



🏠 Location: City Hall
📅 Date: March 8, 2022
🕒 Time: 6:00pm

City of Electric City Council Meeting Minutes March 8, 2022

The Electric City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor Diane Kohout on Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

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

Staff members/Others present: Carol & Robbin Boyce/Electric City Residents, Dan Holland/Grand Coulee Police Officer, Peggy Nevsimal/City Clerk/Treasurer, Mark Payne/Fire Chief, Carol Rupe/Electric City Resident, Mike Shear/Code Compliance

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda:

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

M/S (Hoffman/Redfield) CU

Consent Agenda:

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

M/S (Buche/Slater) CU

Public Comments

- Police Officer Dan Holland would like to remind people to please lock their cars as there has been an increase in car prowling in the area. All cars that have had items stolen out of them have been unlocked.
- Mark Payne wished all women in the room a happy International Women's Day.

Unfinished Business:

- Engineering Projects
 - Steve Nelson from CenturyWest Engineering went through the project list for the city.
 - Funding from TIB is no longer available for the Western & 155 intersection. CenturyWest is working on obtaining alternate funding for the project.
 - The FHWA Bike/Ped safety project is ready to go. Next steps will be to place advertising for bids for the project in April.
 - The speed limit change on Hwy 155 request has been submitted to WSDOT. Next steps will be to have a public hearing/open house on speed limit changes along the entire route.
 - The Sewer Main Lining application has been submitted to USDA. Next steps will be to respond to any questions USDA has regarding the application.
 - The City is in the process of finalizing the Water System Improvement project.

- The City has submitted an application to USDA for a City Utility Truck. CenturyWest will follow up with USDA next week to see the status of the application.
- The City has submitted an application to FEMA for a new fire truck. FEMA will let the City know in August the status of the application.
- CenturyWest will follow up with Grant County and TIB to determine pricing for various chip seal projects needed in Electric City.
- Code Compliance Update
 - City Clerk Peggy Nevsimal and Code Compliance Officer Mike Shear have created a log sheet for code compliance complaints. The log sheet will show where each active complaint is in the process from complaint date, to resolution, and the log sheet will be included going forward in monthly council packets.
- Utility Leak Final Bill
 - The final bill for the 389,200-gallon water leak in January has been sent to the homeowner where the leak occurred. The council voted at last month's council meeting to bill the homeowner 10% of the total bill, which amounted to \$657.59.
- Council Meeting Offsite
 - The council member offsite meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, March 26, 2022. A house has been rented at Sunbanks Resort for the day and lunch will be catered by PKs Restaurant. A tentative agenda has been created from topics suggested by the council members. In addition to the council, the mayor and the city clerk, the City's Attorney, Planner and Engineer will also attend.

New Business

- Police Contract negotiations
 - The City's police contract with Grand Coulee police force will be up at the end of 2022. The Mayor would like a councilmember to join her at the negotiating table.
 - Don Redfield would like to volunteer to be part of the negotiations.
 - In addition to Electric City's mayor and councilmember, the City's attorney will also meet with representatives from the City of Grand Coulee and the Chief of Police. The first meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 23 at 10:30am.
- Spring Cleanup Grants
 - Mayor Kohout continues to search for grants to help support a spring cleanup for the city.
 - Green Clean through the Department of Ecology has agreed to grant the RBOM \$4,000 which can be used for advertising the cleanup events, but not for other expenditures.
 - The Grant County Solid Waste folks may have a grant that would fund a "Chipping Event."
 - Transfer Station Director Gumm will reach out to Basin Tree Service in Moses Lake to ask for pricing availability on a chipper (with staff to operate the chipper).
- Ordinance 593-2022 budget amendment
 - A motion was made and seconded to amend Ordinance 592-2022 correcting two dates in the ordinance that were 2021 and should have been 2022.

M/S (Redfield/Hoffman) CU

- A motion was made and seconded to approve amended Ordinance 592-2022.

M/S (Redfield/Hoffman) CU

- Aerial spraying approval letter

- A motion was made and seconded to submit a letter to Mosquito District #2 approving field surveillance along with ground aerial application of mosquito control products in the city limits of Electric City.

M/S (Rupe/Buche) CU

- Resolution 2022-05 authorizing signers

- A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2022-05 authorizing officials to make deposits and withdrawals from the City's North Cascades accounts. This resolution removes former Deputy Clerk Diana Parrish's authorization.

M/S (Hoffman/Redfield) CU

- Testmygov

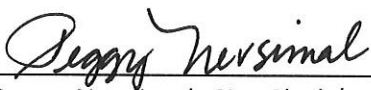
- City Clerk Nevsimal has been approached by media company named TextMyGov. TextMyGov uses smart texting technology to communicate with citizens 24/7. Local government agencies can answer question, send links to their website, and provide details on garbage pickup, utility payment, city news, events, office hours, department locations and more.
- Some council members found the technology interesting, others found in confusing, but all agreed that the clerk should find out more information about the product.

Reports

- Councilmembers Buche and Hoffman reported that the Wastewater Committee are in the process of securing a new contract for land use from the USBR for the land where the Wastewater Treatment Facility is located.
- Councilmember Redfield reported that the Planning Commission is in the process of finalizing their docket topics for 2022 and will be submitting them to the council.
- Mayor Kohout reported that the City has been approached by representatives from the Colville Tribes regarding their interest in purchasing the golf course. They would like to meet with City officials to discuss the topic.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:14pm.

M/S (Slater/Buche)



Peggy Nevsimal, City Clerk/Treasurer



Diane Kohout, Mayor