



🏠 Location: City Hall
📅 Date: April 11, 2023
🕒 Time: 6:00pm

City of Electric City Council Meeting Minutes April 11, 2023

The re-scheduled Electric City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor Diane Kohout on Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

Present by Roll Call: Council Members Brian Buche, Don Redfield, Cate Slater

Staff members present: Paul Bowden/Coulee Dam Police Chief, Travis Irwin/Public Works Director, Peggy Nevsimal/City Clerk/Treasurer, Mark Payne/Electric City Fire Chief, Trent Ward/CenturyWest Engineering, Mike Shear/Code Compliance Officer

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda:

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

M/S (Slater/Buche) CU

Consent Agenda:

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

M/S (Hoffman/Redfield) CU

Public Comments

- Daniel Kravtsov, 134 4th Street, Electric City, would like permission to use the easement in front of his house for parking his vehicles. His neighbor has a gate and keypad on the easement in front of his house and it makes it very difficult to turn his vehicle around at the end of the road.

Unfinished Business

- Department Reports
 - Law Enforcement, Fire Department, Public Works & Code Compliance reports were presented by representatives from each department.
- Engineering Reports
 - The Shoreline Waterfront Trail project and speed limit change are with WSDOT and Trent stated that the project should be on track to go out for bid in June. The project should be able to be started before Fall.
 - The Sewer Main Lining project is with USDA and the City is waiting to hear from them.
 - Crack seal project will begin this spring, followed next year by the chip seal and seal coat project. Grant County Public Works will do the chip seal/seal coat work.

- The annual Council retreat took place on Saturday, March 18. The City Attorney, City Planner & City Engineer were in attendance, along with the Council Members, the Mayor, the City Clerk and the Public Works Director. Topics discussed were:
 - Land use permit fees
 - Upcoming public meeting
 - Police services consolidation
 - De-annexing land south of the causeway
 - The water contract between Electric City & Grand Coulee
- There will be a public meeting held on April 8th at the Electric City Fire Station. Topics that will be discussed include the water front trail, the sewer re-lining, the city park, the chipper grant, the spring cleanup, fire awareness and police services. All are welcome to attend.
- Code Compliance Software
 - The City has installed and implemented GoGov, a code compliance software program. Code compliance employees Mike Shear and Tasha Enochs are in the process of learning the program and will submit updates at the May council meeting.

New Business

- Councilmember determination
 - A motion was made and seconded to accept Councilmember Bob Rupe’s resignation from the council.

M/S (Hoffman/Buche) CU
- Ordinance 599-2023 Amending the City of Electric City’s 2023 Budget
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve Ordinance 599-2023, amending the 2023 budget of the City of Electric City as adopted in Ordinance 597-2022 to accommodate salary and wage adjustments in public works.

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Mayor Diane Kohout was called away on an emergency and Mayor Pro-tem Don Redfield continued the meeting.

- Public Works Pickup Truck
 - A motion was made and seconded to allow the Public Works Director to purchase a new pickup truck for the Department of Public Works with a budget cap of \$80,000.

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 - A motion was made and seconded to approve the bid of \$24,000, as presented by the Public Works Director, for a sander and a plow for the new Public Works truck, and a bid for \$29,000 for a new dump bed, a sander and a hitch for the current Public Work’s F550 pickup truck.

M/S (Hoffman/Slater) CU
 - Ordinance 600-2023 Amending the City of Electric City’s Budget
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve Ordinance 600-2023, amending the 2023 budget of the City of Electric City as adopted in Ordinance 597-2022 to accommodate the purchase of a city truck.

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- Staff Longevity Pay

- Transfer Station Director Randy Gumm was hired in January 1992 with an ordinance in place for longevity raises in place after 20 years, 25 years and 30 years of employment. He has not received his 25 or 30 year raises and is petitioning the council to honor the original terms under which he was hired. The previous council repealed the longevity ordinance raises in 2015.
- Councilmembers would like the City Clerk to calculate what amount the original raises would total.
- A motion was made and seconded to table the topic until the May council meeting when more data can be presented.

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Reports

There were no reports.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

M/S (Redfield/Buche)



Peggy Nevsimal, City Clerk/Treasurer



Diane Kohout, Mayor