

Location: Telephonically

Date: August 11, 2020

Time: 6:00pm

# City of Electric City Council Meeting Minutes August 11, 2020

The Electric City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor Diane Kohout on Tuesday, August 11, 2020.

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

**Staff members/Others present:** Steve Nelson, CenturyWest Engineering, Peggy Nevsimal, City Clerk/Treasurer, Mark Payne, Fire Chief, Jacob Wagner, Star Newspaper

Motion to Excuse: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda

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Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda

- July 14, July 28 & July 30, 2020 Council Minutes
- Expenditure approval July 11 August 7, 2020
- Police Report
- Fire Report

M/S (Hoffman/Bott) CU

## **Public Comments**

No public comments were submitted to the Mayor or City Clerk before the meeting.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- Planning Commission
  - Advertising in Star Newspaper and on City's website for Electric City residents interested in being part of the planning commission. Letters on interest must be received by 8/28/2020.
  - Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor and approved by City Council.
- Steve Nelson from CenturyWest Engineering went through his project list for the City.
  - The prosecuting attorney has approved our levy submission.
  - Surveyor is schedule for work between Stevens Street to Jackson Avenue as part of the Complete Streets Sidewalks project.

- The Transfer Station Employee position has been combined with the Code Compliance position and is now a fulltime position eligible for benefits. Ten applications were received, and interviews are scheduled. A second round of interviews will be conducted with the top 3-4 candidates.
- No bids were received for the Jeep Renegade. A motion was made and seconded to reduce the price to \$13,000 and advertise for one more round of sealed bids ending on 8/28/2020.

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• The City received 13 grant applications for Coronavirus Relief Funds. The review process and recommendations for grant amounts will be presented at next month's council meeting.

#### **New Business**

 A motion was made and seconded to pass Resolution 2020-14, which adopts a \$126/ton tipping fee at the Delano Transfer Station

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 A motion was made and seconded to adopt Ordinance 570-2020 that extends the removal of interest and late fees on utility accounts. The Ordinance will expire on October 10, 2020.

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• The Electric City Representation for Mosquito District #2 has resigned. The City will need to recruit another local resident to serve on that District board.

# Reports

- Councilmember Buche and Councilmember Hoffman will meet with Wastewater staff and Grand Coulee Councilmembers on that board and report back to this council at next month's meeting.
- City Clerk Nevsimal stated that budget season in on the horizon and more financial information will be shared at the October council meeting.
- Mayor Kohout stated that she has been meeting with Grant County Solid Waste Administration and they are talking about raising the Ephrata landfill tipping fees substantially.
- A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:32pm.

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Peggy Nevsimal, City Clerk/Treasurer

Diane Kohout, Mayor