



🏠 Location: City Hall
📅 Date: April 13, 2021
🕒 Time: 6:00pm

City of Electric City Council Meeting Minutes April 13, 2021

The Electric City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor Pro Tem Bob Rupe on Tuesday, April 13, 2021.

Present by Roll Call: Council Members: Willie Bott, Brian Buche, Cate Slater

A motion was made and seconded to excuse Council member Cheryl Hoffman from the April meeting.

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

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.

M/S (Buche/Slater) CU

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Unfinished Business:

- Steve Nelson from CenturyWest Engineering went through the project list for the City.
 - The City continues to wait for a CAGE number issued by the Security Account Management (SAM) government agency. Once the City has secured that number, they are cleared to proceed to apply for a USDA grant.
 - The City continues to wait for completion of project approvals so that the retainage money can be paid to TEK Contracting. This is the final item to complete the Lift Station Project. Approvals have been secured ESD and LNI. Department of Revenue approval remains outstanding.
 - The pedestrian pathway project continues to be in the design phase.
 - The current design will run from the east end of Coulee Playland's upper campground to Banks Lake Park.
 - The pathway must run along the lakeside of Hwy 155 as the funding is for a waterfront trail.
 - Because the funding is for a multiuse trail, it must be at least 8 feet wide.

- Once the pathway project concepts are confirmed, the speed limit changes along Hwy 155 will be readdressed.
- March 20 Community Input Opportunity re-cap
 - Most comments from residents would like to see the speed limits on Hwy 155 unchanged.
 - Most residents would like to see the pathway between Coulee Playland and Banks Lake Park completed.
 - Councilmembers Cate Slater and Brain Buche represented the council at the event.
 - Funding for our upcoming sewer project was discussed with all in attendance.
- Spring Cleanup
 - Because of additional funding secured from the Department of Ecology, the Delano Transfer Station has agreed to offer a second week of self-haul yard waste free of charge to local residents. The dates will be Saturday, May 1 through Saturday May 8. No additional city pickup will be provided.

New Business

- Code Compliance and foreclosure houses
 - There are two houses in Electric City that are in the foreclosure process. The council discussed what would be the best approach regarding the sewer utility charges that continue to accumulate on those houses. After consulting the City's attorney, the City could eventually place a lien on the house for back utility charges.
 - There are two houses that the City has ongoing issues with regarding broken down cars, abandoned trailers/RVs/campers, and general debris. Several letters and warnings have been issued to get the yards in compliance with our City Municipal codes. If the yards continue to be out of compliance, fines and legal action will need to be considered.
- Deputy Clerk City position
 - The City's current Deputy Clerk has let the council know that she will be retiring in February of 2022. The council discussed the logistics of when it would be desirable to begin looking for her replacement. As some of the duties of the Deputy Clerk are seasonal, would it be appropriate to begin advertising the position in the 4th quarter of 2021 and have some overlap between the new hire and the outgoing Deputy Clerk so there would be no gap in services. Deputy Clerk Parrish will begin the process of updating her duties list for the council.
- New FFL Business
 - Local resident Mike Shear presented to the council his business plan for opening a new FFL Business in Electric City. He is in the process of applying for all the state and federal regulations and is planning on opening the business in the Green's AutoWorx building at 230 West Coulee Blvd.
 - A motion was made and seconded to allow Mike to proceed with his business plans.

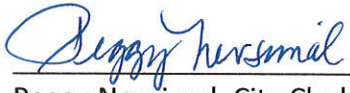
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Reports

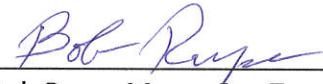
- No councilmembers had reports.
- The City Clerk/Treasurer did not have a report.
- Fire Chief Payne stated that the fire department will move forward with red flag retraining on beginning April 14, 2021.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.

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Peggy Nevsimal, City Clerk/Treasurer



Bob Rupe, Mayor/Pro Tem