



🏠 **Location:** Telephonically
📅 **Date:** November 10, 2020
🕒 **Time:** 6:00pm

City of Electric City Council Meeting Minutes November 10, 2020

The Electric City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor Diane Kohout on Tuesday, November 10, 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, Katherine Kenison/Basin Law, Steve McDaniel/Planning Commission, Steve Nelson/CenturyWest Engineering, Peggy Nevsimal/City Clerk/Treasurer, Diana Parrish/Deputy Clerk, Mark Payne/Fire Chief, Lynette Redfield/Resident, Jacob Wagner/Star Newspaper

Motion to Excuse: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda with item 8.5 (RBOM Budget Resolution) deleted from the agenda.

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Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda

- October 13, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes
- Expenditure approval October 13 – November 6, 2020
- Police Report
- Fire Report

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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 from Ian & Cara Turner and Steve McDaniel.

The council convened for Executive Session at 6:13pm for 15 minutes, an additional 5 minutes were added at 6:28pm, and the session ended at 6:33pm with no actionable items to vote on.

Unfinished Business:

- Steve Nelson from CenturyWest Engineering went through his project list for the City.
 - The Lift Station is well underway, there will be a progress meeting on 11/12 and a tentative punch list/final inspection scheduled for 12/3.
 - The Complete Streets/Sidewalk project is waiting on WSDOT to complete a boundary survey.
 - CenturyWest and the City would like to schedule a public meeting regarding the FHWA Bike/Pedestrian Pathway Project in January providing COVID restrictions would allow for a socially distanced meeting.
 - CenturyWest will schedule a meeting between themselves and Fire Chief Payne to go over specifications needed for a proposed Fire Rescue Boat.
 - The Water System Improvements Plan is approximately 90% complete and should be ready to submit to Department of Health within the next few days.
 - COVID-19/CARES funding.
 - The City has disbursed \$29,000 of their allotted COVID-19/CARES funding as local small business grants. An additional \$13,616.53 has been spent on City related expenses due to COVID-19 restrictions (sanitation supplies, laptops for the councilmembers and staff to facilitate tele-distancing computer equipment and technical support to program and set-up new equipment). The remaining balance is \$3,383.47.
 - A motion was made and seconded to use the remaining balance to pay for delinquent utility bills, beginning with those bills where landlords have been burdened with no rent from tenants in addition to in arrears utility bill debt.
- M/S (Buche/Hoffman) CU
- Ice Age Park Levy
 - A Ice Age Park maintenance and operations Levy on the November 3rd ballot failed by a 63.4% nay to 36.6% yea vote margin.
 - A motion was made and seconded to table the discussion on whether to move forward with the Ice Age Park until the December 8, 2020 council meeting.
- M/S (Hoffman/Buche) CU
- Investment Options, LGIP vs Bonds
 - A motion was made and seconded to move \$1,500,000 from the City's current LGIP Investment money to 3-year, 4-year and 5-year Treasury Bonds that will be purchased through Time Value Investments.
- M/S (Hoffman/Slater) CU

New Business

- Ordinance 576-2020
 - Amends Chapter 18 (Zoning) of the Electric City Municipal Code to include Chapter 18.85 titled "Variances."
 - A motion was made and seconded to adopt Ordinance 576-2020.

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Councilmember Bott voted Nay, motion carried

- Resolution 2020-15
 - A Resolution authorizing an agreement between the City of Electric City and the Grand Coulee Dam Seniors for meal service delivery.
 - A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution 2020-15.

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- Resolution 2020-16
 - A Resolution authorizing an agreement between the City of Electric City and the Grant County Health District for services related to public health.
 - A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution 2020-16.

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- Resolution 2020-17
 - A Resolution establishing water rates and repealing Resolution 2019-31.
 - A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution 2020-17 with the deletion of the last line of item #9, which states that water rates will increase every year by at least \$1.00 per month.

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- Surplus Supplies
 - A motion was made and seconded to sell, through sealed bid, three iPad Pros owned by the City up for sealed bid with the fourth iPad Pro being loaned to the current Fire Chief, Mark Payne.

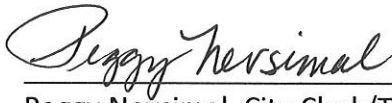
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- Preliminary Budget
 - The City's budget meeting has been set for Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 6:00pm with a final budget presentation to be discussed and adopted at the December 8 council meeting

Reports

- Mayor Kohout
 - The City has received several applications for the open Public Works position and interviews are being scheduled in the next week.
 - The Mayor has been in communication with DOT regarding speed limit changes along Hwy 155. The City hopes to hold public meetings regarding the Complete Streets sidewalk project in January or February 2021 depending on COVID restrictions. The speed limit changes along Hwy 155 will be discussed at the public meetings.
 - Grant County Solid Waste Commission voted on 11/3/2020 to raise the tipping fees at the Landfill by 71% effective 3/1/21. The RBOM and Sunrise Disposal are currently coming up with plans to absorb a large portion of these costs.
 - Councilmember Rupe spoke with Hal Rauch at Coulee Playland. His contract with the City currently expires in 2025 and the contract with the USBR expires in 2029. He would potentially like to extend his contract with the City to coincide with the Bureau's expiration date.

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

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Peggy Nevsimal, City Clerk/Treasurer



Diane Kohout, Mayor