

City of Chiloquin
City Council Meeting
3/25/2008

Those Present: Others: Justin Throne Attorney
Teresa Foreman: Recorder
Vicky Tiscareno: asst. recorder
Council members: Mike Jenkins, Charles Case: Public works

Floyd Hescock
Steven Prewitt: absent
Kay Graham:
Jill Prewitt: excused
Jeff Mitchell:
Sandra Hamilton

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, Sandra Hamilton, Jeff Mitchell and Floyd Hescock.

Also the Mayor Cobb, Public Works employees Mike Jenkins and Charles Case, assist. City Recorder Vicky Tiscareno and City Recorder Teresa Foreman.

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

Motion passed.

Public Input: Kelsey representing CVIP. Reporting on the proposed youth center. They are now at the point of establishing a steering committee. A group that will advise CVIP on programming and operation of the center. She would like to extend an invitation to the Council to have a representative on the committee since the City is one of the partners for the weed and seed grant. They will be meeting on the second and fourth Wednesdays at the high school library from 12:30 to 1:30.

Discussion.

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Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of 3/10/2008 was made by council member Hescoock, seconded by council member Graham. Ayes: Hescoock, Graham, Mitchell and Hamilton.

Motion Passed.

Motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of 3/10/2008 as presented was made by council member Hescoock, seconded by council member Hamilton. Ayes: Mitchell, Graham, Hamilton and Hescoock.

Motion Passed.

City Bills:

Motion to pay the City bills in the amount of \$448.23 was made by council member Hescoock, seconded by council member Graham. Ayes: Hamilton, Mitchell, Graham, and Hescoock.

Motion passed.

City Correspondence: Council looked over the correspondence.

Motion to accept the Correspondence was made by council member Graham, seconded by council member Hescoock. Ayes: Mitchell, Hescoock, Hamilton and Graham.

Motion passed.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor reported that Betty Riley of the economic development dept, who has been working on the feasibility study for developing our own planning department has reported back to the Mayor. The study basically shows that the City should not have their own planning department. It simply would not be cost effective.

The mayor was in a meeting about going after funding for a new well for the City. He discovered that there was a study done in 2003 that identified a well the City has that is not on line. The well is at Spinks park and can be used as an emergency well.

Sewer grant meeting: There was a feasibility study done for the sewer plant project. The paper work the council has is part of that study. There are a few things the Council needs to consider. One, we can pursue new added drying beds or we can pursue modifying the existing drying beds. It is cheaper to add beds.

Discussion.

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Motion to pursue choice ‘A’ on the sludge drying bed improvements, which is constructing new beds, was made by council member Hescock, seconded by council member Graham. Ayes: Hescock, Graham, Mitchell and Hamilton.

Motion Passed.

The second decision is whether or not the council wants to pursue this all at once or in phases.

Discussion.

Motion to follow the engineer report using “A” and to pursue this project all at once and not in phases was made by council member graham, seconded by council member Hamilton. Ayes: Graham, Hamilton, Mitchell and Hescock.

Motion passed.

Now the council has to decide who will administer this grant if the City gets it. There is no provision for the City to get money for administering the grant but if the OEDD administers it, they can get money for that.

Motion to authorize the OEDD to administer the grant for the sewer plant project if we are awarded the grant was made by council member Hescock, seconded by council member Graham. Ayes: Hescock, Graham, Mitchell and Hamilton.

Motion passed.

The environmental review needs to be done and added to the application.

Motion to move forward with environmental study on the proposed drying beds, not to exceed \$5000.00 was made by council member Graham, seconded by council member Hamilton. Ayes: Graham, Hamilton, Mitchell and Hescock.

Motion passed.

The sewer rates need to be raised. We are too far below to be considered for the grant. It needs to be raised at least \$2.51 to meet state requirements. If we raise the rates \$7. that will bring the sewer rate up to 30. per month. This would give the City \$25,000.00 to have as matching funds.

Discussion.

The recorder explained that even though the rate can be raised by resolution, it is on an Ordinance and therefore probably has to have a public hearing. She needs to look into that.

Discussion.

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***Motion to raise the sewer fund \$7.00 per month effective July 1, 2008 was made by council member Graham, seconded by council member Hescoock. Ayes: Graham, Hescoock, Hamilton and Mitchell.**

Motion Passed.

Motion to lock in a rate increase of 3% annually starting July 1, 2009, was made by council member Graham, seconded by council member Hescoock. Ayes: Graham, Hescoock, Hamilton and Mitchell.

Motion passed.

Council directed the recorder to put both the raise and the 3% increase in the same resolution.

Motion to accept the Mayors report was made by council member Graham, seconded by council member Hamilton. Ayes: Mitchell, Hescoock, Hamilton and Graham.

Motion Passed.

Public works report: Hescoock reported back to council as to why we need another public works employee. Safety factors. Need at least three people when the pumps need cleaned out. At the sewer tanks there should be at least two people. Digging lines need three people, snow plowing same thing. Vacation and sick time leaves only one person here, if we have three employees we would have at least two people here most of the time.

Discussion. Council member Mitchell would like to know what has been paid out in the past for comp and over time. Also how much an extra person would cost the City at a starting rate of \$12.00 including the benefits.

Council member Graham stated that her understanding is that Council member Hescoock has been here all the time taking the place of a third employee. He plows snow, works the backhoe and helps when ever he is needed. He is thinking that he may not be a working force for the City in the near future.

Discussion.

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

Motion passed.

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City Planning: They didn't have a quorum.

Motion passed.

Old Business:

Resolution for the amendment to the personnel policy.

Motion to direct the mayor to sign the resolution amending the personnel policy changing comp time to overtime was made by council member Mitchell. Seconded by council member Hescock. Ayes: Mitchell, Hescock, Graham and Hamilton.

Motion passed.

Resolution number will be 776.

New Business

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

Motion passed.

New Business:

Water hook up to camp trailer: There is a request for hooking up a camp trailer to water for a short period of time, while the owner remodels his house. There won't be anyone living there, just a place during the day time. The owner knows that he would have to have a backflow device on his spigot.

Discussion.

Motion to allow the connection for up to six months was made by council member Hescock, seconded by council member Graham. Ayes: Hescock, Graham, Mitchell and Hamilton.

Motion passed.

Concession trailer: There is a request from a resident (Catherine Blanton) that she be allowed to park a concession trailer on the City parking lot during daytime hours to provide drinks and lunches and snacks. She would be self contained.

Discussion: Catherine is here and explained to the council her tentative plans.

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Council is supportive of her endeavor but is concerned about being on City property. Also, the City is going to be doing some construction of the parking lot and she wouldn't be able to be there then.

Discussion about other places she might park.

Council would like Catherine to look into other places and if she can't find some place then come back to the council. They are also concerned about liability. The Mayor stated that if the council allowed her to be on the parking lot, the City would likely have to be listed on her liability insurance. All the council is supportive of her business in the City.

Motion to adjourn was made by council member Mitchell, seconded by council member Graham. Ayes: Mitchell, Hescocock, Hamilton and Graham.

Motion passed.

8:00 Meeting adjourned

Signed

Mark Cobb, Mayor

Attest: Teresa Foreman, City Recorder

***(after the meeting the recorder looked up the requirement for raising the rate and found that the City did have to have a public hearing. The required posting time limits cause the public hearing to have to be on April 22nd at 6PM)**

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