

City of Chiloquin
City Council Meeting
3/22/2011

Those Present:

Others:

City Attorney: Sam Ramirez
Teresa Foreman: Recorder

Mayor: Mark Cobb

Council members: Floyd Hescock
Kathy Erion
Kay Graham
Jill Prewitt
Carolyn Blackmon: absent
Raymond Kirk

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, Floyd Hescock, Kathy Erion, and Jill Prewitt.

City Attorney Sam Ramirez and City Recorder Teresa Foreman

Motion to accept the agenda of 3/22/2011 was made by council member Graham, seconded by council member Hescock.

The Mayor asked to have the executive session moved to after public input.

Vote: Nays: Kay Graham, Raymond Kirk, Floyd Hescock, Kathy Erion, and Jill Prewitt.

Motion to accept the agenda of 3/22/2011 as amended was made by council member Graham, seconded by council member Hescock. Ayes: Kay Graham, Raymond Kirk, Floyd Hescock, Kathy Erion, and Jill Prewitt.

Motion passed.

Public Input: Dick Twamley asked about the progress on the house on Baker St. The Mayor replied that we would be reporting on that later. Mr. Twamley stated that the cars were not coming and going anymore.

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Mr. Twamley asked if the letter sent also addressed the shed. The recorder stated no, that was a different issue. When the shed was placed the public works guys measured it and it met the setbacks. Twamley discussed measurements; the recorder stated she could not say about that. The Mayor stated we would discuss that later. Mr. Twamley asked about ordinances about mud on the street? The mayor replied that he does not recall any ordinance about that. Mr. Twamley asked if that house didn't need to have a paved driveway. The Mayor answered no. Twamley asked what they should do if the truck comes back? Take a picture and bring to the City. The Mayor stated that would be right.

Mr. Twamley asked about the City policy for going out to bid. The Mayor explained.

State law says anything over \$5000.00 has to go out to bid. State law allows City's to set their own Limits up to at least \$100,000.00 and he believes it is actually \$125,000.00. This City has put a limit at \$25,000.00. After that the City must go out to bid.

Emily Jackson stated there is a State law about mud on the streets. Also, she wanted to express a concern that really had her upset. At the last council meeting a council member voted no on accepting the minutes because this council member did not have time to read the minutes. If that individual can't take the time to read the minutes and take care of business here and one individual makes the other council members look bad and she knows that's not the case. She stated she was really upset about that and if that continues then that individual needs to hit the road.

The Mayor explained that since she did not mention names, he let her speak but in the future those kinds of complaints need to be put in writing and submitted to council for review.

Frank Montoya stated to the council that they were still having problems with their neighbors. Last night they were revving their motors all night long. He thought about calling the police but figured by the time they got here the noise would be stopped.

Mr. Montoya is also concerned about a broken down fence as you come in to town. The Mayor explained that that was outside the City limits.

Also, when is the 30 day period given on the letter to the Baker Street residents up? March 24th.

6:43 Council went into Executive Session. Personnel ORS 192.660B and possible litigation ORS 192.660 (1) (h).

Will probably be in session for 30 – 45 minutes. No decisions will be made during executive session.

7:47 Back in regular session: No decisions were made during the executive session.

Mr. Montoya asked why the City had a meeting outside the public hearing. The Mayor explained what was considered a need to be done under executive session.

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Mrs. Twamley asked why they do it at the beginning of the meeting instead of at the end. The Mayor explained that typically it was at the end but he chose to do it earlier tonight.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of 3/14/2011 was made by council member Graham, seconded by council member Hescock. Ayes: Hescock, Kirk, Graham, Erion and Prewitt.

Motion Passed.

Motion to accept the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of 03/14/2011 As printed was made by council member Graham, seconded by council member Hescock. Ayes: Hescock, Kirk, Graham and Erion. Nays: Prewitt.

Motion Passed.

City Bills: Council looked over the bills.

Motion to pay the City bills in the amount of \$1252.83 was made by council Member Hescock seconded by council member Graham. Ayes: Hescock, Kirk, Graham and Erion. Nays: Prewitt.

Motion passed.

City Correspondence: Part of the correspondence is a report from the auditors. The Mayor wanted to read a little from this report. He pointed out that there was a team that comes in and looks through all the records. They take a copy off the computer and copies of all our financial records.

The mayor read a little from the report.

Council member Prewitt stated that it is only as good as what we give them. The Mayor stated that the Auditors came and looked into our records, they take the things, we do not give them.

Prewitt stated that her own people that do their books told her that the audit was only as good as what you give them. The mayor explained that these are professional . Council member Prewitt kept interrupting the mayor. Council member Erion called point of order. The Mayor gave Prewitt the floor and Prewitt stated she was done.

Council member Erion requested permission to speak. She stated she felt that Prewitt was implying that we did not give the auditor everything. Prewitt answered “ I am not implying. I said and I quote ‘ The audits are only as good as what you give the auditor’.” Erion replied that in this case the auditors came and took what they wanted. Prewitt replied that audits are only as good as what you give them.

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Motion to accept regular business was made by council member Graham, seconded by council member Hescoek. Ayes: Graham, Kirk, Erion, Prewitt and Hescoek.

Motion passed.

Finance report: The recorder asked the council to meet with her for a budget workshop. Not a committee meeting, just a workshop.

Discussion. The workshop will be Thursday April 5th at 6:00.

Motion to accept finance report was made by council member Graham, seconded by council member Hescoek. Ayes: Graham, Kirk, Erion, Prewitt and Hescoek.

Motion passed.

Public works report: Nothing to report on.

Mayor's report: Reminded council about their ethics committee report that needs to be filed. It is a Statement of Economic Interest. These need to be filled out and postmarked by April 15. The Mayor explained what those were.

The mayor explained that the council had been going through some rough times. He is asking the council to show constraint and try to work together in an open matter to resolve the issues.

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

Motion passed.

Sheriff advisory report: Council member Erion passed out a draft request from the committee. It was written by Chuck Wells. He is concerned that the council is not following through with the cameras. Erion advised them that the council did not drop the ball and have been pursuing the installation.

We are having sheriff coverage 7 days a week 10 hours a day. Erion explained.

There was quite a bit of discussion about the pedophile in the area (at the sheriffs meeting).

The Sheriffs committee wants to know who will be the person supervising the cameras. The Mayor stated it had not been decided yet. The designated person to talk to about the cameras would need to be identified.

There is a plan to give the lions building to a government agency.

Discussion.

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Teresa can be the point of contact about the cameras.

The Mayor asked about the Lions building. Erion replied that the building would not be given to the City. The council is concerned about the add on porch cover on the back of the building. It is in the City alley right of way.

Discussion.

Attorney advised the City send a letter that the structure needs to be removed. The Mayor suggested to move that discussion to the old business about burnt out buildings.

Motion to accept the Sheriffs advisory report was made by council member Hescoock, seconded by council member Prewitt. Ayes: Graham, Hescoock, Kirk, Prewitt and Erion.

Motion passed.

Prewitt reported that there is another 150 beds being open at the jail today.

City Recorder report: The County enforcement officer has become aware that the County is not to come into the City limits to enforce code violations.

The building code ordinance: Occupancy permits. The County has decided that if they have not given an occupancy permit, and someone moves in it becomes a squatter issue and therefore a City violation. The recorder just found out this and has not done the research yet. We have a planning department but the county building department is the City's building department.

Discussion.

Motion to write them a letter and that we are calling the sheriffs department, send it to the people there and the owner of the property and within five days and the sheriff will be called and they will be removed was made by council member Prewitt, seconded by council member Erion.

Discussion: Council member Erion asked that the sheriff be called first to let them know what we are doing. Council member Prewitt replied: OK.

Vote: Hescoock, Kirk, Graham, Erion, and Prewitt.

Motion Passed.

Discussion.

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Motion that, unless the recorder finds it is illegal, upon removal the current residents the

City see that this house is boarded up until it can pass the inspections and be signed off was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Prewitt.

Discussion. The mayor stated that there could be some legal issues. The attorney stated they would have to have the house be deemed a nuisance.

Vote: Erion, Prewitt, Graham, Hescoock and Kirk.

Motion passed.

The mayor stated that obviously, there needs to be more research done on this house

Christina from SCOEDD is pursuing monies to help with the bridge project. She is requesting the City have a one stop meeting with possible fund organizations. She needs to know what criteria the City wants to ask for.

The WWTP project will be going out to bid, hopefully, On April 13th and 17th in the paper. April 27th will be the mandatory pre bid meeting. It will close on May 17th and the opening of bids will be May 19th.

Hescoock reported that the ODOT people are also working on finding funding.

Reminded council to fill out SEI forms.

Motion to accept the City recorders report was made by council member Graham, seconded by council member Hescoock. Ayes: Graham, Hescoock, Kirk, Prewitt and Erion.

Motion passed.

Old Business:

1 - Abandoned and burned-out buildings –

Nobody took pictures. Council member Erion suggested that if the City can get ownership of certain properties they could advertise to have anybody with hazmat certification give the City a bid if you tear the house down you can have the land. The City therefore gets rid of an eyesore that is potentially dangerous.

Discussion.

Those people would not get the pink slip until it was completely cleaned up.

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Motion to write the owners of property located on third street a letter notifying them that

the City is willing to take ownership of the property unless they are willing to clean it up themselves was made by council member Erion seconded by council member Graham.

Discussion: The Mayor stated that the letter should also include abatement issues.

The Mayor should write that letter.

Ayes: Graham, Erion, Prewitt, Hescock and Kirk.

Motion passed.

2 - Cameras - Already discussed. Basin telecom will be here at the end of this month to start working on the installation.

New Business: None.

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

Motion passed.

8:50 Meeting adjourned

Signed: 04/11/2011

Mayor Mark Cobb

Attest: Teresa Foreman, City Recorder

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