



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

City of Electric City Council Meeting Minutes November 14, 2023

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

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

Staff Members Present: Paul Bowden/Coulee Dam Police Chief, Scott Hunter/Star Newspaper, Travis Irwin/Electric City Public Works Director, Ashley Landeros/Electric City Deputy Clerk, Trent Ward, Century West Engineering.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

- A motion was made to add surplus chairs from City Hall to the agenda.
M/S (Hoffman/Redfield) CU
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the amended council meeting agenda.
M/S (Hoffman/Boyce) CU

Consent Agenda

- A motion was made to amend the minutes from 10/10/23 council meeting minutes to remove Robbin Boyce as a present Council Member.
M/S (Hoffman/Redfield) CU
- A motion was made a seconded to approve the amended consent agenda.
M/S (Slater/Buche) CU

Public Comment

- No public comments were made during the public comment period.

Unfinished Business

- Engineering Projects Update
 - The Waterfront Trail design packet was resubmitted to WSDOT and we should hear final approval by the end of year.
 - Waterfront Trail bid should go out in the first quarter 2024.
 - The sewer lining project needs new financials sent to USDA.
 - The Downtown Corridor project has moved from Grant County to WSDOT Management list and needs to be modified for final approval.
 - SWSMP needs modifications before final approval from DOH.

- Code Compliance Issues
 - A motion was made and seconded to postpone Code Compliance issue updates until the December Council meeting.
- M/S (Redfield/Slater) CU
- Law Enforcement add-ons
 - Chief Bowden updated the council on new technology for license plate readers and speed towers as additional add-ons for law enforcement services. The council felt that the price tag on these new add-ons might be cost prohibitive.
 - Electric City Resident, Lyle Floyd (135 Washington Place) expressed concern that the license plate reader is not always accurate.
 - Supplemental Ambulance Funding
 - The council discussed a variety of options to better fund our local ambulance services, including partnering with our local hospital, forming an EMS district, staffing issues, and researching further the financials on ambulance services. No decisions were made.
 - 2024 Preliminary Budget
 - The final budget will need to be approved at a budget hearing that will take place before next month's council meeting.

New Business

- Ordinance 604-2023 Salaries & Wages for 2024
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve Ordinance 604-2023.

M/S (Hoffman/Buche) CU
- Resolution 2023-10 Establishing 2024 Holiday Schedule
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2023-10.

M/S (Redfield/Hoffman) CU
- Grant County Health Department Funding
 - A motion was made and seconded to keep the City's funding at \$2 per Electric City resident.

M/S (Slater/Buche) CU
- Resolution 2023-11 Establishing 2024 Water rates.
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2023-11.

M/S (Hoffman/Redfield) CU
- Resolution 2023-12 Establishing 2024 Sewer rates.
 - A motion was made and seconded to correct a duplication/clerk error in the resolution.


M/S (Boyce/Hoffman) CU

 - A motion was made and seconded to approve the amended Resolution 2023-12.

M/S (Redfield/Hoffman) CU
- Sunrise Increase
 - Sunrise Disposal increases to the City in 2024 will be 3.5%.
- Office Copier Purchase
 - A motion was made and seconded to move this item to the December council meeting with additional information for purchase vs. lease.

M/S (Redfield/Hoffman) CU
- Public Comment (out of order)

- Electric City resident, Troy Ritter (76 Sunset) was given the floor to have a question answered regarding a land variance question. The council & mayor clarified the process necessary to ask the council for land use variances.
- Surplus Office Chairs
 - New council chamber chairs were purchased. The old chairs will be surplus and offered to the public for a nominal price.
 - A motion was made and seconded to store the old chairs at the fire station for sale or disposal.
M/S (Hoffman/Buche) CU


Ashley Landeros, Deputy City Clerk


Diane Kohout, Mayor