



🏠 **Location:** Telephonically
📅 **Date:** December 8, 2020
🕒 **Time:** 6:00pm

City of Electric City Council Meeting Minutes December 8, 2020

The Electric City Council meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Diane Kohout on Tuesday, December 8, 2020.

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

Staff members/Others present: Jared Armstrong/Public Works Director, Steve McDaniel/Planning Commission, Steve Nelson/CenturyWest Engineering, Peggy Nevsimal/City Clerk/Treasurer, Diana Parrish/Deputy Clerk, Jacob Wagner/Star Newspaper

Motion to Excuse: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Budget Discussion

- At 5:30pm council members were able to ask questions and have an informal discussion about the 2021 budget. This discussion lasted until 5:45pm,

Public Hearing

- At 5:45pm a public hearing was held to discuss the City's intent to file an application for federal financial assistance with the US Department of Agriculture Rural Development to purchase a new pickup for the Public Works Departments

A motion was made and seconded to apply to the US Department of Rural Development to ask for assistance with the purchase of a new pickup.

M/S (Hoffman/Buche) CU

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 (Bott/Rupe) CU

Public Comments

Two public comments were submitted to the Mayor or City Clerk before the meeting. The Mayor read comments regarding the Ice Age Park Electric City resident Debbie Jenson. The Mayor also read a comment

from Brad Parrish, the City's representative on the Grant County Health Board in reference to item 7.4 on the agenda.

Unfinished Business:

- Steve Nelson from CenturyWest Engineering went through his project list for the City.
 - The final application will be submitted to the USDA within the next week or two for financial assistance for a Public Works pickup.
 - The Lift Station has been completed.
 - The boundary survey has been completed for the Complete Streets/Sidewalk project.
 - The Department of Ecology has agreed to fund an income survey that will be conducted in January 2021.
 - The Water System Improvements Plan has been completed and submitted to the Department of Health. The plan will be discussed at a public meeting in January.
- Ice Age Park Levy
 - Councilmember Slater still feels that the Ice Age Park project is needed for the community thinks the City should move forward with the plans.
 - Councilmember Buche spoke about the Park and stated that 63% of the community voted no on the park levy and felt this was a clear indication that the community was not in favor of moving forward with the park plan in its current structure/size. He stated that the park would not be a major driver to increase tourism revenue and thus should not be funded by tourism/lodging tax dollars.
 - A motion was made and seconded to abandon the Ice Age Park project.

M/S (Buche/Bott)

Councilmember Slater voted Nay, Motion Carried.

- A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution 2020-15 supporting the Senior Meals program in 2021 with a \$3,500 donation.

M/S (Bott/Rupe)

Councilmember Hoffman recused herself, Motion Carried.

- A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution 2020-16 authorizing a \$2 contribution per resident to Grant County Health Department.

M/S (Hoffman/Slater)

Councilmember Rupe voted Nay, Motion Carried.

- All three iPads put out for surplus bids were sold. The total revenue received was \$1,111.00.

New Business

- Steve Nelson from CenturyWest Engineering stated that there will be a brief public hearing before next month's council meeting to discuss the City's intent to adopt a Water Use Efficiency goal that supports water demand efficiency.
- The City's participation on the Grant County Authority board was discussed. A motion was made and seconded to continue to have Electric City Mayor Kohout represent our area.
- There was a discussion regarding the sewer jetting project currently underway by the City's Public Works crew. There has been substantial "spalling" while jetting and there is concern for the health of

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the sewer line on Highway 155. The project will be added to the City Engineering Companies project list and will be further addressed at a potential public meeting in January.

- A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution 2020-18 approving the 2021 budget of the Regional Board of Mayors.

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- A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution 2020-19 approving an increase in property tax revenue. The new increase will add approximately \$1,436 dollars to the City's property tax revenue in 2021.

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- A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution 2020-20 establishing the City's legal holidays and repealing Resolution 2012-03.

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- A motion was made and seconded to adopt Ordinance 577-2020 setting salaries and wages for employees of the City for the calendar year 2021.

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- A motion was made and seconded to adopt Ordinance 578-2020 setting the budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021.

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Reports

- Councilmembers Buche & Hoffman reported that they had met with the Wastewater Committee and they are recommending a few minor adjustments to the existing contract between Grand Coulee and Electric City to update pricing restrictions and participation numbers from each city. They project there will be a resolution that this Council will need to vote on in Q1 2021.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

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Peggy Nevsimal, City Clerk/Treasurer



Diane Kohout, Mayor