



🏠 Location: City Hall
📅 Date: October 11, 2022
🕒 Time: 6:00pm

City of Electric City Council Meeting Minutes October 11, 2022

The Electric City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor Diane Kohout on Tuesday, October 11, 2022.

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

Staff members/Others present: Nic Alexander/Grand Coulee EMS, Steve Nelson/CenturyWest, Peggy Nevsimal/City Clerk/Treasurer, Mark Payne/Electric City Fire Chief, Carol Rupe/Electric City Resident, Mike Shear/Code Compliance, John Tufts/Grand Coulee Police Chief, Jacob Wagner/Star Newspaper

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda:

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

M/S (Hoffman/Slater) 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 Projects
 - The FHWA Bike/Ped safety project is ready to go except WSDOT is determining whether we will need to treat stormwater from the pathway.
 - The Sewer Main Lining application has been submitted to USDA. Survey work begins next week so a bid package can be produced.
 - We should hear about grants submitted to TIB after Thanksgiving.
- Park Committee
 - One of the people who previously agreed to be on the Park Committee has now backed out. Still waiting to seat 5 people.
 - Fire Chief Mark Payne agreed to be on the committee so that a committee could be formed.

New Business

- EMS Discussion
 - Nic Alexander, a Grand Coulee volunteer firefighter presented to the council the following information about the local EMS Service:
 - Over 20 people on the EMS roster but 5-6 answer 90% of the calls
 - Burnout is a very real risk
 - The EMS group would like to hire a fulltime Ambulance Director
 - Suggest on-call pay based off of what Grant County does with their volunteer crews (i.e. sign up for a 12 hour shift and get paid \$30).
 - Form an EMS district that would include the entire response area.
 - Funding could come from:
 - Levy of .50 cents per \$1,000 real estate value
 - Special Purpose Tax
 - Establishing a fulltime paid department could greatly enhance the area
 - The area trends more elderly and call volume will only increase in the coming years
 - A motion was made and seconded to support the forming of an EMS district and to pursue funding for the district
- M/S (Redfield/Hoffman) CU
- Mosquito District #2
 - A motion was made and seconded to move the voting in of a new Mosquito District Commissioner to the November meeting so verification of residency status can be confirmed.

M/S (Redfield/Buche) CU

- Consolidation
 - A motion was made and seconded to not support any city-wide consolidation efforts between Grand Coulee & Electric City without prejudice.

M/S (Hoffman/Buche) CU

- Annexation or De-Annexation
 - A motion was made and seconded to put to a vote of the people the de-annexation of the land around the east side (backside) or Osborne Bay that is within Electric City's City limits.

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- Coulee Playland
 - The Bureau of Reclamation has approached the City regarding ABA work that needs to be addressed at Coulee Playland before they will sign off on a new concessioner agreement.
 - The Mayor and City Clerk have meet with the current concessioner and the potential new concessioners and gone over the list of items that the USBR would like addressed
 - The USBR estimates that the work will cost approximately \$1,000,000 and the deficiency list totals 72 items.
 - The USBR can partner with the City and supply a 50% match for funding. The City and the concessioner will need to supply the other 50%.
 - Work is in progress to prioritize the deficiencies and work with the USBR, the old and potential new concessioners and the City to submit a 10-year action item plan to address the deficiencies.
- CPI & Merit Increases for 2023
 - The council discussed various forms of compensation for employees that would be based on both cost of living and merit increases.

- A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution 2022-12 declaring the intent of the City Council to adopt policies governing employee salaries and merit increases.

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- Police Contracts

- The City's police contract with Grand Coulee Police Department expires on 12/31/2022.
- The City has requested both Grand Coulee and Coulee Dam police departments to bid on a future contract.
- The Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk have had meetings with both departments.
- The Mayor has given copies of the two contract bids that have been submitted to the council members.
- A decision will be voted on at the November council meeting.

- Budget Workshop

- A workshop will be held soon to work on the 2023 budget.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

M/S (Redfield/Hoffman)



Peggy Nevsimal, City Clerk/Treasurer



Diane Kohout, Mayor