

City of Electric City  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 11, 2020

The February 11, 2020 Electric City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Diane Kohout.

**Present by Roll Call:** Council Members Bob Rupe, Brian Buche, Cate Slater, and Cheryl Hoffman.

**Staff members / Others present:** Diana Parrish Deputy Clerk, Police Chief Gary Moore, Jacob Wagner The Star Newspaper.

**Motion to Excuse:** None

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda with a revision deleting application for city council seat #1 in executive session.

m/s (Hoffman/Buche) CU

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda.

- January 14, 2020 Street Vacation Heating Minutes
- January 14, 2020 Council Minutes
- Expenditures: Approval January 15-31<sup>st</sup>, February 1-11<sup>th</sup>.

m/s (Buche/Rupe) CU

**Consolidation Committee Report:**

- Ben Hughes talked about the consolidation of Grand Coulee and Electric City. He was requesting support from the city council for consolidating the towns. They would like to put it on the ballot in November of this year.
- Tom Poplawski talked about the benefits of consolidation
- Ian Turner discussed the cost on consolidation.
- Discussion about Delano, if this area would be part of the consolidation.

**Executive Session**

- Mayor Diane Kohout stated that the council will adjourn for an executive session for 20 min for the discussion application for City Clerk/Treasurer. The council extended the executive session for a period of 5 minutes
- The council adjourned at 6:17 PM
- The council resumed at 6:42PM

**POLICE REPORTS:**

- Police Gary Moore reported on incidents within the city. There has been a drop in calls for Electric City.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- **Brad Parrish - 235 Washington Place** – The property I have has 10 feet vacated street, Ordinance 128 and 122 May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1971 granted this and Ordinance 211 in 1981 repealed it. This was filed but never recorded. I can't refinance or sell residence until this is fixed and it's costing me money. I am being forced to hire an attorney to fix this problem. The city has been aware of this since November 2019.
- **Willie Bott – 315 Park Street** – I put in for the vacated council position.
- **Don Redfield – 12 W Coulee Blvd** – The same
- **Lonna Bussert – 216 Jackson Ave** – History of the park. How we stated the park interest, 5 years ago purchased land from church. We had different community involvement for the park. Insurance said we couldn't use old equipment. Survey's came back high in support of the park. RCO grant gave us matching funds for the Ice Age Park. The council retained hotel motel tax for purpose, tied to RCO grant to have park so people will come to town. We did our do diligent.
- **Mark Payne - 1 Washington Place.** Discuss road out here. Bus stop, structure truck can't make turn. Can Engineer make recommendation before sidewalks are poured. Can we do Something? Willie Bott will be good for council.
- **Wayne Fowler – Nespelem area** – Talked about park. City has done a good job to get price down. The price is ok. This is the biggest draw in state for tourism. We don't have any of those parks here. I think that the park would be used well here. This community needs to work together and get a park.
- **Ian Turner – 124 Silver Drive** – Support park for more children than we think. Splash pads are a big attraction, as parent with little kids. The numbers aren't bad to support. Close to vote for special park. Park of solution to make this happen. Make something nice for our town.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- **Ice Age Park Bid Selection** – Cate Slater approved the bid for the park. Discussion why a park is necessary. Lonna and Cate discussed the price of the park and the number's that were given to the council. A motion was made to approve the bids by Cate Slater. Motion did not get seconded. Failed  
m/s (Slater/none)

Discussion moving forward putting in a park. Mayor stated we have until the end of the year before the money goes back. This doesn't close it out. Hoffman talked that we should fund through the City not matching funds.

A motion to reject bids by Brian Buche and Robert Rupe seconded. Council Cate Slater voted no. Cheryl Hoffman, Brian Buche, and Robert Rupe voted yes.

m/s (Brian/Rupe)

- **Ordinance 569-2020 Fireworks**

Councilmember Buche asked Alan Berry what he wanted. Councilmember Hoffman discussed about policing the area for fireworks would be hard. Councilmember Hoffman moved to reject ordinance 569-2020 on fireworks. Councilmember Buche seconded

m/s (Hoffman/Buche) CU

- **Ordinance regarding Ayers Street Vacation**

Councilmember Buche asked Steffens if there are any questions. Steffens said leave it just the way the same. A motion was made and seconded to reject Ayers street vacation.

m/s (Buche/Rupe) CU

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Coulee Playland Rate Increase**

Request for raising rates per lease. It was moved and seconded to pass the rate increase.

m/s (Buche/Slater) CU

- **City Clerk/Treasurer Appointment**

It was moved and seconded to hire Peggy Nevsimal as City Clerk/Treasurer. Councilmember Cheryl Hoffman refusal. Councilmember Buche, Rupe, Slater voted yes

m/s (Buche/Rupe)

- **Appoint Council Member Position #1**

Each person was given the opportunity to talk. Willie Bott – 315 Park, Don Redfield 12 W Coulee Blvd, Birdie Hensley. Motion was made and seconded Willie Bott for Council Position #1

m/s (Buche/Rupe) CU

- **Grant Transit County Authority Board Selection.**

Mayor Kohout stated that she would like to be the representative with Mayor Pro tem Robert Rupe alternate to attend when she was unavailable. Motion was made and seconded to have Mayor Kohout be the representative with Councilmember Rupe as her alternate.

m/s (Hoffman/Buche) CU

- **Resolution 2020-04 NCNB Account Authorization**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution.

m/s (Buche/Rupe) CU

- **Mosquito District Application**

Motion was moved and seconded to approve the mosquito application for aerial spraying.

m/s (Buche/Rupe) CU

- **Volunteer Fire Dept Application**

It was moved and seconded to approve Josh Reeder, and Mike Gause applications.

m/s (Buche/Slater) CU

- **Water and Sewer Supply Bids**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Water and Sewer Supply Bid.

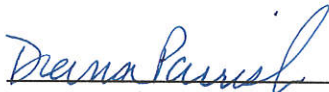
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**REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS:**

- **Mayor Diane Kohout:** Training certification were sent please sign and then they will be filed. Association of Grand County Cities and Towns has a meeting. Does anyone want to attend? Councilmember Hoffman said she would. Mayor Kohout read a Proclamation Grant County Acts of Kind Behavior. Workshop March 19 Community Development Block Grant. Councilmember Slater said she could possibly attend this meeting.
- **Council Member Rupe** Talked about the turn around for the People to People bus
- **Council member Buche:** Mark Payne echoed what he said about roads. We need to get ahold of the Engineer and see what we can do.
- **Council member Slater:** None
- **Council member Hoffman:** Thanks Deputy Clerk Diana Parrish for the work she is doing
- **City Deputy Clerk:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.



Diana Parrish, Deputy Clerk



Diane Kohout, Mayor