

City of Chiloquin
City Council Meeting
9/23/2014

Those Present:

Others:

City Engineer: Jeremy Morris
Teresa Foreman: Recorder
Pete Pate: Public Works

Mayor: Joe Hobbs

Council members:

Jeff Mitchell: absent
Jill Prewitt
Kathy Erion
Carolyn Blackmon: absent
Julie Trevino

Mayor Joe Hobbs read the opening statement:

It is the 23rd day of September 2014, and the time is 6:34. As presiding officer, I hereby call this regular meeting of the Chiloquin City Council to Order. Please note that this meeting is being recorded. Following the confirmation and approval of the agenda the council will consider business coming before it.

Public input shall be limited to matters pertaining to the business of the City, and to the transactions of City business. In the event you have matters of personal business, or issues involving personality or performance they should be submitted in writing to the City Hall office to be forwarded to the City Council for further review. Under no circumstance is public input or comment allowed during the period of council deliberation.

During the period of public input, public comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person, no more than ten (10) minutes per topic. Maximum time for all public input shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes total.

As presiding officer I reserve the right to limit all input and to rule 'out of order' persons, whom by testimony are deemed to be abusive, disruptive or obscene. In addition I shall not accept testimony of a discrediting nature.

Roll Call: Prewitt, Trevino and Erion.

We do have a quorum; I officially call this meeting to order.

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Mayor Hobbs asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

Discussion.

Council member Trevino would like to speak about the sheriff's advisory meeting. The recorder stated she could report under her, the recorders, report.

Motion to accept the agenda 9/23/2014 with changes was made by council member Prewitt, seconded by council member Trevino. Ayes: Erion, Prewitt and Trevino.

Motion passed.

Motion to accept the minutes of 09/08/2014 of the Regular council meeting was made by council member Trevino, seconded by council member Prewitt.

Discussion: Council member Erion reviewed the minutes and could not find the discussion where she had talked about the economic summit she had attended and the book she had passed around for the council to see. The recorder stated that that was two meetings ago. Erion disagreed, so the recorder said she would look into it. Erion stated she wanted it on record that at the last session, she had brought to the council the information and felt the information was helpful.*

Ayes: Erion, Prewitt and Trevino.

Motion passed.

Motion to dispense with the reading of 09/08/2014 of the Regular council meeting was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Prewitt. Ayes: Erion, Prewitt and Trevino.

Motion passed.

City Bills:

Council member Erion wanted to discuss the high power bills. She asked about placing solar panels.

Discussion. We will look into the cost of that.

Motion to pay the bills for 09/23/2014 in the amount of \$ 3367.69 was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Prewitt. Ayes: Erion, Prewitt and Trevino.

Motion passed.

City Correspondence:

Dewayne Holster, Chiloquin Agency Lake Fire Protection chief, is here tonight to discuss a report that has to be done for the Insurance Services offices. This used to be on a 15 year cycle, it is now going to average 4 years. This report is for them to rate the City for fire protection for insurance rates.

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Mr. Holster went over the procedure of the report. The insurance company representative comes to the City and goes through all the pertinent aspects. The process takes several days.

The number one aspect is water. Water flows. Chief Holster has purchased an apparatus that connects to the fire hydrant, during the testing, The gauge is in the device and it has a water diffuser on the end. If the public works would like to borrow this piece of equipment they are welcome.

The flow reports have to come from the City. If he can have all the requested information by October 23rd, he would appreciate it. There is a possibility that the City may be able to drop a class. Each class, with water systems, that we drop means a price decrease for the home owner. Last time we were graded was in 2006.

Discussion. The public works department will handle this and get the report to Mr. Holster.

The Summary Judgment date for the rodeo grounds has been changed to Oct. 6th. This is the second time the date has been changed.

Hunter Communications is wanting to work out a franchise agreement with the City. The recorder stated that they will probably want to look at the Ordinance that has been done before with the Lane Council of Governments.

Economic Conference information from Council member Erion. Erion read the invitation to the Conference, October 23 at the community center, for funding opportunities. Particularly economic growth and downtown development.

Discussion. Kathy went over what would be discussed and hoped to be gained.

The Mayor commented that he felt she should have gotten Council permission before going out on her own to set up this type of a conference. Council member Erion disagreed, stating that she was not only a council member but a citizen, free to do as she chooses. Mayor Hobbs commented Erion was representing the council. Council member Erion stated she was not.

Mayor Hobbs and Council member Erion continued to disagree and there was audience interference. Mayor Hobbs stated he wanted it on record that Council member Erion was out of order.

There were some political comments and the recorder interfered to stop the conversation; council member Trevino also intervened.

Council member Erion wanted it on record that she took the Mayors comments as a personal affront.

Mayors Report: Nothing tonight

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City Engineer report: Jeremy has brought the project notification intake form from the IFA. This is for the second part of the funding for the water master plan. It is for \$20,000.00. We have already secured \$30,000.00 from the USDA. Then there is the possibility of getting a low interest loan for the balance. Filling out and sending in this form does not obligate the City it just starts the process. We will receive the official application form after they have received this project notification.

Discussion.

Discussed the fixing of the streets. In a perfect scenario, the City would do about 1 mile of road a year and rotate. The City has approx. 8 miles of road surface. If the County is gracious enough to do chip sealing for the City, their out of pocket expense is approx. \$30,000.00 per mile of road. If the City contracted it, it would be approx. \$40,000.00 per mile. Chip seal is a preventative maintenance to extend the life of the pavement. If the roads get to disrepair and need to be replaced, your talking about \$200,000. - \$300,000. per mile.

Council member Erion asked the recorder to place in the minutes that they revisit the amount that is put in the reserve account for roads and bring it up to \$30,000.00 per year. This would be for the budget committee.

Jeremy pointed out that not all streets can take that repair. Some are already beyond that and will need to have more extensive work. Council member Prewitt pointed out a Street at the North end of Lalakes (Chinchalo) That really needs repair.

They have been looking at drainage issues around town. Pete has looked at the area next to the railroad. He stated that it looks as if the drainage should be from north to south along the tracks at Chocktoot crossing. He believes there is a pipe under the road. He is going to do more research.

More discussion about drainage.

Motion to accept the Engineer report was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Prewitt.

The forest service has elected to place a sewer line from their building to the City Services. All the planning will take about a year. This is approx \$700,000.00 project. Melita's will also hook into this line.

Discussion

Ayes: Prewitt, Trevino and Erion.

Motion passed.

Motion to authorize the Recorder to fill out and submit the required IFA forms was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Trevino. Ayes: Erion, Trevino and Prewitt.

Motion passed.

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Public works report: Pete passed around the public works report. He went over the report with the council.

Drinking water program is threatening a fine for not doing the water master plan. They have given us a four month deadline.

The City water lines were flushed last week. They did pressure tests at each hydrant. This information will be passed on to the fire chief.

Nuisance abatement: The meeting with the county has been changed to Oct. 2nd at 3PM.

The storm drain catch basin cleaning was done last week. They used a vacuum truck. There were 23 catch basins done. Pete explained the process. They will have the truck back in a month or so.

Trees: Pete got in touch with a company that gave a proposal. The Trees are 25 feet tall and 4" - 6" Stems. They would have to be brought in on a flat bed. Pete explained the process of planting and maintaining.

Discussion. The Price is \$500.00 if we do multiple (4) trees. Or \$750.00 for one. Council member Erion reminded council that there is a park master plan workshop scheduled for October 1, at 6:30. It needs to be discussed there. Pete gave Erion the file to be brought to the workshop.

Council member Trevino asked Pete if he could find an automatic light for the City Hall porch. One that is on only at night. Also, she asked if getting the flow tests done and the report to the fire chief is ok in the time limit. Pete answered he would have it done.

Motion to accept the Public Works report was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Prewitt. Ayes: Erion, Trevino and Prewitt.

Motion passed.

Recorders Report: The loan that had been approved for the I and I study in the amount of \$165,000.00 has had \$43, 740.00 (30%) forgiven.

In the packets the recorder has placed a resolution that was passed for the City's workers compensation agreement for the City County Insurance. They are now requesting that one part of that resolution be changed, or rather removed. One sentence is about public safety workers. The City does not have public safety workers so no reason to have an insurance category. The new resolution is identical to the old, with that provision removed.

Discussion.

Motion to approve a resolution to extend Workers compensation Coverage to include Volunteers to be numbered with the next consecutive number was made by council member Trevino, seconded by council member Erion. Ayes: Erion and Trevino. Opposed: Prewitt.

Motion passed.

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Council member Trevino gave a brief report on the sheriff's advisory meeting. Monica Yellow Owl discovered that it is against the law to have a dry town.

Discussion.

The three individuals that lit the fire in the Post office have been caught. and are being prosecuted. They are still looking for Mr. Sorensen, the individual that was doing some shooting in town a few months ago.

Motion to approve the recorders report was made by council member Prewitt seconded by council member Trevino. Ayes: Trevino, Prewitt and Erion.

Motion passed.

Old Business:

Ben from Waste management: Discussion about the rate increase. At past meetings there has been some discussion. The council had decided at the last meeting to request 1.1 % in stead of the 2.2%. Ben stated that he would take that back and see where we go with that.

Some discussion.

Ben asked if there had been any discussion about making a new contract. The council stated it would depend on how this rate increase goes.

Ben will come back to the next meeting. If he can not make it he will let the recorder know.

Motion to approve Old business was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Prewitt. Ayes: Prewitt, Erion and Trevino.

Motion passed.

New Business: none.

Public Input:

Ben Poff: Chiloquin High/middle school teacher, Klamath Resident. Mr. Poff feels the economic conference that will be at the Community Center. He is supportive of this opportunity and will be attending. He chastised the Mayor for some of his language earlier in the meeting.

The Mayor stated that Mr. Poff needed to put his complaint/concern in writing and bring it to the City office.

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Dennis Jefcoat, County resident. Dennis is the head of the Vector control. He is pointing out that the Vector control is required to have a resolution in place stating the powers and authority of the chairman, the vice chairman and the secretary and how the body legislates. This was just brought to his attention and he is in the process of doing this. Any time there is a new board member, they are given a copy of this document that clearly defines their role. He would like to suggest the City Council do the same thing.

The Mayor stated that this isn't the place to discuss this, he would be glad to talk to Dennis about this, or he can put it in writing. Mr. Jefcoat stated this is for information only and it is there, for anyone to look at.

Richard Twamley, City resident. Twamley passed out a document to the council and stated he didn't want any comment on it at this time.

Julie Wolf, City resident. Julie is concerned about the lack of the water master plan and the proposed penalties. She would like to know whose responsibility this is.

Jeremy, with Adkins engineering, answered that on the history side of that: a couple of years ago there was no threat of penalties or fines, at the time the plant was ok, but now the rules have changed. We recently had an infrastructural workshop to discuss the wastewater facilities plan. Jeremy explained the different parts of the water master plan. He explained the different aspects of the infrastructure. Such as what the City has focused on, such as the treatment plant, now the water master plan funding, which is done, and hopefully the third step will be the roads. The issue with all of those items is that by being proactive with them, rates will be going up in the City. Because in the funding aspect, no one is going to give the City 5 million dollars for a new waste water treatment facility without the City having some sort of part in the game, so your rates will go up there. The water master plan, part of that is going to be a loan, so rates may go up there. But also, if the plan identifies critical components needed, such as a tank on the west side or a new tank, rates will have to go up.

Wolf stated, we are 4 years past due. Why.

Jeremy explained that at the same time the City was working on a million dollar waste water treatment facility upgrade that was required by DEQ. The City had to go out and get a loan for that. This is the way the City prioritized what came of the infrastructure workshop. The 2nd priority was the water master plan and now that is being taken care of. The 3rd priority will be the roads.

Julie questioned why we aren't spending the thousands of dollars that are in the street fund. She doesn't understand why in the budget committee they were told they couldn't move that money and now they need it. She doesn't understand. The recorder explained that there are definite restrictions on money in different funds. This is something the council and budget committee need to discuss.

More discussion.

The Mayor stated that the time limit for this public input is 7 minutes past the 3 minutes allowed.

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Council member Trevino explained that at the time the budget committee met, they budgeted the amount that was thought needed. It turns out it needs more. It's a learning process for all of us.

The Mayor again spoke that it was past time.

Sandy Zieglemeyer, County resident Ms Zieglemeyer stated that she has been listening to all the comments. The prospect of having an economic conference here is great. She is excited about the funding prospects. She thanked Kathy, and others, for pursuing this.

Jackie Winther, Chiloquin Resident. She thanked Kathy for pursuing this.

The Mayor stated that, (per his earlier confrontation with council member Erion) he is not against the economic workshop. He is for it; it was how it came about that he is concerned about. We have to follow the rules.

Richard Twamley, City resident. Mr. Twamley stated that the current budget for the Patch and Pave is \$198,800.00.

Dennis Jefcoat: County resident. Dennis just wanted to point out that the budget committee can re-meet to redo the budget. He also wanted to point out that there is a resolution for every fund created stating how that fund is to be spent.

Ben Poff, County resident. Mr. Poff stated that he appreciates that the Mayor supports the economic meeting. And he understands that there are rules, but the City council does not rule the citizens.

Council member Trevino asked the engineer, Jeremy Morris, that in his professional opinion, would it be beneficial to go back and budget this extra money.

Jeremy answered that, the crack seal is going to occur in the next 4 weeks, approximately. And we wouldn't want to chip seal or overlay when the weather gets towards winter. By the time council authorized it done, got it out to bid and contracted we would be in the middle of winter. Jeremy feels that the council could think through the funds, decide on a minimum they want to retain in the fund. Then maybe figure an amount to budget yearly, maybe \$20-\$30 thousand to go towards road repair. The road funds are gas tax revenues and have some state and federal strings attached.

Julie Wolf, Chiloquin Resident. Julie stated that she is a single woman and every year the snow gets plowed right in front of her yard. Julie stated that she shouldn't have to dig out her driveway and she feels her father shouldn't have to either. Julie stated they could pay to have someone do it but she feels she shouldn't have to.

Council permitted the recorder to address this issue. The recorder asked Ms. Wolf if she would mind putting this in writing and bring it to the office. Then we can ask the public works employees for an answer and we can give the answer in writing. Ms Wolf agreed to do that.

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The Mayor reminded the council that we were over the 30 minutes allowed for public input.

Motion to adjourn was made by council member Trevino, seconded by council member Prewitt.
Ayes: Prewitt, Erion and Trevino.

8:30 Meeting adjourned.

Signed 10/13/2014

Joe Hobbs, Mayor

Attest: Teresa Foreman, City Recorder

*The recorder researched the minutes and later in the meeting showed Council member Erion that the information she brought to the council was two meetings prior, not one. Erion acknowledged this. It was not publicly stated.