



🏠 Location: City Hall
📅 Date: May 23, 2023
🕒 Time: 6:00pm

City of Electric City Council Meeting Minutes May 23, 2023

The re-scheduled Electric City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor Diane Kohout on Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

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

Staff members present: Paul Bowden/Coulee Dam Police Chief, Travis Irwin/Public Works Director, Peggy Nevsimal/City Clerk/Treasurer, Mark Payne/Electric City Fire Chief, Trent Ward/CenturyWest Engineering

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda:

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

M/S (Redfield/Hoffman) CU

Consent Agenda:

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

M/S (Slater/Hoffman) CU

Public Comments

- There were no public comments.

Unfinished Business

- Department Reports
 - Law Enforcement, Fire Department, Public Works & Code Compliance reports were presented by representatives from each department.
- 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 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.
- Executive Session
 - The council adjourned to executive session for 15 minutes from 6:18pm-6:33pm and returned with no action taken.

- The following residents applied to be considered for the vacant council #2 position: Robbin Boyce, Matt Gilbert, Birdie Hensley, Diana Parrish, Caleb Phillips.
 - A motion was made and seconded to select Caleb Phillips to fill council position #2
M/S (Buche/Hoffman)
2 yays/2 nos, the Mayor declined to break the tie, the motion failed
 - A motion was made and seconded to select Robbin Boyce to fill council position #2
M/S (Slater/Redfield)
3 yays/1 no, the motion passed
- Staff Longevity Pay
 - Documentation was provided to council members regarding Mr. Gumm’s longevity pay and the resolution and council minutes regarding the repealing of the resolution that was in place when Mr. Gumm was hired.
 - A motion was made a seconded to honor the longevity pay structure that was in place when Mr. Gumm was hired and to send this council’s approval onto the Regional Board of Mayors.
M/S (Hoffman/Slater) CU

New Business

- Minimum Utility Charges
 - A recommendation was received from the Electric City Planning Commission requesting that the council consider charging a minimum fee be charged to property owners that have water hook ups that are not active.
 - City Clerk Nevsimal will quantify how many properties that is by the next regularly scheduled council meeting.
- Water Efficiency Goals
 - Public Works Director Irwin stated that the City of Electric City’s Water Efficiency Goal for 2023 is to reduce efficiency by 1%.
- Wastewater Final Design Phase
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve going forward with the Wastewater Final Design Phase.
M/S (Hoffman/Slater) CU
- GTA Board Appointment
 - A motion was made and seconded to name Councilmember Hoffman as the GTA Board Alternate for 2023.
M/S (Slater/Redfield) CU
- A motion was made and seconded to move \$350,000 from the City’s checking account at North Cascades Bank to LGIP.
M/S (Redfield/Buche) CU
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the Lodging Tax Committee’s recommendation for distribution of the 2022 Lodging Tax monies.
M/S (Slater/Redfield)
Councilmember Buche abstained, motion passed

- Public Works Sweeper
 - A motion was made and seconded to allow the Public Works Director to pursue the purchase of a used 2014 Elgin Whirlwind Sweeper from Owen Equipment.

M/S (Buche/Redfield) CU

Reports

There were no reports.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.

M/S (Hoffman/Redfield)



Peggy Nevsimal, City Clerk/Treasurer



Diane Kohout, Mayor