

City of Chiloquin  
City Council Meeting  
08/23/2011

Those Present:

Others:

Teresa Foreman: Recorder  
Doug Adkins: Engineer

Mayor: Mark Cobb  
Council members: Floyd Hescock  
Kathy Erion  
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: Raymond Kirk, Floyd Hescock and  
Kathy Erion.

City Recorder Teresa Foreman and City Engineer Doug Adkins.

**Public Input:**

Richard Twamley: Baker St. resident: Mr. Twamley is concerned about the lady that was here at a prior meeting asking for help on her water bill. Mr. Twamley has written a letter to the council (attached). Mayor Cobb explained that this account has history that Mr. Twamley is unaware of. Mayor Cobb explained that the house in question, now, has had major structural problems and no one should be living there. It should be condemned. He is fairly sure that the occupant has moved out. Mr. Twamley questioned the council about waiving her water bill. The Mayor stated that if we waive hers, the council would have to waive others. Mr. Twamley pointed out that the council did not pursue the fine that could have been placed on the house on Baker av. he asked what the difference was? The Mayor stated there was a big difference. It could never be proved who had turned the water on at the Baker St. residence, so who would get the fine?

Discussion.

Mr. Twamley feels that it is the same thing and that the council is not following the same rules for different people.

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Mr. Twamley congratulated the council on discussing the sidewalks at the last meeting before voting on that.

Steven Caldwell, Valley Street. His concern is the concern of the condition of Valley St. It has pot holes and feels that the dirt condition of part of the road encourages people to come up there and park at night. He has brought this before council previously and was asking what the progress has been made towards that street.

The Mayor explained that the City had certain funds that come into the City for special projects. When this comes in the council has to prioritize projects.

Discussion. Council is going to look into getting that street graded.

Mr. Caldwell is also concerned about the policing and the law enforcement in our community. Mr. Caldwell expressed his concerns and questions about getting policing. The Mayor explained that this has been an ongoing discussion and funding is a big problem. The Mayor explained the laws, the equipment and other expenses such as transportation, jail costs etc. He also explained about the City ordinances that we are set up to enforce through citations. The State, county and federal laws are all enforced by the County sheriff, the State police or the federal law enforcement agents; whom ever it is concerning. When we see a drunken person fighting on the street here, the sheriffs department comes out and handles that. That is how this council wants it handled. 100 percent of the sheriffs' budget comes from the County's general fund. That is where all of our property taxes go to. City residents already pay the county for law enforcement.

The Mayor pointed out that this afternoon there was an incident of young people fighting and the sheriffs department showed up within 10 minutes of being called.

Mr. Caldwell explained that the residents are still concerned. He feels that there could be arrangements made to have better coverage. The Mayor pointed out that there is a police officer at the school everyday. There is a sheriff's advisory committee that meets monthly, there is an office at the community center for deputy's. This community has been working towards law enforcement.

More discussion.

Council member Erion explained that as the liaison to the sheriff's advisory committee, she will be reporting on this very thing during her report, later this evening.

Discussion about the financing prioritizing. Where the city funds go.

Wade Johnson: Third Street residents. Asking the council to consider park benches and trees. The Mayor explained that the council had approved benches. The trees need to be large trees so they don't get pulled out.

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**Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of 8/8/2011 was made by council member Erion.**

Hescock pointed out that they needed to accept the agenda first.

**Motion died for lack of second.**

**Motion to accept the agenda as presented was made by council member Erion, seconded by council Member Hescock. Ayes: Hescock, Erion and Kirk.**

**Motion Passed.**

**Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of 8/8/2011 was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Hescock. Ayes: Hescock, Erion and Kirk.**

**Motion Passed.**

**Motion to accept the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of 8/8/2011 was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Hescock. Ayes: Hescock, Erion and Kirk.**

**Motion Passed.**

**City Bills:** Council looked over the bills.

**Motion to pay the City bills in the amount of \$3,524.95 as of July 26, 2011 was made by council Member Hescock seconded by council member Kirk. Ayes: Hescock, Erion and Kirk.**

**Motion passed.**

**City Correspondence:** Council looked over correspondence.

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

**Motion passed.**

**Engineer report:** Discussing the letter from Mike Redd about the bridge replacement. (attach).

The engineer explained the alternatives previously discussed about the waterline that is on the bridge linking the East and West side. He explained the funding alternatives he has researched. He explained about the asbestos removal alternatives and costs for that.

Discussion.

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Adkins is requesting the council to revise the previous council action and make a new motion to place the waterline on the bridge.

Discussion of the process of moving the waterline from the old bridge to the temporary bridge and then hang the new waterline on the new bridge after construction is final.

Discussion about the asbestos waterline removal. Certification etc.

**Motion to revise previous council action of having the water line go under the water to now have it stay on the bridge and authorize Adkins company to work with ODOT to design and authorize to co-ordinate asbestos pipe removal and specifications was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Hescoock.**

Discussion: The Mayor stated we have an estimated cost of the engineers work to be between 15,000.00 – 20,000.00, about \$40,000.00 for the asbestos removal which includes the expert and an ODOT estimate of about \$80,000.00 for the construction of the waterline on the bridge: both the temporary and permanent. The engineer stated that he would work with ODOT to get the loan package set up right away.

**Ayes: Hescoock, Erion and Kirk.**

**Motion passed.**

The engineer received a packet from Oregon Safe drinking water revolving loan fund. There is a due date for a letter of interest if the City is interested. There are no strings attached with this letter. It is due prior to Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>. Maximum loan amount is 6 million.

Discussion.

**Motion to have City engineer fill out the revolving water loan fund application, letter of intent was made by council member Hescoock, seconded by council member Erion. Ayes: Erion, Hescoock and Kirk.**

**Motion passed.**

Discussion about getting a water master plan. Council needs to find the funding for that. Discussion about projects the loan can and should be used on.

Adkins reported that he received a call from the Chiloquin ranger dist. They are considering requesting connecting to the city sewer system. This is just a heads up. It will come back to council if they decide to ask for that. They are now hooked into City water.

Council member Erion asked the engineer if he got anything drawn up about Lalo. The engineer replied that they shot it and Schonchin has a storm system in.

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They would have to cross Schonchin, Lalo, one driveway, the ally and open up a ditch to drain that water that way.

Unless we lower the pipe under Schonchin we will not get any better drainage than what we have now. That means they would have to place three culverts and dig the ditch deeper.

The ditch along Lao needs to be contoured. There is no way around having a ditch.

Discussion.

Council asked Adkins to come back with a cost estimate. If the staff does the work, it will probably cost about \$5,000.00 for materials.

The Mayor stated that it needs to be held off until we find out the funding for the bridge project.

Timber receipts can be used for drainage projects.

Discussion about the removal of the trees. The Mayor is going to find out what the mills are paying for logs.

There are several projects that need to be done. Discussion about the projects that can be done from the Timber receipts.

**Motion for City Engineer Doug Adkins company determine aprox. prices for five projects: Lalo St. Grading; Valley St. Grading; asphalt on Chocktoot St.; drainage at Chocktoot and first; asphalt cracking throughout the City was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Kirk. Ayes: Kirk, Erion and Hescock.**

**Motion passed.**

Adkins will bring those estimates back to the next meeting.

The Mayor asked Adkins about the cracks and such on the newly paved portion of Schonchin. Adkins stated he would look at the street and let the council know.

**Motion to accept the engineer report was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Hescock. Ayes: Erion, Hescock and Kirk.**

**Motion passed.**

**Public works report:** Most discussed earlier. Placed a new meter at John Merriman's home.

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Sewer plant up grade is getting started. They are moving equipment in. Should start next week.

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

**Motion passed.**

**Mayor's report:** the mayor reported that there were several things he needed the council to talk about. The arbitrator's decision about the rodeo association was that they needed to have full insurance coverage all year around. They did have a rodeo this last week end. There were people in the bleachers and so forth. They do not have the required coverage. The Mayor had a discussion with the City's insurance company before the rodeo. They requested all the information including the lease, the arbitrator's decision and the insurance documents that the rodeo association provided the City. Their decision is that they are still not in compliance.

Every year the rodeo association comes before this council days before their event with the requests and paperwork required. This council does not have the time to really look over the documents and deal with any inadequacies. This council does not want to stop the rodeo. He would ask the council to think about passing a resolution requiring any event to be applied for a certain number of days prior.

Eileen Weeks: Setting aside the water bill issue, we need to address her house. The living room floor has fallen into the basement. The roof is sloping because of this. He would like the building department notified and see what needs to be done.

The water bill: Eileen has been coming to the council for several years. She has had her water bills pmts waived for a few months so she could pay off a bill and then use that money to start paying off her water bill. She is now coming to the council stating she still can't pay her bill. Seeing her house condition she will unlikely live there anymore. The mayor would like to see her water shut off and the water bill placed as a lien.

Discussion.

Empty council seats. The Mayor would like to wait until next council meeting to appoint new members.

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

**Motion passed.**

**Police Committee report:** Council member Erion reported that the Fire chief is concerned that we have not spent enough time on the safety concerns other than policing. Such as the ambulance and the fire department. He feels both departments are going down hill as far as volunteers. He had several ideas to work on this.

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The ambulance personnel that were in attendance disagreed that there was a problem at the ambulance. They are doing fine financially and with volunteers.

As far as the policing is concerned it is a huge issue that is talked about every month. It became apparent to Erion that it is not the safety committees responsibility to get police protection, but the responsibility of this council. Erion stated costs that other Cities were paying for police protection.

Erion discussed the possibility of having resident police officers be the prime police officers because others are afraid. She discussed the response time. She went over the recent murder that happened on nine mile road (out of town).

Discussion. The Mayor stated that the police are now in the City certain hours during the month. If the City starts paying for 10 hours, let's say, how is that separated from the hours being put in now? This is something that has to be taken into consideration and discussed with Evinger. Erion feels that for \$18,000.00 the City could have pretty consistent police coverage. A member of the audience asked if this budget was not limited to only the bounds of the City limits. This is his understanding. Erion explained that this was not limited to the City of Chiloquin. It is like the Fire department and the ambulance, if they were limited to the little are of the City it would be a disaster.

The recorder explained to council member Erion that Mr. Caldwell was correct. The City budget is for the City only. By law, we can not pay for any services outside the City limits. Council member Erion, did not understand that.

7:25 Engineer Doug Adkins left the meeting.

The Mayor stated that his idea for an enhancement contract would be help enforce the City Ordinances such as no drinking in the park. They are already required to enforce County Ordinances. The Mayor has quite a few questions about the costs attributed to the contract. Such as travel fees, jail fees, booking fees etc.

Erion stated that she would go back and discuss this more.

As far as getting volunteers, the Mayor suggested we get a flier from the fire chief to place in our billing mailing.

**Motion to accept the police committee report was made by council member Kirk, seconded by council member Hescock. Ayes: Kirk, Hescock and Erion.**

**Motion passed.**

**Recorders report:** Update on the front walk repair/construction. The recorder will be going to the SCOEDD meeting in K Falls tomorrow.

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

**Motion passed.**

**Old Business:**

Houses in Dangerous repair: Council member Erion is very concerned about the many houses in the City that are dangerous. She would like to look into what can be done. The Mayor asked the recorder to follow up with the County. The recorder explained that she had spoken with the County abatement officer and he found that the County is not able to come in to the City to enforce City Ordinances. And it is, in their opinion, a City violation and not a County one.

Discussion.

House that was “given” to the City. Discussion. Get a sale agreement from an escrow company and follow those lines.

Abandoned cars: Erion has property on Arnold St. Behind their property is a string of old cars that have weeds growing through them. She has complained about these before receiving a promise that these will be taken care of sometime. There is a company in K Falls that will come into the City and take these abandoned cars. She feels this needs to be done. The Mayor explained the process. He stated that this needs to be all the cars in town, Erion agreed totally. The Mayor pointed out that we can not go on private property, only City right of way. Erion will get a list of cars.

Fire hydrant on Baker St. Discussion. There is also one at the school that needs to be done. Hescoek stated they will attempt to get the hydrants in by the end of Sept. When that is done the City will send a letter to The fire chief.

**Motion to accept the old business was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Kirk. Ayes: Erion, Hescoek and Kirk.**

**Motion passed.**

**New business:**

**Vision for the future:** Council member Erion feels that if the council wants the town to change, we need to have a plan. She thinks we need to set apart some time to think about what we want for the future of Chilquin. The Mayor asked the recorder to get a copy of the report that the community worked on some time ago. There were twelve divisions of that.

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Hescock stated he forgot to discuss the cameras. There is one that seems to have something burned out in it. We need to get that fixed.

Discussion.

Hescock will call the company to come out and work on the cameras.

**Motion to accept the new business was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Kirk. Ayes: Erion, Hescock and Kirk.**

**Motion passed.**

**8:58 Motion to adjourn was made by council member Hescock, seconded by council member Erion . Ayes: Hescock, Kirk and Erion.**

**Meeting adjourned**

Signed: 9/12/2011

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Mayor Mark Cobb

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Attest: Teresa Foreman, City Recorder

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