

City of Chiloquin
City Council Meeting
09/12/2011

Those Present:

Others:

Mayor: Mark Cobb
Council members: Floyd Hescock
Carolyn Blackmon
Raymond Kirk: absent
Kathy Erion

Teresa Foreman: Recorder
Attorney: Sam Ramirez
Engineer: Sam Ramirez

6:30 Mayor Cobb read the opening statement and called the meeting to order.

The Mayor called the roll. Present: Carolyn Blackmon, Kathy Erion and Floyd Hescock.

Also the City engineer Doug Adkins, City attorney Sam Ramirez (6:45) and City Recorder Teresa Foreman.

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

Motion passed.

Public Input: Richard Twamley, Chiloquin resident: Going S. on Juda Jim at crossroad Klamath Av. the weeds are so high he would like to see them cut. The Mayor stated we would get someone over there.

Wade Johnson, Chiloquin resident: Has asked in the past about getting trees in the park, he is asking if this has gone anywhere? The Mayor stated it had not. In the past any trees the City has placed have been pulled out. Mr. Johnson feels that is going to happen, and the City just needs to keep putting them back in.

Discussion.

Mr. Johnson offered to help. He also pointed out that the park could use another trash can.

Discussion about park benches. Mr. Johnson would like to see someone get arrested. It will get around that if something gets broken someone goes to jail. He feels that would really help.

Discussion.

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Julie Trevino, Chiloquin resident: Questioning about the tall weeds that she feels would be a fire hazard. None were sent out this year. Mrs. Trevino feels that the letters should go out in the spring, and not wait until there is a fire hazard.

A woman called Sam: Sam pointed out to council that the corner from their property on Hwy 422 around the corner to the North is all weeds. To her knowledge they have never been cut. Her question is, after the letters are sent and someone does not comply, what are the ramifications?

Discussion about the City doing the cutting and then charge the owners. The mayor stated that would be a decision for the council seated at the time next year, however he supports this plan of action.

Frank Montoya Jr., Chiloquin. Mr. Montoya explained to the council that when there was a pole taken out at the intersection by the gas station, after hours, the workers did not know how to get in touch with the City departments. Mr. Montoya works at the gas station.

There was oil leaking into the sewer man hole.

Council assured Mr. Montoya that the number was posted at the Post office, 911 has it and the fire chief has it. Toby Freeman, district manager of PPL, has the mayors' cell phone number.

Discussion.

Wade Johnson: Mr. Johnson stated that he was at that accident right after it happened and told the Fire department that they needed to get in touch with the hazmat team. He stated they just waived it off and said that was up to the power company.

Hescock explained that the storm drain there goes no where.

Mr. Johnson stated that he was told it was not the fire departments responsibility to notify the hazmat team. It was up to the power company.

The mayor explained that if the fire department was there, they know how to get in touch with him as well as councilmember Hescock.

Mr. Johnson explained that he was just relaying what they told him.

Julie Trevino: Julie is concerned because she just heard there is a storm drain that doesn't go anywhere? Council and the engineer explained that when the railroad crossing was worked on, the railroad was responsible for that drain. They have never fixed it to go anywhere.

SCOEDD: Christina Ingram. The WWTP project has started, she is anticipating a payroll reports next week. As a part of that they requested an increase in the grant amount. We have a contract amendment for the council tonight because the contract SCOEDD has with the City was based on the original grant budget amount.

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They would like to go ahead and reflect the changes to the grant administration that is now \$25,000.00 instead of \$20,000.00 and the labor standard compliance comes out to \$10,000.00 instead of \$6,000.00.

Motion to approve the amendment #1 was made by council member Hescoek, seconded by council member Hescoek, seconded by council member Blackmon. Ayes: Hescoek, Erion and Blackmon.

Motion passed.

The project should be moving ahead rather quickly.

Christina left the meeting.

Regular business:

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of 08/23/2011 was made by council member Hescoek, seconded by council member Blackmon. Ayes: Erion, Hescoek and Blackmon

Motion passed.

Motion to accept of the minutes of 08/23/2011 was made by council member Hescoek, seconded by council member Blackmon.

Discussion: Council member Erion is concerned about the comment of the Mayor on page 2. The minutes state that the Mayor said: 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. Erion said she does not recall saying that. The Mayor replied that he does not recall how he said that. The whole conversation is not in there. He will listen to the recording and let the council know what it was he said and what he meant.

Ayes: Blackmon Hescoek and Erion.

Motion passed.

City Bills: Council looked over the bills.

Motion to pay the City bills as of September 12, 2011, in the amount of \$13,833.25 was made by council Member Hescoek, seconded by council member Blackmon.

Discussion: Council member Erion wanted some clarification. She asked the engineer what his bill was for. The recorder pointed out that his bill was in the blue folder for the council to look at. That shows exactly what the bill is for. She asked what Barco supply was? Hescoek answered that is for supplies, specifically chlorine for the sewer plant. Erion asked what Clough oil is? The recorder answered that was for fuel or for heating oil.

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Eazy Electric? What is that? The recorder explained that the bill is in the folder to explain. She asked about 'IDEXX'.

The Mayor stated that was the sewer plant testing equipment that the council had approved for purchase at a prior meeting.

Erion asked about Pacific Power? That is the power bill for the City owned buildings and the street lights.

Ayes: Hescoock, Blackmon and Erion.

Motion passed.

City Correspondence: The council looked over the correspondence.

Nothing to take action on.

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

Motion passed.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor pointed out that the front entry is about done. He spoke with the contractor this afternoon. There are a few minor things that will be fixed.

At the last meeting the Mayor discussed with the council about passing a resolution that will require event applications to be brought to the council a specific amount of time prior to the event. When the application comes before the council just days before the event, the council does not want to curtail that event and therefore has approved events. He has a resolution requiring 30 days prior to the event he would like the council to approve.

Discussion.

Motion to write in 30 days in the blank and to pass the resolution numbered 795 was made by council member Erion.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion to write in : to come before the council 30 days prior to the last council meeting before the event, and to pass the resolution numbered 795 was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Hescoock. Ayes: Hescoock, Blackmon and Erion.

Motion passed.

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The next resolution has to do with finance. The City has to capitalize assets. We need to have a capitalization policy in place that sets the amount for which we need to keep track of and have audited. This resolution states that. The auditor has pointed this out. We need to set this at \$5000.00 or greater. We do not need to list small things such as office supplies, machines, etc. but things that cost \$5000.00 or more bring in the vehicles and equipment.

Motion to pass resolution # 796 was made by council member Hescock, seconded by council member Erion. Ayes: Erion, Hescock and Blackmon.

Motion passed.

Battery backup. The Mayor is concerned that we do not have battery backups on office computers.

Motion to purchase two battery backups for the office was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Hescock. Ayes: Hescock, Erion and Blackmon.

Motion passed.

Open council positions: The mayor commented that we had more applications for these two seats than he had ever seen in the past. He appreciates that. The first person he would like to have the council appoint is Jeff Mitchell. Jeff has been on the council before and is on the Tribal council. The second person he would like the council to appoint is Joe Hobbs. Mr. Hobbs has not yet returned his application.

Discussion.

The attorney suggested the appointments should be tabled until the next meeting to give council time to review the applications and discussions should be in executive session.

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

Motion passed.

City Engineer: The treatment plant is under construction. About 15 to 20 percent into construction. Concerning the project, he needs to know from council, that as this project progresses since there will be times when issues come up that need to be resolved immediately, how the council wants this to be handled? Sometimes it will be a change order that include costs. How does the council want that handled?

Discussion.

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Motion to authorize the engineer, Doug Adkins, to make decisions on the sewage treatment plant that concern anything under \$7000.00 was made by council member Blackmon, seconded by council member Hescock.

Discussion. Erion feels \$7000.00 is a bit high.

Ayes: Blackmon, Erion and Hescock.

Motion passed.

Bridge project, water line Adkins has been talking with ODOT. There are no answers yet. They are working out some details. The City can not have Adkins design something ODOT is telling a contractor they have to design, The temporary bridge. Therefore the contractor has to design the temporary waterline. It is going to require council approval, however. On the permanent bridge, we will design that.

A contractor called Doug Akins with an offer to sell 10” and 12” waterline to the City. He had a project that was closed down and he has this pipe to sell. He will sell for pennies on the dollar. It is PVC pipe so could not be used on Chocktoot bridge project. If purchased it must be stored properly so no UV deterioration. Aprox. 10,000 feet.

Discussion.

Adkins will look at the pipe and let the council know for the next meeting.

Discussion about the bridge project. Discussed options for removing the current waterline from the bridge. The contractor will be responsible but the City will tell them the process.

Motion to accept the engineers report and was made by council member Erion, Seconded by council member Hescock. Ayes: Erion, Blackmon and Hescock.

Motion passed.

City Attorney: no report

Public works report: Hescock showed the council a light that was removed from the park. It was shot up. This is a new light. There are shots in the backboard also. Hescock explained that the City could remove the baskets and the benches and let them suffer a little. We did that before and it worked. The basketball players will get after the kids that do the damage. After a while we put the things back and they stay nice for quite awhile. If not we take them down permanently.

Discussion.

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The Mayor asked what other alternatives there may be.

Hescock suggested someone the young people recognize hang out around the park, the kids may behave themselves.

The mayor suggested revisiting the enhancement contract with the sheriffs department. Place a curfew on the park and have it enforced. Keep people out of there during the night.

Discussion.

The Mayor asked to go to Evinger and discuss this. Council member Erion stated that she wanted to be involved in that.

Last spring there was a lot of water going into the sewer treatment plant due to the storm water run off. They found a broken drainage pipe across from a residence on Baker Av. the connection from the house was not glued to the main line and was broken. They got that fixed.

Hescock has a bid from Eazy electric for the lift station. We have had bids in the past, and have not followed up. One contractor put in a bid and then he left the area. Winema was asked and they didn't give a bid, Petersen retired.

Motion to approve Eazy Electric proposal as written was made by council member Erion seconded by council member Hescock. Ayes: Hescock, Erion and Blackmon.

Motion passed.

Door between the council chambers and the office needs to be widened. Hescock wants to do that.

Discussion.

Motion to purchase a handicapped assessable door for the office was made by council member Blackmon, seconded by council member Erion. Ayes: Hescock, Erion and Blackmon.

Motion passed.

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

Motion Passed.

At this time, there is a few young ladies in the audience that just came in. The Mayor recognized them because he felt it was important. The girls are residents of the City and are having some difficulties with area drug people and when reporting they have had problems getting police help.

Discussion.

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City recorder report: The audit is tomorrow. Paulette is on vacation. The recorder would like council permission to purchase planters for around the new City Hall ramp from Mayor Cobb. Mayor Cobb stated he would make them and not charge anything.

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

Motion passed.

Old Business:

Abandoned houses. Council member Erion has a list of some houses and some cars that she feels need to have letters of violation sent. It is not a complete list. She has pictures but not with her tonight.

Discussion.

Third St. House: This house is in the last year of redemption period with the County for tax foreclosure. The County stated that it would be quicker for the City to pursue Mr. Reyes giving it to the City than waiting for them.

The Mayor stated that if it is in the County's system of being taken, the City should just let the County have it.

Discussion.

The recorder spoke with the County about violations of dangerous buildings. She was told there is book that is the Uniform Code book for the abatement of dangerous buildings. We need to find this book. She has been unable to locate one on line, so far. She will continue to pursue this.

Abandoned cars: Council member Erion feels these cars need to be sited, however we do that. She pointed out several from her list.

The attorney will get a citation ready for the one particular address on Juda Jim.

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

Motion passed.

New business:

Prioritized projects: The Engineer was supposed to do that and he forgot. He will get that done soon.

Community Center broken windows: The Mayor reported that early that morning he received a call about the damage. He followed up on that to get the information.

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The people that called 911 about the extensive amount of blood on the ground were told that there was no sheriff on duty to come out. The Mayor called, identified himself and requested law enforcement. An officer did come out. One of the persons that cut himself did go to the hospital.

The Mayor called the hospital and then the hospital staff informed the individual that an officer was coming to see him. He then left the hospital. The Mayor is uncertain if he has been found yet. The camera's show there are more than one person involved. They also showed a lot of traffic that must have seen the vandalism. Several cars even turned around and went by another time.

Discussion: The inside windows, outside windows, both doors and a stained glass window were all destroyed. The doors couldn't even be closed.

Sheriffs advisory meeting: Erion asked that if the Mayor, herself, Dwayne Holster and Sheriff Evinger could meet and brainstorm the problems. Erion stated that the problem is that the City money can only be spent inside the city limits but there is crime outside the city limits as well. She feels there needs to be a way of getting co-operation between outside city residents and inside city residents. Erion stated that there is a budget of \$55,000.00 for policing in the City limits. The recorder answered that there is no such fund. There has not been any money with the exception of one year when \$16000.00 was budgeted for an enhancement contract and then council never went forward. When the City had a contract with the Sheriffs department all the property tax income the City received went directly back to the county Sheriffs department to pay for 40 hours per week coverage. The Citizens felt they were being double taxed because they already paid property taxes to the County General fund for law enforcement and then the City's portion went back in to pay for law enforcement as well.

The recorder explained the budget process.

Council member Erion stated that something has to be done. The recorder asked why the council doesn't have a workshop prior to meeting with the sheriff? She suggested a private company for security patrol.

Discussion.

The Mayor feels it is a contract issue. If the contract is specific enough it could work. Council member Blackmon pointed out that the Sheriff was supposed to bring back a proposal and that hasn't happened? Erion stated that there are other small cities that have enhancement contracts. Erion will ask at the advisory meeting as to what other cities have the contracts and then she will contact the Mayors and see how they feel about the coverage. She will report back at the next meeting.

More discussion.

8:58 Council went into executive session per ORS 192.660(2) (h) possible litigation and ORS 192.660 (2)(B) Personnel Issues.

9:50 Council is back in regular session.

No decisions were made in exec. session.

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Motion to have the recorder send a letter to the Rodeo association and the Klamath Tribes notification of the resolution having to do with the 30 day application and send a courtesy copy was made by council member Erion seconded by council member Blackmon.

Discussion. The recorder asked about sending to the Tribe. The rodeo they have is at the Rodeo grounds, so wouldn't the association have the responsibility to ask the City? The Mayor stated we should send them one any way.

Ayes: Erion, Blackmon and Hescock.

Motion passed.

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

10:00 Meeting adjourned

Signed 09/27/2011

Mayor Mark Cobb

Attest: Teresa Foreman, City Recorder

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