

City of Chiloquin
City Council Meeting
7/22/08

Those Present:

Others:

Teresa Foreman: Recorder

Vicky Tiscareno: asst. recorder

Council members:

Floyd Hescock

Kay Graham: 6:35

Jill Prewitt:

Jeff Mitchell: absent

Sandra Hamilton

Raymond Kirk

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: Raymond Kirk, Jill Prewitt, Sandra Hamilton and Floyd Hescock.

Also the Mayor Cobb, assist. City Recorder Vicky Tiscareno and City Recorder Teresa Foreman.

Motion to accept the agenda as amended was made by council member Hescock, seconded by council member Prewitt. Ayes: J. Prewitt, Hamilton, Kirk and Hescock.

Motion passed.

Public Input:

6:35 Kay Graham arrived.

Doug Ivey: not present: (was going to call for a phone conference)

Discussion.

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Brett Fisher: Executive Director CVIP. He will be at the work session with the county commissioners on July 30 to give them an abbreviated version of the presentation we gave to Al Switzer in April on the community's vision of the future of the mill site property. Also. At 10 AM on Aug 26th there will be a work session on urban renewal agencies. The economical development council has hired a consultant who works with small cities to create these agencies. They will answer our questions about developing a district for the community.

Thursday at 7PM CVIP is hosting a town hall discussion about the economic developments work.

They are going to talk about the results they got from their survey including the incubator project.

The audience can ask questions and look at the drawings etc.

Discussion.

Regular Business:

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of 7/14/08 was made by council member Hescoock, seconded by council member Graham.

Ayes: Prewitt, Hamilton, Graham, Kirk and Hescoock.

Motion Passed.

Motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of 7/14/08 as presented was made by council member Hescoock, seconded by council member Kirk.

Ayes: J. Prewitt, Hamilton, Graham, Kirk and Hescoock.

Motion Passed.

City Bills:

Motion to pay the City bills as of 7/22/2008 in the amount of \$1070.48 was made by council member Hescoock, seconded by council member Graham.

Discussion: Council member Prewitt would like to have the public works consider going to Hanson

Tire in K falls. He went to school here, his dad was the principal here and it would be nice if we could give him some business. He has good prices.

Call for the vote: Ayes: J. Prewitt, Hamilton, Graham, Kirk and Hescoock.

Motion passed.

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Correspondence: Council looked over the packet of correspondence.

There is a letter of complaint about tall weeds.

Discussion.

The recorder will try to find the time to research the owners of the vacant lots that have the tall weeds and send them letters.

Motion to accept the Correspondence was made by council member Graham, seconded by council member Prewitt. Ayes: J. Prewitt, Hamilton, Graham, Kirk and Hescock.

Motion passed.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor brought in a book to pick commercial lights for the parking lot. The council needs to make some decisions right away because the grant is coming to an end.

Discussion.

Pacific power will be at the first street parking lot tomorrow at 1PM to discuss the electrical needs. Any council member is welcome. The Mayor will be there as well as Hescock and the public works employees.

The Mayor pointed out to Brett Fisher that the council would like to thank them for pursuing the other grant we received for \$3,000.00 for the parking lot. Brett stated that Gerta Hyde signed her name as the sponsor and wrote a letter in support of the City getting this grant. The Mayor expressed his thanks to Gerta also.

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

Motion passed.

City finance Report: The recorder reported the billing and the collections for the month.

The recorder pointed out to the council that with the price of water and sewer going up this month, she is anticipating even more delinquencies. We have Ordinances on the books that set out the pay schedules and rules for past dues. She is asking the council to please support this office in collections because it is hard enough as it is. The office employees are going to have to get a little more stern and hold to the policies if the accounts are not to get out of hand.

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It is important that if they have to bring any account to the council that the council in turn supports the Recorder and/or assist. Recorder in keeping with the Ordinance.

Motion to accept the City Finance report was made by council member Graham, seconded by council member Kirk. Ayes: J. Prewitt, Hamilton, Graham, Kirk and Hescock.

Motion passed.

Public works report: Knife River const. company had an order to place 54 signs along the roadway from Chocktoot to the high school area. This is for the safety of traffic during the removal of the dam project. Our public works department went along with them and cut the sign number down to 7.

Motion to direct a letter to the Bureau of Reclamation that the City is comfortable with having the fewer signs was made by council member Graham, seconded by council member Kirk. Ayes: Graham, Kirk, Prewitt, Hamilton and Hescock.

Motion passed.

Discussion about the water leak at the restaurant across from Clyde's market. The city turned the water off on the fourth of July at their request. This didn't stop the leak. They are trying to locate it and the City is trying to help as much as we can.

More Discussion.

Council members feel that all the people on that road need to move back behind the right of way.

The recorder reminded the council that some may be grandfathered in and also fences fall under a different ruling. If there is an old fence that is in the right of way, a new fence can be placed in the same line.

Rocks on the right of way on Chiloquin Dr.: Adkins Engineering surveyed that area and they are about 8 feet into the right of way.

Discussion

Motion to direct the owners of the property that has the boulders on the City right of way to move the boulders back onto their own property, if they choose not to, the city will move them, if it is ever necessary, and will bill the owners was made by council member Prewitt, seconded by council member Kirk.

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Discussion: Some council members and the Mayor feel there is a liability if anyone runs into those when the council knows they are on the City right of way.

Ayes: Prewitt and Hamilton. Nays: Kirk, Hescoock and Graham

Motion did not pass

Motion to instruct the owners that they must move the boulders off City right of way was made by council member Hescoock, seconded by council member Graham.

Discussion. Council member Hamilton is concerned that the owners had been told they could not do cat work inside the City limits without a permit. It was not a City official. The owners sent the equipment back and now don't have the means to move the boulders.

The recorder explained that the City does not have an ordinance to that fact and if some one told them that, they were acting on their own.

Call for the vote: Ayes: Graham, Kirk and Hescoock. Nays: Hamilton and Prewitt.

Motion passed.

The recorder asked the council how she was to frame the letter? As far as to what degree the boulders must be moved. Are the areas marked?

Councilmember Hescoock stated there are red ribbons marking the area. The Mayor requested that public works go down to the site tomorrow and measure the distance so that the recorder can state a certain measurement that the boulders need to be moved back. Council member Hescoock agreed to do that.

Council member Graham asked how the meters were coming? Don't we need to place some?

Discussion about meters, system development charges and who is responsible for the cost of the meters. Also the actual cost to the City for placing a meter.

Council does not feel the fire department truck bay should not be charged metered charges for their water unless they give the water away.

More discussion.

Council directed the recorder to send letters to the gas station and the fire department that they need to get meters and deter outside people from taking water in barrels and also not be washing cars.

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State forestry wants to use the duplex again.

Motion to allow the State Forestry to use the duplex as a meeting place for their fire crews. with the same conditions of trade we discussed last year was made by council member Graham, seconded by council member Hamilton.

Ayes: Graham, Hamilton, Kirk Hescoock and Prewitt.

Motion passed.

Graffiti on the water tank. Some one broke into the yard that is fenced around the City water tank and painted graffiti on the tank. The guys will be painting over it. Pictures were taken.

Discussion.

Motion to accept the Public Works report was made by council member Graham, seconded by council member Prewitt.

Ayes: J. Prewitt, Hamilton, Graham, Kirk and Hescoock.

Motion passed.

Old Business:

Land Swap. Gleta Wampler received the letter from the attorney but did not respond because it was her understanding that the offer was to trade for one month of free services for the Jackson's. She would consider the trade of lifetime free services in her name with a one time change of name to the Jackson's for as long as they lived on that property. She may or may not change it to their name in the future.

Would the council agree to this?

Discussion.

Motion to have the attorney send a letter with the terms as discussed (above) was made by council member Hescoock, seconded by council member Graham. Ayes: Hescoock, Graham, Hamilton, Kirk and Prewitt.

Motion passed.

Employee raise: The recorder provided all the information to the council as requested from the last meeting. Everything listed out in expenses for taxes and benefits per dollar per employee.

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The evaluations were done.

Discussion.

Council member Prewitt stated that the raise was budgeted and she wanted to just see it go through.

Motion to give the PW employees a two dollar raise per hour and the recorder and assist. Recorder a one dollar per hour raise was made by council member Prewitt, seconded by council member Hescoock. Ayes: Prewitt, Hescoock, Graham, Kirk and Hamilton.

Motion passed.

Tax foreclosure notice: the City received a tax notice on property the City owns next to the sewer treatment plant. On investigation, it is leased to the cable company who in turn is to pay taxes on the property and on the equipment. The cable company is in default in several other Cities.

Discussion.

Council wants to turn this over to the attorney but meanwhile, pay the taxes to keep out of foreclosure.

Motion to pay the taxes and then turn it over to the attorney to pursue was made by council member Graham, seconded by council member Prewitt.

Discussion: There should be fees added to whatever is owed.

Call for the vote: Ayes: Graham, Prewitt, Hescoock, Kirk and Hamilton.

Motion passed.

Discussion about having a workshop to go over franchise agreements.

Motion to accept the Old Business was made by council member Graham, seconded by council member Prewitt. Ayes: Graham, Prewitt, Hescoock, Kirk and Hamilton.

Motion passed.

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New Business:

Barking Dog: The dogs across the street bark all the time. Any time anyone comes to pay a water bill, or when we come to work or go out to our cars etc. About a year ago, the Mayor went over and spoke with the owner about the one dog, now there are three dogs. The recorders have called the owners, but most of the time they do not answer the phone.

The animal control stated that we need to put something in writing.

Motion to have the recorder pursue the barking dog issue with the animal control was made by council member Graham, seconded by council member Prewitt. Ayes: Graham, Prewitt, Hescock, Kirk and Hamilton.

Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn was made by council member Prewitt, seconded by council member Hamilton. Ayes: J. Prewitt, Hamilton, Graham, Kirk and Hescock.

8:10 Meeting Adjourned.

Signed

Mark Cobb, Mayor

Attest: Teresa Foreman, City Recorder

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