

City of Chiloquin
City Council Meeting
01/27/2015

Those Present: Others:

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

Mayor: Joe Hobbs

Council members:

Raymond Kirk: absent
Jill Prewitt: absent
Kathy Erion: absent
Carolyn Blackmon: absent
Julie Trevino
Jeff Mitchell
Floyd Hescock: Member Elect
Gaylor Hescock: Member Elect

The Mayor explained that there was not a quorum at this time. The recorder will swear in the Mayor, who has been re-elected, and then he will swear in the newly elected council members.

City recorder, Teresa Foreman swore in Joe Hobbs as Mayor.

Mayor Joe Hobbs swore in newly elected council members: Gaylor Hescock, Floyd Hescock and incumbent Jeff Mitchell.

Council member Carolyn Blackmon has been re-elected, and will be sworn in at the next meeting. She is home, sick, tonight.

Mayor Joe Hobbs read the opening statement:

It is the 27th day of January 2015. 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 permitted 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: Mayor Joe Hobbs, Council members Floyd Hescocock, Gaylor Hescocock, Jeff Mitchell and Julie Trevino..

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:43 PM.

Motion to accept the agenda as presented was made by council member F. Hescocock, seconded by council member Trevino. Ayes: F. Hescocock, G. Hescocock, Trevino and Mitchell.

Motion passed.

Mayor Joe Hobbs stated that he would like to congratulate the new members for making an effort to be a part of the solution of the City. He would like to thank the outgoing members, although they are not here tonight. He would like to say that for the next couple of years he would like to make an effort, with council's help, to go forward with the City. Chiloquin is one of the most economically deprived communities in the County. And the County is the most economically deprived County in the State. He would like to bring jobs and businesses etc. into this community. He is also looking to bring some type of safety protection to the City.

Motion to approve the minutes of 12/15/2014 of the Regular council meeting was made by council member Trevino, seconded by council member F. Hescocock. Ayes: F. Hescocock, G. Hescocock, Trevino and Mitchell.

Motion passed.

City Bills:

Motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 2646.11 was made by council member F. Hescoock, seconded by council member G. Hescoock. Ayes: F. Hescoock, G. Hescoock, Trevino and Mitchell.

Motion passed.

City Correspondence:

Oregon Government Ethics Commission: Notice about the Statement of Economic Interest reports the council has to fill out.

City Day at the Capitol: This will be Feb. 26th at the Capitol in Salem.

League of Oregon Cities: Elected Essentials, dates and times. Workshop for all elected officials. There are different times and places around the State. (Mayor Hobbs is going to the one in Medford)

OLCC Community Meetings about Marijuana. Discussion. Council member Mitchell encouraged all council members to go.

Nation Center for Frontier Communities. There was a webinar today. This is for future reference. There may be more webinars coming up.

Chinook Institute for Civic Leadership. 3 day development conference. There is a cost of \$125.00.

30 Mile club, Crater Lakes Back Yard Marketing. This is a local paper that advertises for local businesses (aprox. 80) and has local attractions listed for vacationers. They are asking for donations. The City has donated before. Council feels this is important to support the local businesses.

Motion to donate \$100.00 to the 30 mile club was made by council member Mitchell, seconded by council member F. Hescoock. Ayes: F. Hescoock, Mitchell, Trevino and G. Hescoock.

Motion passed.

Fischer Nicholson. The land to the South of the post office mall is for sale. Discussion. There are 5 lots for sale, for \$15,500.00. The City has been looking at that area for an easement. Council member Mitchell suggested that the public works department look into this and bring a presentation back to the council.

Klamath Tribes/ Chiloquin Early Reading Program. These are notes of the last meeting in December. Kathleen Mitchell is in the audience. The Mayor asked her for input. Ms. Mitchell explained that the next meeting would be Feb. 13th 8:30 AM – 12noon, at the Community Center. They have had two project team meetings so far. Council is welcome to come to the meetings. The recorder reminded the council that Council member Blackmon volunteered to be the City rep. there. Ms. Mitchell explained that the target is kids 0-6 years of age because studies have shown that if a child hasn't a good grip on reading by third grade, the likely hood is that they will not graduate is greater than if they do.

Edward D. Jones. Advertisement for employee retirement.

Kathy Erion. Kathy is requesting a letter for the Sierra Service Project stating appreciation of their work. This is so they can use it for support in their letters requesting funding. She is also asking for some ideas for a 6 week project for them for this summer.

Discussion.

Motion to send the letter of support and appreciation to the Sierra Service Project was made by council member F. Hescock, seconded by council member G. Hescock. Ayes: Mitchell, Trevino, G. Hescock and F. Hescock.

Motion passed.

Mayors report. Mayor Hobbs stated that we need to remove outgoing council member Kathy Erion from the check signing and add another member of the current council.

Motion to remove Kathleen Erion from check signing was made by council member Trevino, seconded by council member F. Hescock. Ayes: Mitchell, Trevino, F. Hescock and G. Hescock.

Motion passed.

Motion to place Floyd Hescock on as check signer was made by council member Trevino, seconded by council member Mitchell. Ayes: Mitchell, G. Hescock and Trevino. Abstained Floyd Hescock because the motion was concerning him.

Motion passed.

The recorder stated that it is required to state your reason for abstaining.

The current check signers are Julie Trevino, Carolyn Blackmon, Joe Hobbs and now Floyd Hescock. The recorder is also a check signer although for banking purposes only and not to actually sign.

The Mayor stated that he wanted to discuss the check signing. He feels that the recorder should be signing checks. He stated that in other organizations people sign their own checks as long as the checks require two signatures. He feel that when no one is available it is wrong to hold up a person's pay check. Council member F. Hescock explained that in the past the attorney knew the recorder signed her own check, when needed, and he said that was ok. Council member Mitchell stated that to avoid any appearance of improprieties, he feels that if we can avoid that, we should.

Council agreed that the recorder could sign checks, other than her own.

Public Works Report: Pete had given the council a list of the projects. If council has any questions please ask. However, number 7 is about the storm sewer easement. This brings up the property earlier mentioned that is for sale. Pete explained how the storm water comes across that area. They need to work towards an easement so that they can get the storm water to flow out of that area, by way of a storm drain.

Discussion

Jeremy will bring back an aerial photo to the next meeting and they can discuss this further.

Council member Mitchell stated that this brings up an issue that he has briefly touched on at prior meetings. With this new council he would like to see an effort made for planning the future of the community, given the limited resources. There are a lot of different issues we want to tackle and we need to know how we want to proceed. What are the needs and what does the community want? We have empty buildings, infrastructure needs and growth issues.

Council member Trevino stated that she would like the public works to look into what it would cost to obtain the easement as opposed to buying the lots.

Discussion.

Jeremy pointed out that he had brought the yearly calendars for the City. Also there is a Parks call for projects grant we need to apply for. Applications are due in April. It is a 20% match grant. The match can be in-kind. This can be for skate parks or fixing up Spinks park, public restrooms etc.

Discussion.

Bring ideas to the next council meeting.

Water Master Plan: We have secured a \$30,000. Grant for a portion of this plan. The County is pushing the City to get this plan because we have exceeded 300 connections. Also, we have an application here tonight for signature for \$20,000.00. This is fairly certain we will get this. It is not a competitive application process.

The water master plan is aprox. A \$60,000.00 venture and we will have \$50,000.00 grant funds.

Motion to formally apply for the IFA grant of \$20,000.00 was made by council member Trevino seconded by council member F. Hescock. Ayes: F. Hescock, Trevino, G. Hescock and Mitchell.

Motion passed.

Mitchell suggested the City discuss partnering with the Tribe for funding opportunities.

Motion to accept the public works report was made by council member Trevino, seconded by council member G. Hescock. Ayes: F. Hescock, Trevino, G. Hescock and Mitchell.

Motion passed.

Old Business: none

New Business: None

Public Input:

Bill Wilkins, community resident: CVIP president. Mr. Wilkins just touching base with council. He saw that Mayor Hobbs is going to be the representative for the City at the CVIP meetings. The meetings are the third Wednesday at the community center at 6PM.

Bill would like to report to the council that they are, again, pursuing a skate park, and would like council input and support. They would like to bring information to the council at the next meeting.

Discussion

Peter Rollenhagen, community resident: Mr. Rollenhagen plans to pursue a community garden again this year. He started that last year but ran into difficulties. They would like council support. The Mayor asked that he keep the council informed as to their progress.

Dominic Johnson, City Resident. Mr. Johnson has heard the council express community safety issues. He has been thinking along those lines and is pursuing information about a possible night watch force. He has been in conversation with ex-military and older community members that are interested in this also. He is gathering information and will bring to council. The Mayor encouraged Mr. Johnson to report to council and to feel free to bring guest to speak about this matter.

Motion to adjourn was made by council member F. Hescock, seconded by council member Trevino. Ayes: F. Hescock, Trevino, G. Hescock and Mitchell.

Motion passed.

7:45 Meeting adjourned

Signed

Joe Hobbs, Mayor

Attest: Teresa Foreman, City Recorder

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