



🏠 Location: City Hall
📅 Date: February 14, 2023
🕒 Time: 6:00pm

City of Electric City Council Meeting Minutes February 14, 2023

The Electric City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor Diane Kohout on Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

Present by Roll Call: Council Members Brian Buche, Cheryl Hoffman, Don Redfield (joined at 6:11pm), Bob Rupe, Cate Slater

Staff members/Others present: Paul Bowden/Coulee Dam Police Chief, Scott Hunter/Star Newspaper, Peggy Nevsimal/City Clerk/Treasurer, Mark Payne/Electric City Fire Chief, Trent Ward/CenturyWest Engineering

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda:

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

M/S (Hoffman/Buche) CU

Consent Agenda:

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

M/S (Slater/Hoffman) CU

Public Comments

- There were no public comments.

Unfinished Business

- Department Reports
 - Law Enforcement, Fire Department, & 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 May/June.
 - The Sewer Main Lining project is with USDA and there should be an update from them within the next couple of weeks.
 - The Water System Improvement project is with the Department of Health and they will send their complete comments to the City in the early summer and the City should apply for funding in November 2023.
 - FEMA responded no to the Fire Brush Truck funding request and stated that the Fire Department should focus on requesting funding for training and ancillary equipment.

- The Department of Ecology has determined that the City is not eligible for grant funding for a sweeper until we have a Ecology-approved Enhanced Maintenance Plan in place.
- Ordinance 598-2023 Amending ECMC Code 3.08.030
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve Ordinance 598-2023, increasing the business and operating taxes for Water and Sewer from 6% to 15% and from 6% to 20% for Garbage, thus allowing money to be moved from proprietary funds to the general fund
M/S (Hoffman/Buche) CU
- Moving of Garbage business and operating taxes
 - A motion was made and seconded to move \$96,989.38 of accrued garbage B&O taxes from fund 470 to fund 001.
M/S (Slater/Buche) CU
- Resolution 2023-01, Updating section 8.9 of the Employee Handbook
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2023-01 adopting a boot allowance of \$300 for public works and transfer station employees.
M/S (Hoffman/Buche) CU
- Resolution 2023-02, Updating section 6.5 of the Employee Handbook
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2023-02 adopting compensatory time for exempt employees.
M/S (Slater/Hoffman)
Nay (Rupe)
Motion Carried
- Resolution 2023-03, Updating section 6.6 of the Employee Handbook
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2023-03 adopting an on-call and standby pay of \$60 for public works employees.
M/S (Rupe/Buche) CU
- Resolution 2023-04, Updating section 9.2 of the Employee Handbook
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2023-04 adopting a new accrued vacation time schedule.
M/S (Hoffman/Rupe) CU
- Public Works Director
 - Mayor Kohout introduced Travis Irwin as the City's new Public Works Director. His first day of employment will be February 21, 2023.

New Business

- Resolution 2023-05, Adopting a City Employee Wellness Program
 - A motion was made and seconded adopt a City Employee Wellness Program.
M/S (Hoffman/Buche) CU
- Fire Protection Agreement
 - A motion was made and seconded to enter into a mutual aid agreement between the City of Electric City Volunteer Fire Department and the Bureau of Land Management.
M/S (Buche/Slater) CU

- Public Meeting
 - The date of April 8, 2023 has been set for the next Public Meeting for the residents of Electric City to hear about the projects that the City is working on. The meeting will be held at the Electric City Fire Station.

- Outstanding Civil Infractions
 - A motion was made and seconded to request that the City Attorney make a motion before a Grant County Judge to clear incomplete Electric City civil infractions, that are half complete in the court system, from 1986-2020, be dismissed.

M/S (Buche/Rupe) CU

Reports

Councilmember Redfield reported that the Planning Commission is working on updating Chapter 5 of the Electric City Municipal Code and working on the Shoreline Master Program.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

M/S (Buche/Redfield)



Peggy Nevsimal, City Clerk/Treasurer



Diane Kohout, Mayor