

**City of Chiloquin
City Council Meeting
10/25/2011**

Those Present:

Others:

Recorder: Teresa Foreman
Public Works: Pete Pate

Mayor: Mark Cobb

Council Members: Floyd Hescock: absent
Carolyn Blackmon
Kathy Erion
Raymond Kirk
Joe Hobbs: 6:34
Jeff Mitchell

Mayor Cobb read the opening statement.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

The Mayor called the roll. Present: Carolyn Blackmon Raymond Kirk, Jeff Mitchell and Kathy Erion.

Also present: Public works employees Pete Pate and city recorder Teresa Foreman.

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

Motion passed.

6:34 Council member Hobbs arrived.

Public Input: Earl Root. Chiloquin Resident. Mr. Root is here to discuss the citation he received from the City about running a wrecking yard. Mr. Root states he is not running a wrecking yard. He went on to explain what he is doing and also stated he has pictures of other residents with vehicles on their property. He explained that he has a deadline to have the property back into shape as the council wants. He is planning to move and is trying to liquidate his belongings including the vehicles.

He is asking the council to reconsider his citation and give him time to clean up.

The Mayor asked what his time line was. Root explained he is selling his things on Craig's list.

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Discussion.

The Mayor asked for a deadline. The Citation is for November 16. He asked if Mr. Root could be cleaned up by the end of Nov.

Mr. Root answered that all the small stuff would be moved into the house and the antiques are going into to Klamath to be sold.

The Mayor pointed out the citation is for the vehicles. Mr. Root stated he could not really put a deadline on that because he will be hauling them to Nevada. He intends to be moved from this town by Spring.

The mayor pointed out that the council really needs to have a date as far as the deadline.

Mr. Root stated that is really hard to do.

Council member Mitchell asked Mr. Root what his plans were when the snow starts falling. Mr. Root answered that he brought them in when it was snowing, he can haul them out when it snows.

Council member Mitchell stated to the Mayor that the council give Mr. Root an extension of 30 days from the citation date of Nov. 16th.

Discussion.

Council member Blackmon suggested 60 days.

Council member Erion stated that if the cars are not gone by the deadline, the council will have them towed.

The council placed this decision down under new business.

Sam: City Resident. Sam addressed the Mayor about his prior statement of speaking with Duke about coming to a meeting. Council member Mitchell stated he had spoken with Duke and he is still down in California.

Council member Blackmon asked if there was a particular reason we want Duke at a meeting. Sam stated she was interested in hearing if and when they are going to open the center for kids. Because the food pantry has been shoved into a tiny corner of the building and is paying \$200.00 a month rent.

The Mayor explained that he had spoken to Duke and expressed his desire for Duke to come before this council with his plans.

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Council member Blackmon and Council member Mitchell both questioned the reason to come before council. If Sam has questions, those need to be posed to Duke directly.

The Mayor stated that Duke is trying to put together a youth center and just to get an update, he would like to see him come before the council.

Wade Johnson, City Resident. Mr. Johnson stated that he had gone to the Sheriffs advisory meeting last Thursday and he feels there is a conflict of interest with that committee and The City of Chiloquin. All the members are from outside the City limits. What they have tried to do, twice through elections, is to set up a rural policing district. This would be for the local surrounding area. What he would like to see is this council get in touch with the Tribal council and share the efforts and expenses getting some type of police force in the City of Chiloquin.

The mayor explained that he had tried, and has worked on this issue for the last eight years. This is not a new subject. We were very involved in the meetings. He does not have time at this meeting to go into all of the work this council has gone through for this subject. However, when he sees him (Mr. Johnson) on the street he will be glad to stop and go over everything that has been done. All the research and the meetings. Where we are at and why we have not succeeded in those efforts. There is a lot of information that is not being put out to the public. We have put in for grants, we have worked with the Tribes.

Mr. Johnson stated that at the last meeting it was mentioned that the Tribe is trying to put in its own police force. He feels that if the City would put up half of the money it would be fair. He understands the City has over a million dollar budget and the police force would only cost the City 1/20th of the budget.

The Mayor explained that the City does not have over a million dollar budget. There are grants included in that that are for specific purposes and that there are funds that are dedicated and can not be spent for just anything. He explained that every year the City does its budget and invites City residents to be on the committee. There are meetings that are advertised and open for public comment. He encouraged Mr. Johnson to be a part of that this next year.

Just looking at the budget document does not tell you the rules. He explained that after eight years he understands it mostly but he even has difficulty sometimes.

Council member Mitchell answered that he hoped Mr. Johnson was not mis-construing what he had said at the last meeting. The Tribal council is looking at public safety issues and is exploring how it relates to tribal laws and enforcing ordinances as they have on Tribal trust lands. That is what they are looking at. The City being a municipality and under State laws that would be a different issue. Mitchell wanted to be sure that it was understood the Tribe, at this time, is not looking at the community but at Tribal trust lands.

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The Mayor told Mr. Johnson that he could come in on Thursday to get a copy of the document that we received from the insurance company that listed out the needs of starting up a City law enforcement. The Mayor went on to say that he would be willing to appoint a qualified committee to again look into starting a police force.

Discussion.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular City council meeting of 10/10/2011 was made by Council Member Blackmon, seconded by Council Member Erion. Ayes: Blackmon, Kirk, Hobbs, Mitchell and Erion.

Motion passed.

Motion to accept of the minutes of 10/10/2011 was made by council member Blackmon, seconded by council member Erion. Ayes: Erion, Blackmon, Kirk, Mitchell and Hobbs.

Motion passed.

City Bills:

Council looked over the bills.

Motion to pay the City bills as of October 25, 2011, in the amount of \$12,741.22 was made by council Member Erion, seconded by council member Blackmon. Ayes: Blackmon, Hobbs, Mitchell, Erion and Kirk.

Motion passed.

City Correspondence: There is a letter from Mr. Twamley. (attached)

The Mayor asked the recorder to answer these questions. Mr. Twamley is in the audience. He would like the answer in writing but would like to discuss this now also. He is concerned about the meeting that was to take place with the engineer and the attorney. The recorder stated to the council that she could not answer those questions.

The Mayor went on to explain that what he would like to do with these ordinances, that he asked for from the council seven years ago, was to have them gone over and organized. He received an estimate from a company that would go over them with legal council for \$4500.00. The council voted not to spend that money at that time. What that company would do would look over the ordinances and make sure they were up to date and followed the State legal guidelines. Make sure the ordinances are not in conflicts with each other.

Mr. Twamley answered that it was not a meeting about that. It was to go over the letter he had received from the council. Blackmon answered that was a letter written by the recorder, answering a letter from Mr. Twamley.

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The letter was reviewed by the attorney. Mr. Twamley was not satisfied with the answers he received.

Discussion.

Council member Mitchell asked, since there are new council members, he would like clarification.

The Mayor asked Mr. Twamley to state his position.

Mr. Twamley answered that he feels it is worthless to have rules and regulations and not follow them.

Council member Blackmon stated, that to recollection, the residents of Baker street had some concerns about ordinances. Mr. Twamley answered that was correct. Blackmon went on to explain that the attorney reviewed the letter, determined the City was in compliance. The problem seems to arise was that the People on Baker St. did not want to accept the fact that the City was in compliance because they had their own ideas about what was going on. Mr. Twamley interrupted to ask if she was talking about 315 Baker. Blackmon answered, not just 315 Baker but different issues that had come up during that time. About setbacks and other things. The attorney reviewed that and stated a meeting was not necessary because the City Ordinances are fine. It was just that the people did not want to accept that.

Mr. Twamley stated that the Mayor had Stated that he (Mr. Twamley) and the attorney and the engineer should meet to discuss the letter. (from the City). Mitchell asked why we had sent a letter. Mr. Twamley answered because he had requested information. Blackmon explained that we responded with a response that he questioned.

Discussion.

One of the questions in the letter was about Timber receipt funds. The Mayor stated they can only be used for Street projects. That would include paving, grading, ditching patching, sealing and culverts. Also graveling some areas such as shoulders.

Motion to accept the City Correspondence was made by Council Member Blackmon, seconded by Council Member Kirk. Ayes: Blackmon, Hobbs, Mitchell, Kirk and Erion.

Motion passed.

Public works report: Employee Pete Pate has a written report. (attached)

The Mayor thanked Pete for doing this and he would like to ask him to do it quarterly. The Mayor asked the Recorder to attach it to the minutes.

Discussion.

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Motion to accept the Public Works Report was made by Council Member Kirk, seconded by Council Member Blackmon. Ayes: Blackmon, Hobbs, Mitchell, Kirk and Erion.

Motion passed.

Mayor's Report: Beyond what has already been discussed tonight he would like to point out that there is a report on the Bridge project with FEMA related issues.

Cutting of the trees in the right of ways. The Mayor asked Pete if there was any update on that. Pete explained that they had not been able to find anyone to take out the trees for the cost of the lumber.

Discussion.

Motion to accept the Mayors Report was made by Council Member Blackmon, seconded by Council Member Kirk. Ayes: Blackmon, Hobbs, Mitchell, Kirk and Erion.

Motion passed.

Police advisory committee report: Kathy Erion, liaison. Erion reported that in the committee the consensus is that the best plan for the city is to have a Marshall in the City. Given the financial situation of the County department they couldn't promise any extra time even if we paid for it. They do not have the officers. Kathy then spoke with the folks at Malin and we have been invited to meet with them to get some information. She would like to see herself and the recorder and others to go down there and discuss this possibility.

The Mayor stated he would like to meet with them.

Erion went to explain a little more about how Malin works.

The Mayor would like Joe Hobbs, Kathy Erion, Teresa Foreman (Recorder), Raymond and himself to go to this meeting.

Mr. Twamley interjected that he would like it known that he was the one that brought Malin to the attention of the committee. The Mayor thanked him.

Council member Erion will set up the meeting.

Discussion.

Motion to accept the Police Committee Report was made by Council Member Blackmon, seconded by Council Member Kirk. Ayes: Blackmon, Hobbs, Mitchell, Kirk and Erion.

Motion passed.

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City reorder report: The recorder reported that the front entrance area is mostly done. She did send the final report top OSHA and has not heard anything back.

In the council packet they will find a fund raiser request from SAGE school.

Discussion. The City has done donations to the Senior class and every year the council donates money for grade school, school supplies.

Discussion.

Motion to donate \$100.00 to Sage School for the year end field trip was made by council member Erion, Seconded by council member Hobbs.

Discussion. Mitchell stated he supported SAGE, but it is not inside the City limits. He asked if we supported our own City schools? Answer: The elementary school has received a donation. The Mayor stated that the School is a public school and City kids do go to that school also.

Ayes: Blackmon, Hobbs, Erion and Kirk. Nays: Mitchell.

Motion passed.

Mitchell stated that, for the record, he is in support of Sage school but feels the donations should go to the High school, here in Chiloquin first.

Discussion about the schools. SAGE is a public charter school, no tuition except for their pre-school program. They ultimately answer to the district.

The recorder reminded the council that she would be on vacation next week.

Motion to accept the recorders Report was made by Council Member Kirk, seconded by Council Member Erion. Ayes: Blackmon, Hobbs, Mitchell, Kirk and Erion.

Motion passed.

Old Business:

Abandoned cars, houses in dangerous condition and disrepair. Council member Erion reported that she and the recorder went around and got a list of places for letters, plus they looked at the properties that had already received letters to see of their progress. Erion reported on the positive progress with giving examples. Of all the places that received letters, there is only one that has not shown progress.

The one property the council is very concerned about is the house on Third Av. that has partially collapsed. They are concerned about the up coming winter and large snow falls. They feel the house is in a very dangerous position.

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Discussion. The recorder will look into what fast action can be done.

The council wants to see a list before the letters go out this time. They feel they should be in the decision as to who gets letters. The recorder will make the list and provide pictures. Erion stated she had pictures to bring for the recorder.

New business:

Earl Roots Citation.

Motion to give Earl Root an extension to the first meeting in January, 2012 to bring his property violation into compliance and to extend the court date to the middle of January 2012 was made by council member Blackmon, Seconded by council member Kirk.

Ayes: Blackmon, Hobbs, Mitchell, Erion and Kirk.

Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Erion, seconded by council member Kirk.

Ayes: Blackmon, Hobbs, Mitchell, Kirk and Erion.

Motion passed.

8:15 PM Meeting adjourned

Signed 11/14/11

Mayor Mark Cobb

Attest: Teresa Foreman, City Recorder

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