

**City of Chiloquin
City Council Meeting
08/24/2010**

Those Present:

Others:

Recorder: Teresa Foreman
Public Works: mike Jenkins

Mayor: Mark Cobb

Council Members: Floyd Hescock
Kay Graham
Jill Prewitt
Raymond Kirk
Donna Depoian
Jeff Mitchell: Absent

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, Raymond Kirk, Donna Depoian, Floyd Hescock, and Jill Prewitt.

Also present: Public works employee Mike Jenkins and City recorder Teresa Foreman.

Motion to accept the agenda as presented was made by Council Member Hescock, seconded by Council Member Graham.

**Discussion: The Mayor asked to add in to New Business Damage to his vehicle.
Motion passed.**

Hescock withdrew his motion with consent of the second; Kay Graham.

Motion to accept the agenda as amended was made by Council Member Hescock, seconded by Council Member Graham. Ayes: Graham, Hescock, Prewitt, Depoian and Kirk.

Motion passed.

Public Input: Kathy Erion Chiloquin Resident. Kathy attended the Sheriffs advisory meeting last Thursday. No one from the City was able to make it. She reported to the council that the sheriff is asking for the Mayors of each of the Cities to join him in support of approaching the County council and Commissioners to look again at the measure that was voted done about having sheriffs patrol.

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The Mayor asked if she meant the bill that had just been voted down. Kathy answered that, yes, that is what they are speaking of.

Earl Root: Mr. Root is here tonight to, again , dispute his water bill. He feels he should not have to pay the commercial charge because he was not told at the time he started a home business that his water would then be metered. The City attorney had looked into this and determined that he did need to pay.

Discussion.

The Mayor pointed out to Mr. Root that when there is a question about the City policy or rules that is not clearly stated, the City attorney researches it and then gives the City council and the Mayor his recommendation as how to proceed. No decisions can be made during public input so the Mayor suggested they bring this back up under old business.

Gary Gibson: The Chiloquin Care Program. Gary is here tonight to talk to the council about the old lions building being no longer available for them. The Fire department has decided they don't want to be in the property management business. The Care Program does not know when that will happen. He asked the council to keep them in mind if the City should happen to end up with that building.

The Care Program has been offered two single wide trailers on Ash Street and they are considering cleaning them up and possibly selling them to help fund the program. Gary and his wife own The Table (restaurant). Behind the Table are two lots that they also own and they are considering what to build on those lots; Either a nice house or a storage facility. Gary understands that it is not zoned for a storage unit at this time.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular City council meeting of 08/09/2010 was made by Council Member Graham, seconded by Council Member Hescock. Ayes: Graham, Prewitt, Kirk, Depoian and Hescock.

Motion passed.

Motion to accept the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of 08/09/2010 was made by Council Member Graham, seconded by Council Member Hescock. Ayes: Hescock, Kirk, Depoian, Prewitt, and Graham.

Motion Passed.

City Bills:

Council looked over the bills..

Discussion.

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Motion to pay the City bills in the amount of \$9,236.25 was made by Council Member Hescock, seconded by Council Member Graham. Ayes: Hescock, Kirk, Depoian, Prewitt, and Graham.

Motion passed.

City Correspondence: Council looked over the correspondence. There are two items that need action.

There is a request from a home owner to have possible relief for her water bill. She doesn't live there, but has the house for sale. She needs the water on to water the grass, etc.

Discussion.

Council decided that it has been the policy that if you have water on, you pay for it. If we start making exceptions, we will have to make them for everyone.

Motion to leave the account as is, if it's off leave it off, if its on they have to pay for it, was made by council member Hescock, seconded by council member Kirk.

Discussion: Depoian stated she thought we should ask her to come in.

Ayes: Hescock, Kirk and Graham. Nays: Prewitt and Depoian.

Motion passed.

There is also a letter from the Chiloquin curios. They are asking to have the July water bill waived because they moved. They neglected to let us know until August.

The Mayor pointed out that this falls under the same category as the previous letter.

Motion to apply the previous motion to this same bill was made by council member Graham, Seconded by council member Hescock. Ayes: Graham, Hescock, Kirk and Depoian. Nays: Prewitt.

Motion passed.

Motion to accept the City Correspondence was made by Council Member Graham, seconded by Council Member Hescock. Ayes: Graham, Kirk, Depoian, Hescock, and Prewitt.

Motion passed.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor asked the council if they would like to support the bill that presented to the county residents that sheriff Evinger has asked the Mayors to support? The bond measure that was to raise taxes to support the sheriffs department. It was defeated in the last election.

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The council was polled: Prewitt and Depoian: Yes. Graham, Kirk and Hescoock: No. Kathy Erion, from the audience asked if she could speak about this. The Mayor recognized her.

Kathy explained that at the last sheriff advisory meeting Evingers rational for this request was for, example: When the ambulance goes on some calls such as domestic abuse or any call involving a gun, they can not enter the building without law enforcement on scene.. The victim may die in there. That is only one reason. If budget restraints continue, it will eventually be that there will be no patrol officers for our area.

The Mayor replied that he had had conversations with Mr. Evinger when he (Mayor) first took office. Mr. Evinger was saying the same thing then. The Mayor, at that time, replied to the sheriff that he is obligated by law to provide law enforcement for this community since we are tax paying citizens here as much as any other resident of Klamath County.

More discussion.

The Mayor stated that the County Commissioners are responsible for the Sheriffs budget. It is his personal opinion that the commissioners are falling short on their duties and their spending obligations. Ie: the public works department 20 million dollars could have been better spent in the sheriffs department. Again, this is his personal opinion.

More discussion.

Motion to accept the Mayors Report was made by Council Member Graham, seconded by Council Member Hescoock. Ayes: Graham, Prewitt, Depoian, K irk, and Hescoock.

Motion passed.

City attorney: He is not here tonight.

City Engineer's Report: The engineer is not here tonight. If needed, he can be reached by phone.

Public works report: Hescoock reported that the engineer has not heard back from SCOEDD about grant for the drying beds. There has been a lot of paperwork and requests for information. The engineer is concerned about the time frame. It is getting late in the year and the council may want to wait until next spring to begin construction.

The Mayor suggested they get in touch with Pam Swires at DEQ to see if she could write a letter to SCOEDD requesting more prompt attention to this matter.

The roofs for the dug outs and the restrooms: Cummings has not got back to him yet.

Discussion: council member Prewitt is concerned that there is only one estimate. Hescoock stated he wanted to know what he was getting it for first. The Mayor stated he would make sure we got three estimates.

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Council member Graham stated that Cummings construction is working on getting donations to place another ball field at Spinks Park. She asked Hescock if this roofing was a part of that. Hescock answered that it was. Graham pointed out to Prewitt that that had been discussed at the last meeting after she had left the meeting.

We had fourteen state traffic cones dumped into the river last night. The school had two busted windows.

Council member Graham asked about the pavement on Schonchin that is coming up. This is the new pavement by the ambulance. Hescock answered that it still needed the final inspection by the paving company. Also, they are trying to work out getting some asphalt for patching several areas in the City.

Motion to accept the Public Works Report was made by Council Member Graham, seconded by Council Member Kirk. Ayes: Graham, Prewitt, Depoian, Kirk, and Hescock.

Motion passed.

Finance report:

The Auditors will be here tomorrow all day.

Also, last week the recorder was supposed to be on vacation but on the Sunday prior, she was in a horse related accident and spent the night in the hospital. She has a broken rib, separated cartilage around a rib area and a bruised kidney. She had to spend that week in bed and is asking the council if they would consider letting her change the vacation to sick time off.

The Mayor and the council members agreed to let her change that time to sick leave.

Motion to accept the Public Works Report was made by Council Member Graham, seconded by Council Member Hescock. Ayes: Graham, Prewitt, Depoian, Kirk, and Hescock.

Motion passed.

Old Business:

Sign bids: We requested several bids, only one came back to us. It is from Ayers painting for \$599.00.

Discussion.

Motion to award the bid to Ayers painting was made by council member Graham, seconded by council member Hescock. Ayes: Graham, Hescock, Kirk, Depoian and Prewitt.

Motion passed.

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Earl Root water bill: Graham pointed out that this was discussed at a meeting in July. Council voted, at that time, unanimously that commercial business license gets a commercial water account. The Mayor had suggested, earlier, that the attorney write a letter to Mr. Root directly so he can clarify his determination.

Discussion.

Mr. Root asked if this council was the final say in this issue or was he allowed to file in the County courts. The Mayor replied that he believed he may. However, as far as the City of Chiloquin is concerned, this council is the judge on these matters. And their decisions are final. He suggested that Mr. Root might want to consult his attorney on a recommendation on that.

Motion to accept Old Business was made by Council Member Graham, seconded by Council Member Kirk. Ayes: Graham, Prewitt, Depoian, Kirk, and Hescock.

Motion passed.

New business:

Car damage: This is the Mayors car. His wife, driving down the alleyway of his house, she drove over a valve cover that somehow popped up and ripped a hole in her oil pan. He has had the car towed to a mechanic and it will cost a total of \$250.00. This includes the towing. As a Resident of the City, not the Mayor, Mark is asking the City to consider paying this bill.

Discussion.

Motion to reimburse Mark Cobb \$250.00 for the damage to his wife's car was made by council member Hescock, seconded by council member Graham. Ayes: Graham, Hescock, Kirk and Depoian. Nays: Prewitt, because it should be turned into insurance.

Motion passed.

Motion to accept the New Business was made by Council Member Graham, seconded by Council Member Kirk. Ayes: Graham, Prewitt, Depoian, Kirk, and Hescock.

Motion passed.

Public Works employee, Mike Jenkins, handed council member Hescock an estimate of what it would cost to have the front end and the steering wheel of the red pickup fixed. It is unsafe to drive.

Discussion.

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The estimate for fixing and an alignment is \$386.39. \$150.00 Labor

Motion to have the red truck fixed at the shop at Basin Tire was made by council member Prewitt, seconded by council member Kirk. Ayes: Graham, Hescoock, Prewitt, Depoian and Kirk.

Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Kirk, Seconded by Council Member Hescoock. Ayes: Graham, Prewitt, Depoian, Hescoock, and Kirk.

Motion passed.

7:29 PM Meeting adjourned

Signed 09/13/2010

Mayor Mark Cobb

Attest: Teresa Foreman, City Recorder

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