

CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 12, 2019

The February 12, 2019 Electric City Council meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Mayor John T. Nordine II.

Present by Roll Call: Council Members Aaron Derr, Rich McGuire, Roberta Hensley, and Carol Nordine

Staff members present: Russ Powers City Clerk/Treasurer, Police Chief Tufts Grand Coulee Police, Jacob Wagner The Star Newspaper

Motion to Excuse: A motion was made and seconded to excuse Councilmember Bussert.
m/s (Nordine/McGuire) CU

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:
Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda.
m/s (Derr/Hensley) CU

CONSENT AGENDA:
Motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda.

- January 8, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes
- Expenditures:
 - EFT's and Checks #13314 - #13333 dated 1/9/2019 – 1/31/2019 for a total of \$70,535.32
 - EFT's and Checks #13334 - #13368 dated 2/1/2019 – 2/12/2019 for a total of \$91,430.55

m/s (Derr/McGuire) CU

POLICE REPORTS:

- Police Chief Tufts reported on incidents within the city. He stated that everything was calm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Mark Payne: Mark stated that he was in favor of the buffer zone. He said he grew up hunting out there and still would like to hunt. He said he wasn't aware of any stray bullets in the past affecting anyone. He would like the city to do whatever it can to allow hunting turkey and deer again in the area.

COUNCIL AGENDA:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Entrance Sign Design**
A discussion ensued regarding the location of the sign and whether the sign should be 1 sided or double sided. They discussed the material choices for the columns, and whether they should be actual basalt or a manufactured aluminum product. A motion was made and seconded to write a budget amendment and put the sign out for a formal bid with the two options of either basalt or aluminum columns.
m/s (McGuire/Nordine) CU

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Police Committee**
Councilmembers Derr and McGuire said they were both interested in being on the police committee again. A motion was made and seconded to place Councilmembers Derr, and McGuire on the police committee.
m/s (Derr/McGuire) CU

- **Buffer Zone Interlocal Agreement**

Councilmember Hensley asked who the cities first choice of sign manufacturers would be. Clerk Powers stated that the city usually goes through the Dept. of Corrections. Clerk Powers stated that the Department of Fish and Wildlife was supposed to provide the posts for the buffer zone signs. He stated that the Dept of Natural Resources would be added to the agreement as well. Consensus of the council was to proceed with the draft agreement.

- **Solid Waste Contract**

Councilmember Hensley was concerned that Sunrise was not going to perform the education requirement of the contract and asked how we were going to monitor it. She asked whether it should even be in the contract. Clerk Powers stated we could require it as part of their reporting and if they didn't meet the requirements, we could hold them accountable to the contract. The council voted on individual recommendations to the RBOM.

- **Recycling:** A motion and a second was made to recommend a recycle bin be located outside the gate at the Transfer Station.

m/s (McGuire/Nordine) Councilmember Hensley voted nay, motion carried

- **CPI, or Fuel Escalator:** A motion was made and seconded to recommend using CPI for rate increases.

m/s (McGuire/Derr) CU

- **Municipal Services:** A motion was made and seconded to recommend not allowing municipalities free service from Sunrise.

m/s (Derr/McGuire) CU

- **Holidays:** A motion was made and seconded to recommend the Transfer Station be closed to both residents and contractors on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

m/s (Derr/Nordine) CU

- **Insurance:** A motion was made and seconded to recommend the lower insurance rates proposed by Sunrise Disposal are acceptable.

m/s (Hensley/McGuire) CU

- **Grant County Ballot Box Agreement**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Grant County Ballot Box Agreement

m/s (McGuire/Derr) CU

- **Water Sewer Supply Bid**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the water sewer supply bid from H.D. Fowler with revisions as stated in the bid totaling \$12,285.58.

m/s (Derr/McGuire) CU

- **Electrical Panel Bids**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the bid from Farmers Electric for \$8,127.03 including tax.

m/s (Hensley/McGuire) CU

- **Radar Speed Signs**

Clerk Powers stated that he went out for 3 estimates on the signs. He stated that he was also applying for a grant for the signs and some flashing pedestrian crosswalk beacons. He noted that the grant would take a while to see if we could get an award. Councilmember Hensley suggested holding off to see if the grants would provide funding. A motion was made and seconded to accept the lowest bid from Traffic Safety Corp. for \$6,670.50 and install the signs.

m/s (Derr/McGuire) Councilmember Hensley voted nay. Motion Carried

- **Council Retreat Dates**

Clerk Powers explained that previous retreats had been held in April and mentioned the fact that there could be a lot of new councilmembers next year. The consensus of the council was to suspend this year's retreat until next year.

- **2018 Budget Position**

Clerk Powers reviewed the final budget numbers for 2018, reporting that all revenues and expenditures were in line with the 2018 budget.

REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS:

- **Mayor John Nordine II:** No Report
- **Council member Derr:** No Report
- **Council member McGuire:** Asked who would be setting up the police meeting. Clerk Powers said he could get the process started with Grand Coulee.
- **Council member Hensley:** Asked if the city should draft a letter to the legislators regarding a potential initiative about removing the \$20 car tab fee from state registration fees. She asked why the RBOM had to have all 4 mayors present and if they could consider reducing the quorum to 3 mayors.
- **Council member Nordine:** No Report
- **City Clerk /Treasurer:** Clerk Powers reported that the online payment system is up and running and 14 residents had signed up for autopay. He reviewed the current grants in progress and explained the probable complete streets grant that looks promising.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Councilmember McGuire made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

m(McGuire)



Russell Powers, City Clerk / Treasurer



John T. Nordine II, Mayor