

City of Chiloquin
City Council Meeting
1/23/07

Those Present:

Others: Teresa Foreman: Recorder

Council members:

Floyd Hescock
Steven Prewitt:
Kay Graham:
Jill Prewitt: excused, vacation
Jeff Mitchell: Arrived 7:10
Edward Horvath

Mayor: Mark Cobb

Mayor Cobb read the opening statement.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

The Mayor called the roll. Present: Kay Graham, Steve Prewitt, Horvath and Hescock.

Also the Mayor Cobb and City Recorder Teresa Foreman.

Motion to accept the agenda as presented was made by council member Hescock, seconded by council member Horvath. Ayes: Horvath, Graham, S. Prewitt and Hescock.

Motion passed.

Add to new business, Dick Trevino applicant for planning commission.

Motion to accept the agenda as amended was made by council member Hescock, seconded by council member Horvath. Ayes: Horvath, Graham, S. Prewitt and Hescock.

Motion passed.

Public Input: Patricia Able: emergency response for animals. Patricia is not here.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of 1/8/07 was made by council member Hescock, seconded by council member Graham. Ayes: Hescock, Graham, Horvath and S Prewitt.

Motion Passed.

Motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of 1/8/07 as presented was made by council member Hescock, seconded by council member Graham. Ayes: Horvath, Graham, S Prewitt and Hescock.

Motion Passed.

City Bills:

Motion to pay the City bills in the amount of \$795.38 was made by council member Graham, seconded by council member Hescock. Ayes: S Prewitt, Horvath, Hescock and Graham.

Motion passed.

Correspondence: Council looked over the packet of correspondence.

There is a letter to a Realty Co. One of the houses they have listed had a broken meter. They had a plumber come to work on the pipes and their plumber broke the City meter. The letter was in response to their claim that the meter was broken and they only thawed it out. That is not the case. Our public works employees are very familiar with this meter. They turn around there every day when doing their rounds. They would have seen a leak. Also, in November they physically looked at the meter and it was not broken. The house has been empty for some time.

Motion to accept the Correspondence was made by council member Hescock, seconded by council member Graham. Ayes: Horvath, Hescock, S Prewitt and Graham.

Motion passed.

Mayor's Report:

Sheriff advisory meeting: the deputy County sheriff at the meeting was unaware that sheriff Evinger had told the City they were going to start enforcing the County curfew of 12:00 Midnight. Also they discussed the underage-drinking problem. There will be an officer at the school starting this spring and hopefully will continue through next year. He will have an office at the high school and will be on duty there. If there are emergency calls in Chiloquin, he will respond but not otherwise.

Discussion.

Motion to accept the Mayors report was made by council member Graham, seconded by council member Horvath. Ayes: Hescock, Graham, Horvath and S Prewitt.

Motion Passed.

Meeting moved back to the public input, because Patricia Able is here now. Patricia and her husband Dennis have volunteered to be the coordinators for the Klamath County Humane society evacuation site. Primarily disaster preparedness. This is for large animals.

Patricia explained a little of what they are trying to do.

Discussion.

The Mayor asked Patricia what she was asking of the council? Mainly she would like to know of contact names for people like the rodeo club or anyone she should contact. The Mayor stated she should use the Chiloquin web site to let the community know to contact her if they could help. Patricia just would like the council to know what is happening. The Mayor also suggested a community meeting to let the people know. Maybe at the community center.

City finance Report: The recorder reported the audit is coming to a close. The report should be coming some time shortly after we finish. Hopefully it will be done before the end of February. After the audit is done, the recorder hopes to get the paperwork for the annexation done.

The Mayor reported that, as the council had directed, he spoke with the fire chief about the agreement that the City was trying to enter into with the fire department. Previously the fire department had promised to do certain things for the City in exchange for free water and sewer. There was a difference of opinion as to what the agreement was, even though written it was interpreted differently. The Chief informed the Mayor that the fireboard had decided they did not want to have an agreement and would rather pay for the water. Therefore, the council directed the recorder to start billing the fire department for 2 more services.

Discussion.

When the weather warms up, the City will need to place a meter on the fire truck garage. The property used to belong to the City so it doesn't have a meter. We are working on reading meters for all the commercial buildings and then work on reading the residential meters.

Discussion.

7:10 Jeff Mitchell arrived.

Motion to accept the finance report was made by council member Graham, seconded by council member Hescock. Ayes: Hescock, Horvath, Graham and S Prewitt.

Motion passed.

The Mayor swore council member Jeff Mitchell. (Jeff was absent the first meeting of the year when the other council members were sworn in.)

Public works report: The City hall had frozen pipes for four days. They finally got it thawed out. The old pipes and the cement walls are hard to work around. If the City Hall ever has to be renovated it will be a very difficult job. There are 8"-10" thick cement walls that go down into the ground. Also the walls have re-bar. He would rather see the City get a modular and donate the current City hall for a museum.

The Mayor is going to look into the grant that is being worked on right now and see if we could get a new City Hall instead of renovating.

Discussion.

We got three quotes for the red pick up to have clutch work.

Motion to take the red pick up to Roberts Repair was made by council member Graham, seconded by council member S. Prewitt. Ayes: Prewitt, Graham, Hescock, Mitchell and Horvath.

Motion passed.

We need a new water heater for the duplex.

Discussion. Council does not think that an instant hot water heater is the way to go. They are more expensive and don't heat the whole house. Hescock will get a regular electric hot water heater.

Public Works employee would like to take vacation from July 2 through July 6. Hescock feels that it would be a problem because that is the City's busiest time of the year. Prewitt feels that is up to Hescock. Hescock would like to wait until June to reply. Horvath and Mitchell both state that if you plan to go somewhere, sometimes you need to get reservations or tickets way ahead of time. Graham stated that if it is something like a wedding, you can't change the date.

Discussion

Hescock will talk to the employee and find out if he has to have that date or if he can change it. He will bring back a recommendation to council at the next meeting.

Motion to accept the Public Works report was made by council member Horvath, seconded by council member S Prewitt. Ayes: Horvath, Hescock, Graham, Mitchell and S Prewitt.

Motion passed.

City Planning: We didn't have a quorum. We had a workshop and discussed a few concerns. No decisions or recommendations came forth. No report.

Old Business:

Replacement of bridge: The recorder has followed up on the information that had been requested and has found that the company requesting the information is only interested in preliminary info and when the time comes for the bridge to actually be replaced, ODOT will get together with the City and the engineer and work out anything that is more specific.

Land transfer update: The recorder has not been able to get all the signatures yet.

Motion to accept old business was made by council member S. Prewitt, seconded by council member Hescock. Ayes: Hescock, Graham, Horvath, Mitchell and S Prewitt.

Motion passed.

New Business

.Large animal trap. The recorder reported to the council that the County animal control officer had suggested we buy a large animal trap and set it to catch dogs. Apparently the City of Malin started doing this and it helped because they did catch some dogs but when people found out their dogs were being trapped, they started keeping them home! The animal control officer will come up and get the animal, if the city wants to do that.

Discussion

The recorder will get more information and bring it back to council.

Dick Trevino: applicant for planning commission.

Motion to appoint Dick Trevino to planning commission was made by council member Graham, seconded by council member Hescock. Ayes: Hescock, Graham, Horvath, Mitchell and S. Prewitt.

Motion passed.

The Mayor swore in Mr. Trevino to the planning commission.

Council asked Mr. Trevino to look into a modular building for a City Hall.

Motion to adjourn was made by council member Graham, seconded by council member Horvath. Ayes: Hescock, S. Prewitt, Graham, Horvath and Mitchell.

7:45 Meeting adjourned

Signed

Mark Cobb, Mayor

Attest: Teresa Foreman, City Recorder

