



🏠 Location: Telephonically  
📅 Date: January 12, 2021  
🕒 Time: 6:00pm

## City of Electric City Council Meeting Minutes January 12, 2021

The Electric City Council meeting was called to order at 5:45pm by Mayor Diane Kohout on Tuesday, January 12, 2021.

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

**Staff members/Others present:** Jared Armstrong/Public Works Director, Steve Nelson/CenturyWest Engineering, Peggy Nevsimal/City Clerk/Treasurer, Mark Payne/Electric City Fire Chief, Jacob Wagner/Star Newspaper

**Motion to Excuse:** A motion was made and seconded to excuse Willie Bott from the January 12, 2021 council meeting.

M/S (Buche/Rupe) CU

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Public Hearing

- At 5:45pm a public hearing was held to discuss the City's intent to adopt a Water Use Efficiency goal that supports water demand efficiency.
- A motion was made and seconded to adopt a Water Use Efficiency goal that supports a 1% reduction in water leakage, bringing our leakage from 6% to 5%.

M/S (Buche/Rupe) CU

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda with one change. Item 9.10, "6-year Street Plan," should be deleted from the agenda.

M/S (Hoffman/Buche) CU

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda.

M/S (Rupe/Slater) CU

### Public Comments

One public comment was submitted to the Mayor before the meeting. The Mayor read a comment regarding dog licenses from Kurt & Wiyaka Steinke.

### Special Presentations:

- The Councilmembers listened to a presentation from Med-Project regarding a Medication Education & Disposal project.
- The Councilmembers listened to a presentation from Rural Community Assistance Corporation regarding an upcoming Income Survey planned for Electric City residents.

### Unfinished Business:

- Steve Nelson from CenturyWest Engineering went through his project list for the City.
  - The final application has been submitted to the USDA for financial assistance for a Public Works pickup.
  - Poster boards and handouts will be available at the upcoming Public meeting (schedule for 1/23/2021) for the following projects:
    - Complete sidewalks plan
    - Bike/pedestrian pathway
    - Income survey
    - Sewer lines

### New Business

- A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution 2021-01, establishing solid waste dumping fees.

M/S (Slater/Hoffman) CU
- A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution 2021-02, establishing leave policies in response to COVID-19 outbreak.

M/S (Hoffman/Buche) CU
- A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution 2021-03, ratifying procedures to respond to the current epidemic.

M/S (Slater/Buche) CU
- A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution 2021-04, establishing annual payment for fire protection from Grant County.

M/S (Buche/Hoffman) CU
- A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution 2021-05, changing the temporary speed limit on Hwy 155 to a permanent speed limit.

M/S (Hoffman/Buche) CU
- A motion was made and seconded to adopt Ordinance 579-2021, extending the temporary removal of interest and late fees from utility bills.

M/S (Slater/Buche) CU
- PARC Committee
  - The Mayor recently asked councilmember Slater to reach out to the current PARC Committee members to assess which members were interested in continuing to serve on the committee.
  - To date, Chairman Parrish is no longer interested in serving on the committee. Committee members Bussert and Payne would like to still be on the committee.
  - The current members terms were not staggered, and future members' terms will need to be.
  - In the future, PARC committee meetings will need to follow open public meeting rules and be officially announced and open to the public.
  - Future committee meetings will need to submit meeting minutes to the City Councilmembers and Mayor.

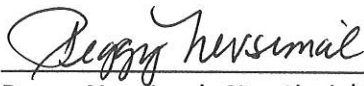
- An ad will be placed for two weeks in upcoming Star newspapers seeking letters of interest from citizens who would like to serve on the PARC committee. The deadline to submit letters will be 2/5/2021.
- Public Meeting
  - The Mayor, two Councilmembers, two Planning Committee members, the City Engineer and the City Public Works Director will be attending a public meeting on Saturday 1/23/2021 at the Vet Center in Electric City from 1:00pm – 3:00pm.
  - Electric City residents are invited to stop by the Vet Center to discuss projects that the City is working on. No formal action will be taken.
  - COVID restriction and social distance guidelines will be strictly enforced.
  - Councilmembers Buche & Slater will represent the council.
- Income Survey
  - The Department of Ecology has contracted with RCAC to conduct an Income Survey of Electric City residents.
  - The income survey results will be used for potential funding and grant applications.
  - A pre-survey letter will be mailed on 1/26/2021.
  - 3 mailings of surveys will be sent between 2/5-4/9.
  - Results will be sent to the City by 5/15/2021.

#### Reports

- Councilmembers Buche & Hoffman reported that they had met with the Wastewater Committee and a draft of minor changes to the contract have been submitted to the Grand Coulee City attorney for final approval. They project there will be a resolution that this Council will need to vote on in Q1 2021.
- City Clerk Nevsimal reported that she will have W2s and 1099s completed and mailed by 1/22/2021. In addition, the final expenses for the Park Levy were \$1987.27.
- Fire Chief Payne reported that they have continued to have turbo troubles with the 550 truck. Repairs will be approximately \$3,000.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

M/S (Hoffman/Slater) CU



Peggy Nevsimal, City Clerk/Treasurer



Diane Kohout, Mayor