

CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 9, 2019

The July 9, 2019 Electric City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor John T. Nordine II.

Present by Roll Call: Council Members Aaron Derr, Rich McGuire, Birdie Hensley, and Lonna Bussert.

Staff members present: Russ Powers City Administrator – Clerk/Treasurer, Police Sergeant Moore Grand Coulee Police, Jacob Wagner The Star Newspaper

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

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

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

- June 11, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes
- Expenditures:
EFT's and Checks #13539 - #13547 dated 6/12/2019 – 6/30/2019 for a total of \$25,361.85
EFT's and Checks #13548 - #13579 dated 7/1/2019 – 7/9/2019 for a total of \$100,064.61

m/s (McGuire/Bussert) CU

POLICE REPORTS:

- Police Sargent Moore reported on incidents within the city.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- **Diane Kohout: 151 Sunset Dr.** Asked the council if they would allow people who came in late to be able to sign in. She stated that she brought forward some questions at the last meeting and they were not answered. She asked for them to be answered tonight or at a later time.
- **Brian Buche: 219 Washington Place.** Stated that Councilmember Derr said, “If we didn’t get this right by the end, we’d get tarred and feathered”. Stated “we talked to a lot of businesses and quite a lot of them have not been talked to”. He stated that businesses will be hurt, and 2 parking spaces are not adequate. He stated he was going to inherit this mess in a few months and asked the council to rethink it. He said it’s not good and it’s not too late for the council to make a change. He asked why we did not put it out in a poll to the city.
- **Lynette Zierden: 12 Coulee Blvd. W.** Stated that it was brought to the council that I like it, and that others can park at the Post Office. She asked why the city is trying to take away parking spaces from the businesses and make them cower down to what they want. She did not think it was fair. She stated that Administrator Powers told the council she was okay with the project. She stated she found out about the project only after her husband had spoken with Russ at the crosswalk. She stated that it was going to drop their property values.

- **Danette Pryor: Electric City Postmaster.** Stated that she noticed more than 7 cars parked at the salon and now there's only going to be 4 spaces? She stated that she had 530 residents with post office boxes not including kids who use the post office parking lot and its really going to be a big mess for the city. She stated only Post Office patrons could park in the lot.

COUNCIL AGENDA:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Resolution 2019-14 Potentially Dangerous Dog**

Mayor Nordine asked Mr. Brenchley if he had a statement, he'd like to make concerning the resolution. Mr. Brenchley asked the council questions regarding the documents he received and argued some points regarding the legitimacy of the claim and where a certain picture was taken. Councilmember Derr stated that according to the report, the dog came out from the building and initiated contact. Mr. Brenchley read some language in the documents he received regarding dogs running at large and the leash law. Mr. Brenchley was asked if the dog in the photo was his dog. He stated he did not know if it was his dog. Councilmember Hensley asked where the dog had sustained the injury and if the dog was in the building when he got injured. Mr. Brenchley said he did not know if it was his dog. Councilmember Bussert asked if he had ever been cited before for a dog not on a leash. Mr. Brenchley stated yes. A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2019-14 Potentially Dangerous Dog with an amendment removing the victim's name from the people listed that testified at the council meeting.

m/s (Mcguire/Hensley) CU

- **Volunteer Firefighter Approval**

A motion was made and seconded to approve Aaron Rosenberg to the Electric City Volunteer Fire Department.

m/s (Derr/Bussert) CU

- **Mayors Pay (discussion)**

Councilmember Hensley stated that it wasn't really about the mayors pay, but the council. She stated this may be the only opportunity we have to discuss and decide on council pay and stated that the mayors pay should be included in on that. Councilmember Derr stated that he always thought the council should be paid. Councilmember Bussert stated that it should be a volunteer position. Councilmember Hensley suggested the council should think about it and discuss it again when Councilmember Nordine was present.

- **Policy 2019-01 Cellular Phone Policy**

Councilmember Bussert asked if this was just updating the old policy. Administrator Powers answered that it was just adding texting to the current policy. A motion was made and seconded to approve Policy 2019-01 Cellular Phone Policy

m/s(Bussert/McGuire) CU

- **Policy 2019-02 Website and Social Media Policy**

Councilmember Hensley asked if this was just getting us up to date with the times. Administrator Powers answered yes, there are a lot of things that need to be covered under the Public Records Act. A motion was made and seconded to approve Policy 2019-02 Website and Social Media Policy.

m/s (Hensley/Bussert) CU

- **Bid Award for 2019 Street Improvements**

A motion was made and seconded to award all schedules of the contract totaling \$1,124,900.96 to Wheeler Excavation Inc.

m/s (McGuire/Derr) CU

- **Fireworks Ban (Discussion)**

Councilmember McGuire made a motion to ban fireworks in Electric City. No-one seconded. Councilmember Bussert stated that she heard there were fireworks in the triangle in front of city hall, and that there were some at the church parking lot and they left all their stuff behind and didn't clean it up. The previous draft fireworks ordinance was mentioned regarding restrictions of the times the fireworks could be used. Councilmember Derr stated he'd like to table the issue and take it to the public. No-one seconded. Councilmember McGuire made a motion to ban fireworks and have Russ write an ordinance like Coulee Dam's that completely bans fireworks in the city. The motion was seconded.


m/s (McGuire/Bussert) CU

REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS:

- **Mayor John Nordine II:** Stated that he attended the SWAC board meeting and they are continuing to work on the comprehensive plan. He stated there was a hazardous waste day scheduled at the Transfer Station in September.
- **Council Member Derr:** No Report
- **Council member McGuire:** No Report
- **Council member Hensley:** Asked if the city could ask Sunrise Disposal to bring the E-Cycle container over before January. Administrator Powers stated he would call Sunrise Disposal and find out.
- **Council member Bussert:** No report
- **City Administrator - Clerk /Treasurer:** Administrator Powers stated that he attended a meeting with the mayor and SPVV landscape architects regarding the park. He stated some issues with the speed sign installation, but progress was being made. He stated that the TIB projects should commence sometime in August. He reported that the code compliance officer had sent out many collections notices and has been successful at getting some infractions paid. He stated that the city's financial and accountability audit will begin on July 22nd.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



Russell Powers,
City Administrator - City Clerk / Treasurer



John T. Nordine II, Mayor