



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

City of Electric City Council Meeting Minutes November 8, 2022

The Electric City Council meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by Mayor Diane Kohout on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

Present by Roll Call: Council Members Brian Buche, Cheryl Hoffman, Don Redfield, Bob Rupe, Cate Slater (arrived at 6:30pm)

Staff members/Others present: Jared Armstrong/Public Works Director, Robbin & Carol Boyce/Electric City Residents, Scott Hunter/Star Newspaper, Steve Nelson/CenturyWest, Peggy Nevsimal/City Clerk/Treasurer, Mark Payne/Electric City Fire Chief, Carol Rupe/Electric City Resident, John Tufts/Grand Coulee Police Chief

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda:

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

M/S (Hoffman/Buche) CU

Consent Agenda:

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

M/S (Redfield/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.
- Mosquito District #2
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve Dennis Carlson as Mosquito District Commissioner for District #2.
- Police Contract
 - A motion was made and seconded to accept the Police Contract submitted by Coulee Dam Police Department and name them as the Police Force for the City of Electric City for 5 years beginning January 1, 2023.

M/S (Hoffman/Buche) CU

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- Coulee Playland
 - The City continues to work with the Bureau of Reclamation, the present owner of Coulee Playland and the potential future owners of Coulee Playland to work on a 10-year plan to upgrade the park to include ABA/ADA access.

New Business

- Deer Population
 - Electric City residents Robbin & Carol Boyce addressed the council regarding their concerns for the growing deer population within the city limits. They stated that the deer are becoming increasingly aggressive, destroying landscaping and property. They have been in contract with Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife and are not satisfied with the WDFW's suggestions to build higher fences and to use noise or paintball guns to deter the deer. They would like the city to form a committee to research options for how to rid the city of the deer problem.

- Linda Lane Short Plat
 - A motion was made and seconded to present Wayne Snyder, owner of acreage on Linda Lane, to be able to sub-plat his property in up to 9 plots, and to waive any curb or sidewalk requirements that have been required in the past.

M/S (Buche/Rupe) CU

- Resolution 2022-12
 - A motion was made and seconded to pass Resolution 2022-12, a resolution to increase property tax revenue by 1% for the calendar year 2023.

M/S (Hoffman/Redfield)
Rupe responded Nay
Motion carried

- Resolution 2022-13
 - A motion was made and seconded to pass Resolution 2022-13, a resolution authorizing an agreement with Grant County Health District to fund \$2 per Electric City resident for the health district's public health programs.

M/S (Slater/Hoffman)
Rupe responded Nay
Motion carried

- Ordinance 595-2022
 - A motion was made and seconded to pass Ordinance 595-2022, an ordinance setting the salaries and wages for the calendar year 2023.

M/S (Buche/Redfield) CU

- Resolution 2022-14
 - A motion was made and seconded to pass Resolution 2022-14, a resolution establish water rates for 2023 and repealing resolution 2020-17.

M/S (Hoffman/Slater) CU

- Garbage Increases

- City Clerk Nevsimal informed the council members that Sunrise Disposal will increase their fees to the city by 8% in 2023. Nevsimal presented a grid showing an increase to Electric City residents of 2.3% and decreasing the city's operating margin by 5.7%. The council members agreed to this change and Nevsimal will bring an ordinance to vote on to the upcoming budget meeting.
- Investment Update
 - City Clerk Nevsimal informed the council members that short-term loans are at a historic high % or return currently.
 - A motion was made and seconded to transfer \$500,000 from the city's LGIP fund to a 13-month noncallable agency bond, that will mature in December 2023, at the interest rate of 4.8%.
M/S (Rupe/Buche) CU
- Resolution 2022-15
 - A motion was made and seconded to pass Resolution 2022-15, a resolution establishing and adopting the newly created employee handbook.
M/S (Hoffman/Rupe) CU
- 2023 Budget
 - The council will meet on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, for a budget workshop and adoption of the proposed 2023 budget for the City of Electric City.

Reports

- Councilmember Redfield stated at the planning commissioner are discussing presenting a utility fee suggestion for the council to vote on in early 2023. In addition, they are in search of a new planning commissioner as Al Miller's term is up and he does not wish to renew his term.
- Councilmember Hoffman stated that the Center Senior Living board has received their IBN and are moving forward with bylaws.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.

M/S (Rupe/Redfield)



Peggy Nevsimal, City Clerk/Treasurer



Diane Kohout, Mayor