of Mayors for 2022.

M/S (Hoffman/Redfield) CU
- Each year commissions within the city must be re-commissioned. The only commission Electric City currently has is the Planning Commission. All members serving on the Planning Commission are still active within their term. There is one open seat on the commission with the resignation of Carlos Lira. The mayor has re-commissioned the Planning Commission.
- Grant County Health District contacted Mayor Kohout with a request for a new representative for the Grant County Board of Health seat #5. A representative can be chosen from Grand Coulee, Electric

City, Hartline, and Coulee City. Mayor Kohout reached out to the mayors in those communities seeking input on a representative. The new representative for our area will be Cheryl Hoffman, Electric City Councilmember position #5 and the alternate will be Drew Allsbrook, Mayor of Hartline.

- A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution 2021-15 authorizing an agreement with Grant County Health District.

M/S (Hoffman/Buche)
Councilmember Rupe voted Nay, Motion Carried
- A motion was made and seconded to reappointment Mayor Diane Kohout as a Grant Transit Authority Board Member and Councilmember Bob Rupe as an alternate.

M/S (Buche/Slater) CU
- A motion was made and seconded to accept Austin Bowman's application as a volunteer fireman for the City of Electric City's Fire Department.

M/S (Slater/Buche) CU
- A motion was made and seconded to adopt Ordinance 588-2021 amending the 2021 Budget of the City of Electric City.

M/S (Redfield/Slater) CU
- Utility Increases
 - A decision was reached by the councilmembers to not increase water rates for 2022.
 - Currently Electric City's payment to the Wastewater Treatment Facility are up 15% year/year and councilmembers were tasked to consider increasing sewer rates. The councilmembers agreed that sewer rates will need to go up for 2022 and will vote on an ordinance increasing rates at the January 11, 2022, council meeting.
- A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution 2021-16 authorizing an agreement with the Grand Coulee Dam Area Seniors.

M/S (Buche/Redfield)
Councilmember Hoffman recused Herself, Motion Carried
- A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution 2021-17 establishing 2022 holidays for the City of Electric City.

M/S (Slater/Redfield)

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.

M/S (Hoffman/Redfield)



Peggy Nevsimal, City Clerk/Treasurer



Diane Kohout, Mayor