

City of Chiloquin
City Council Meeting
01/10/2011

Those Present:

Others:

Teresa Foreman: Recorder
Mike Jenkins: Public Works

Mayor: Mark Cobb

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

New members: Kathy Erion and Carolyn Blackmon

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, Jill Prewitt and Floyd Hescock.

Also City Recorder Teresa Foreman.

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

Motion passed.

The mayor swore in the new members: Carolyn Blackmon, Kathy Erion and incumbent Raymond Kirk.

Public Input: Aileen Weeks is here tonight to discuss her past due water bill. It has gotten quite large and Aileen can not pay it. There is a letter from her physician stating medical issues and asking to keep her water on. Aileen explained that she has a large monthly pmt. For the next five months and after that she could make \$150.00 mo. Pmts to the City.

Discussion.

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No decision can be made during public input. Council will make the decision during new business.

6:42 Executive session: ORS. 192.660B and ORS.660 (1) (h)

7:29 Council back in regular session. No decisions were made during executive session.

7:30 Council member Jill Prewitt left the meeting.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of 10/26/2010 was made by council member Hescock, seconded by council member Kirk. Ayes: Graham, Kirk, Erion, Hescock and Blackmon.

Motion Passed.

Motion to accept of the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of 10/26/2010 was made by council member Hescock, seconded by council member Kirk. Ayes: Graham, Kirk, Erion, Hescock and Blackmon.

Motion Passed.

City Bills: Council looked over the bills.

Motion to pay the City bills in the amount of \$7,807.05 was made by council Member Erion, seconded by council member Hescock. Ayes: Graham, Kirk, Erion, Hescock and Blackmon.

Motion passed.

City Correspondence: Council looked over the correspondence.

There is a letter from David Prewitt disputing his responsibility in paying a past due water/sewer bill from a past renter of his property.

Discussion. The mayor pointed out that it the policy of the City is that the owner of the property is responsible for the water/sewer bill. It is their responsibility to make arrangements with their renter about payments.

The mayor stated that his position is that ignorance is no excuse. If the council allows one person to not pay their bill, for this reason, it sets precedence for anyone in the community to have the same rights.

Discussion.

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Motion to send a letter to Dave Prewitt stating he must pay the water/sewer bill within 60 days or a lien will be placed on his property was made by council member Blackmon, seconded by council member Kirk. Ayes: Graham, Kirk, Erion, Hescock and Blackmon.

Motion passed.

Motion to accept the City correspondence was made by council member Graham, seconded by council member Hescock. Ayes: Graham, Kirk, Erion, Hescock and Blackmon.

Motion passed.

Mayor's Report: The mayor welcomed the new council members.

We received, via e-mail, a contract for the Special Cities Allotment from ODOT that the City was awarded. They are asking for the mayor's signature.

Motion to have the mayor sign the Special Cities Allotment \$25,000.00 grant contract from ODOT was made by council member Graham, seconded by council member Erion. Ayes: Graham, Kirk, Erion, Hescock and Blackmon.

Motion passed.

The mayor explained that the council members get free water and sewer for serving on council. If a member does not show up, or misses a meeting with out a good reason, they are charged for water and sewer. There have been some problems about the "he said she said" issue. The mayor asked the recorder to make a form for the council to fill out requesting when an absence is needed. He has the form.

Discussion.

The mayor asked to discuss Aileen Weeks' past due water/sewer bill during his report.

Discussion.

Motion to allow Aileen Weeks' water/sewer bill payments postponed until the June 2011 billing and at that time make \$150.00 per month payment, paying the current bill with the rest being applied to the past bill, waiving the late fee with the debt going to lien if the payments are late, was made by council member Graham, seconded by council member Hescock. Ayes: Graham, Kirk, Erion, Hescock and, Blackmon.

Motion passed.

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We have received six power poles for our cameras. They will be placed when weather allows.

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

Motion passed.

City Engineer: Not present.

Attorney report: The attorney is not here tonight.

Public works report: Council member Erion asked how the direction of snow plowing is determined. Hescock replied it depends on how the snow plow works. Right now it is to the right. The first areas are the schools, where the kids walk and the main street. On first it is piled in the center and then they come back and remove the berm after every other area is plowed.

The Mayor pointed out that in the past there were lots of complaints. Lately the snow is being removed much better and we don't get many complaints. The guys are doing a great job. Council member Blackmon stated it is much better than in the past.

The plowing starts when the snow is 4 inches deep.

Last week the public works replaced the front end on the backhoe. They also worked on the dump trucks.

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

Motion passed.

City Recorder report: Welcomed the new members. There attorney has called and asked for an executive session on Thursday Jan. 13th.

Discussion.

The Recorder will call the attorney and ask if we can do it between 3 PM and 4PM. She will then let council members know of the time.

Also, the attorney is asking for \$1000.00 check for the arbitration. This probably can be done on Thursday though. The mayor has asked for paper work on this request. There is none.

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

Council member Raymond Kirk was out of the room.

Motion passed.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Council absences: There is a list from the recorder of the past meetings, back to the October 26th meeting. The list shows the members that missed, dates of meetings missed and the reasons or lack there of. The council needs to discuss which of these absences are excused and which, if any are not. The council members have been billed for these, but we can credit them back if the council chooses.

Discussion.

The council discussed the no calls and the no reasons. Those should be charged. The ones with reasons should be allowed. The mayor read the ordinance.

The Mayor went down the list individually and the council decided which should be excused.

Jeff Mitchell: 9/28/2010 No call: not excused
Jill Prewitt: 10/26/2010 No call: not excused
Kay Graham: 11/08/2010 Called, was in ER nite before: excused
Floyd Hescock: 11/08/2010 Informed recorder 2 wks prior of anniversary: excused.
Jeff Mitchell: 11/08/2010 No Call: not excused.
Donna Depoian: 11/23/2010 Called in sick: excused
Jill Prewitt: 11/23/2010 Depoian called in sick for her: excused.
Jeff Mitchell: 11/23/2010 No call: not excused.
Donna Depoian: 12/13/2010 No call: not excused
Jill Prewitt: 12/13/2010 Called, gave no reason: not excused
Jeff Mitchell: 12/13/2010 No call: not excused.

The Mayor marked the list and gave it to the recorder.

Mike Jenkins, public works employee requested of council to put council member Floyd Hescock back on as a check signer. It has been very difficult, at times, to find someone to sign a check. The other two check signers are sometimes unavailable. Hescock is generally here.

Discussion.

Motion to reinstate council member Hescock as a check signer was made by council member Graham, seconded by council member Erion. Ayes: Graham, Kirk, Erion and Blackmon.

Hescock abstained because the motion is about him.

Motion passed.

Motion to put council member Jill Prewitt on notice that she is being officially censured by council and that if she acts in a manner contrary to how a council member is expected to act that she will be expelled from the council was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Kirk.

Discussion: Censured with a 'U' or censored with an 'O'?

Censured with a 'U'.

Letter from who? Council stated a certified letter return receipt, signed by the mayor.

Vote: Ayes: Graham, Kirk, Erion, Hescock and Blackmon.

Motion passed.

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

Motion passed.

8:20 Meeting adjourned

Signed 01/25/2011

Mayor Mark Cobb

Attest: Teresa Foreman, City Recorder

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