



🏠 Location: City Hall
📅 Date: July 12, 2022
🕒 Time: 6:00pm

City of Electric City Council Meeting Minutes July 12, 2022

The Electric City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor Diane Kohout on Tuesday, July 12, 2022.

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

- A motion was made and seconded to excuse councilmember Brain Buche from the July council meeting.

M/S (Hoffman/Slater) CU

Staff members/Others present: Jarod Armstrong/Public Work Director, Steve Nelson/CenturyWest, Peggy Nevsimal/City Clerk/Treasurer, Carol Rupe/Electric City Resident, Mike Shear/Code Compliance, John Tufts/Grand Coulee Police Chief, Patty Tufts/Electric City Resident, Jacob Wagner/Star Newspaper

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda:

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

M/S (Hoffman/Slater) 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:

- Law Enforcement, Fire Department, Public Works & Code Compliance Reports were presented by Police Chief John Tufts, Mayor Kohout (representing the fire department), Public Works Director Jared Armstrong, and Code Compliance Officer Mike Shear.
- 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
 - An application was submitted for CERB funding to support a feasibility study for Water Right project south of the causeway.

- An application has been submitted to STBG for funding of a stripping on Hwy 155.
- CenturyWest will apply for chip seal funding from TIB in August.
- Property A
 - Property A continues to be an issue with significant amounts of debris, trash, broken down vehicles and campers. Attorney Kenison will research whether the recently passed ordinance regarding unfit and/or dangerous houses would allow for city crews to move to the next step of abatement.

New Business

- Short term rentals
 - City Clerk Nevsimal presented research and examples from Chelan County and City of Spokane of their ordinances, guidelines, applications, rules and checklists for implementing short-term rentals in a community.
 - The examples presented amounted to over 50 pages of detailed guidelines.
 - The City allowed short-term rentals for a brief time 4-5 years ago that resulted in many noise and nuisance violations. Short-term rentals were banned within a very short amount of time.
 - All council members expressed both positive and negative thoughts on whether short-term rentals should be reconsidered for the community.
 - The council will read through the research material and continue the discussion at August's council meeting.
 - If, after further discussion, the council would like to move forward with this topic, the city's Planning Commission would need to add this to their proposed docket items for 2023.
- RV Living
 - Current City ordinances state that the maximum amount of time a person can live in an RV within the city limits is 60/day per year.
 - There are several known violations of this within Electric City.
 - City Clerk Nevsimal provide research stating that Washington State is only one of four states in the United States that allows fulltime residential living in an RV.
 - The City council will need to decide whether they would like the Code Compliance department to begin issuing Municipal Code violation fees on violators or whether they would like to modify the current ordinances.
 - No final decision was reached on this topic, and it will move to the August Council meeting agenda for further discussion.
- Utility pro-rating standardization
 - There are many inconsistencies within the City's utility customers billing regarding who is on discounted rates, whether water, sewer and garbage are being serviced to every eligible household or whether some customers have only one or two utilities.
 - The city does not currently have an ordinance outlining the eligibility guidelines on who qualifies for senior and/or discounted rates.
 - The City's application process for requesting discounted rates needs updating
 - A motion was made and seconded to have City Clerk Nevsimal draft an ordinance and revise the current discount application process and presented it to the council for approval.

M/S (Slater/Redfield) CU

- Insufficient fund fee
 - A motion was made and second to levy a \$25 insufficient fund fee to customers whose payments are returned for insufficient funds.

M/S (Hoffman/Buche) CU

Reports

- There were no reports

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.

M/S (Redfield/Slater)



Peggy Nevsimal, City Clerk/Treasurer



Diane Kohout, Mayor