

City of Chiloquin
City Council Meeting
1/12/2009

Those Present:

Others:

Doug Adkins: City Engineer
Teresa Foreman: Recorder
Mike Jenkins: City Public Works

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Council members

Floyd Hescock
Sandra Hamilton: Absent
Kay Graham
Jill Prewitt: excused
Jeff Mitchell: left at 7:30PM
Raymond Kirk

Mayor: Mark Cobb:

Mayor Cobb read the opening statement.

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

The Mayor called the roll. Present: Kay Graham, Sandra Hamilton, Jeff Mitchell, Raymond Kirk and Floyd Hescock. Jill Prewitt is on temporary leave of absence.

Also City Engineer Doug Adkins, Public Works employee Mike Jenkins and City Recorder Teresa Foreman.

The recorder / Notary swore in the newly elected officials: Kay Graham, Raymond Kirk, Sandra Hamilton and Floyd Hescock. (Jill Prewitt has an approved leave of absence and will be sworn in when she returns in the Spring)

The officers took their places at the table.

The recorder reminded everyone to fill out their public disclosure forms that are due by the 15th.

The mayor turned the meeting to the hearings requested by Patricia Taylor and Alan Delong. Both had ordinance violation citations served for having chickens within the city limits.

Patricia is not here tonight because she is ill. Her daughter, Corienna Taylor, is here in her place.

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Corienna explained that the chickens have been a type of therapy for her mother. Patricia has cancer and when she was too sick to get out of bed, she felt a responsibility to get up and take care of those chickens. She has had them for over 10 years and was unaware of the City ordinance prohibiting them. No one has ever complained. These are little banty chickens and are more pets than anything. She would really appreciate being able to keep the chickens but if the council insists, she will find homes for them.

Council and the Mayor asked a few questions and discussed this issue.

Motion to make an exception to allow Patricia to keep her chickens until such time she can no longer care for them was made by council member Mitchell, seconded by council member Hamilton.

Ayes: Mitchell, Hamilton, Hescock, Graham and Kirk.

Motion passed.

Alan Delong addressed the council about his chickens. Mr. Delong has had his chickens for about 6 months. He is using them for food. Eggs for now, but he might use them for meat at a later date. Mr. Delong has several letters from friends and family asking for the council to allow him to keep his chickens. Also, Jenny Jane is here tonight and stated that the chickens are really no trouble. (she is a neighbor). Ms. Jane would like to see the council pass a rule allowing making permits to have chickens. The Mayor answered that the City isn't set up to make permits for animals.

Council and the Mayor asked several questions and discussed this issue.

Council decided to stand by the original violation. Al asked for longer than 30 days to find homes for his chickens.

Motion to allow Alan Delong 60 days in which to dispose of his chickens was made by council member Mitchell, seconded by council member Hescock. Ayes: Mitchell, Hescock, Graham, Kirk and Hamilton.

Motion passed.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of 12/08/2008 was made by council member Graham, seconded by council member Prewitt. Ayes: Graham, Hamilton, Hescock, Kirk and Mitchell.

Motion Passed.

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Motion to accept of the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of 12/08/2008 was made by council member Mitchell, seconded by council member Hescoock. Ayes: Graham, Hamilton, Hescoock, Kirk and Mitchell.

Motion Passed.

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

Motion passed.

City Bills:

Motion to pay the City bills in the amount of \$8,780.00 was made by council Member Mitchell, seconded by council member Hamilton. Ayes: Graham, Hamilton, Hescoock, Kirk and Mitchell.

Motion passed.

City Correspondence: Council looked over the correspondence.

None to take action on.

Mayor's Report: The economic Development Department of Klamath County is looking for projects to submit for President Obama's proposed stimulus package. The Mayor is requesting the council come forward with some ideas for that.

Discussion.

Council member Hescoock and City engineer Adkins will look into that.

So. Valley bank is still planning on bringing a bank here. They will give an 85% loan, we need to find funding for that 15% remaining.

There is a company looking to locate within Klamath County. It is a juniper based business and will employ 65 people. The Mayor is pursuing talking to them and encouraging them to locate in or near Chiloquin. He will bring information to council as he knows more.

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

Motion passed.

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7:30 Council member Mitchell excused himself from the meeting.

City Engineer: Adkins looked over the report on the water test for the house on Lalo.

Discussion.

Adkins gave the OK to turn that water on.

More discussion about the stimulus project. He would really like to see the council pursue this.

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

Motion passed.

Attorney report: The attorney is drafting a letter to the rodeo association to tell them about the City's insurance inspection report. There are several things in there pertaining to the rodeo grounds.

Discussion of the repairs and improvements the insurance company is requiring.

He will have it out before the next meeting.

The attorney looked over the draft copy of the citation form we are going to have printed. He approved it.

The Mayor pointed out a letter from OSHA that is sent to businesses that have had some type of a violation in the past few years or one that has not had an inspection for a while. The letter basically states that probably, in the near future, they will be visiting our facility.

Council discussed the possibility of requesting they come and give us a preliminary inspection so they can point out any probable violations that we can fix.

Discussion about the letter form the insurance company with a list of things they would like to see added or changed or fixed.

In the past, there was an issue with OSHA that the city was told, by the insurance company, to always require a search warrant. The recorder is asking the attorney for a clarification of that.

The attorney explained that if there is a complaint and OSHA is following up on a specific complaint, then the City needs to require a search warrant because then it is specified one thing and one thing only can be inspected. However, if they show up for a random inspection, we should work with them as best we can to avoid any negative connotations with that entity.

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The attorney encouraged the council to invite OSHA inspectors for a preliminary inspection.

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

Motion passed.

Public works report: They will make the insurance company's list a priority. They have been working on the equipment.

Motion to do what needs to be done per the letter from the insurance company was made by council member Graham, seconded by council member Hamilton. Ayes: Graham, Hamilton, Hescock and Kirk.

Motion passed.

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

Motion passed.

City Recorder report: The recorder explained to the council that she will not be here for the 4th of July. She will work on it but will not be available on the day. She is asking for more council participation. It is a council directed celebration although the council does not approve the employees to be paid for this. It is volunteer only. This celebration takes a lot of work. The Mayor suggested she post this on the news letter and on the bulletin board.

She is asking for the rest of this week off for vacation. She apologizes for the last minute but the weather is good, and she does have one week left to take off for 2008. The Mayor stated that it would work if she would check in every day.

The house across from the big gym is being used again. Janice Hoaglen's brother Tony Reyes owns the house. Council member Hescock will check with her to see if she can get people out of there.

Council member Graham asked about the trailers on Ash St. The recorder stated she would follow up on this more. She has been in contact with the owner and will push it further.

Council member Hamilton reported that she thinks there is someone living in a camp trailer on S. Second. The recorder stated she would have the guys look into that.

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

Motion passed.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

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

Motion passed.

7:55 Meeting adjourned

Signed 1/27/2009

Mayor Mark Cobb

Attest: Teresa Foreman, City Recorder

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