



🏠 Location: City Hall
📅 Date: March 14, 2023
🕒 Time: 6:00pm

City of Electric City Council Meeting Minutes March 14, 2023

The Electric City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor Diane Kohout on Tuesday, March 14, 2023.

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

A motion was made and seconded to excuse councilmember Cheryl Hoffman

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Staff members present: Paul Bowden/Coulee Dam Police Chief, Tasha Enochs/Records Clerk, Travis Irwin/Public Works Director, Peggy Nevsimal/City Clerk/Treasurer, Mark Payne/Electric City Fire Chief, Trent Ward/CenturyWest Engineering, Mike Shear/Code Compliance Officer,

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda:

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

M/S (Slater/Buche) CU

Consent Agenda:

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

M/S (Slater/Buche) CU

Public Comments

- There were three comments received by email regarding the city's law enforcement contract. Comments were received from Alex Besemann, Casandra Barry, and Cathy Noyce.
- Levi Johnson, 221 Grand Ave E, spoke regarding his displeasure that the City changed their law enforcement providers from the Grand Coulee Police Department to the Coulee Dam Police Department. He believes the City is paying more for less and that it feels disrespectful to how well the Grand Coulee police officers served the City of Electric City. Mr. Johnson is a Grand Coulee police officer and said he was unaware that the contract for police services was under consideration.
- Blake Martin, 57 Diamond St, read a prepared statement for 7 minutes 47 seconds outlining his displeasure that the City changed their law enforcement provides from the Grand Coulee Police Department to the Coulee Dam Police Department. He feels that the city is not being transparent and that his chief asking him to take down a message he posted on social media is taking way his first amendment rights. He gave examples of incidents where he believes the Coulee Dam Police did sub-par work. Mr. Martin is a Grand Coulee police officer.

- Councilmember Buche asked Mr. Martin how much of his prepared statement he prepared while at his current employment. Councilmember Buche also stated that the time to talk about the upcoming contract was in the previous six months when the contract was being negotiated.
- Jennifer Knox, 106 Sandy Lane, would like to be included on the Park Committee

Unfinished Business

- Department Reports
 - Law Enforcement, Fire Department, & Code Compliance Reports were presented by representatives from each department.

Council member Cheryl Hoffman joined at 6:38pm.

- Engineering Reports
 - The Shoreline Waterfront Trail project and speed limit change are with WSDOT and Trent stated that the project should be on track to go out for bid in May/June. The project should be able to be started before Fall.
 - The Sewer Main Lining project is with USDA and the City is waiting to hear from them.
 - Crack seal project will begin this spring, followed next year by the chip seal and seal coat project. Grant County Public Works will do the chip seal/seal coat work.
- The annual Council retreat will take place on Saturday, March 18. The City Attorney, City Planner & City Engineer will be in attendance, along with the Council Members, the Mayor, the City Clerk and the Public Works Director.
- There will be a public meeting held on April 8th at the Electric City Fire Station. Topics that will be discussed include the water front trail, the sewer re-lining, the city park, the chipper grant, the spring cleanup, fire awareness and police services. All are welcome to attend.
- Resolution 2023-06, Proposal to Submit to the Voters Reduction of City Limits
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2023-06 putting to a vote of the people the reduction of city limits.

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- Resolution 2023-07, Grant County District 14 Annual Payment for Fire Protection
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2023-07 for annual payment from Grant County District 14 for fire services in the amount of \$6,000.

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- CERB Grant, Phase 2
 - A motion was made and seconded to move forward with Phase 2 of the Water Feasibility Study.

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New Business

- Code Compliance Software
 - A motion was made and seconded purchase GoGov software for code compliance processing.

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- Fire Truck Maintenance
 - It was agreed that the Electric City Public Works would continue to service the chassis maintenance on the fire trucks and that any pump apparatuses would be serviced by professional mechanics.

- Audit Report
 - Electric City received no findings from the audit done by Washington State Auditors for the years 2019-2020.

Reports

Councilmember Redfield reminded council members that the county wide Shoreline Master Plan meeting will be on April 14, 2023, from 7:00pm-9:00pm.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:06pm.

M/S (Redfield/Buche)



Peggy Nevsimal, City Clerk/Treasurer



Diane Kohout, Mayor