

City of Chiloquin
City Council Meeting
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Those Present:

Others:

Teresa Foreman: Recorder
City Engineer: Doug Adkins
City attorney: Sam Ramirez

Mayor: Mark Cobb
Council members: Floyd Hescock
Carolyn Blackmon
Raymond Kirk
Kathy Erion
Jeff Mitchell
Joe Hobbs

6:32 Mayor Cobb read the opening statement and called the meeting to order.

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

Also the City engineer Doug Adkins, City attorney Sam Ramirez and City Recorder Teresa Foreman.

Motion to move agenda item to bring the City policing from old business to between public input and regular business was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Blackmon. Ayes: Erion, Blackmon, Hescock, Kirk, Hobbs and Mitchell.

Motion passed.

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

Motion passed.

There was quite a few community members present at this meeting. More than could be seated. The majority of the audience was from outside the City limits. All attendants were interested in the possibility of Chiloquin getting a town marshal. Most were in favor with a few thinking there would be a better way. Several of the people wanted police in Chiloquin now and some of the area people argued that this really needed to be researched to be sure it was done right. They felt the safety of an officer and the liability of the City should be thoroughly examined.

Council and Mayor listened and commented throughout the public input time. The Mayor allowed the public input to be extended beyond the normal 30 minutes.

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After the public input several of the members of the council expressed their opinions, ideas and questions.

Discussion about putting together a task force committee. When there was a committee pursuing a rural policing district here, there was a study done. Each of the council will get a copy of that. The Mayor had asked a company in Seattle to give us a proposal on a feasibility study. Council members looked over and discussed the proposal. There are several options this company could do.

Motion to employ this company to do the least expensive feasibility study and that we contact them as soon as possible was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Hescock.

Discussion. Council member Mitchell stated he feels it is necessary to send out RFP to other company's. The Mayor explained that we got this company name from SCOEDD, who looked for company's on the West Coast and this is the closest one.

Vote: Mitchell asked for a hand vote. Ayes: Hescock, Kirk and Erion. Nays: Blackmon, Hobbs and Mitchell.

The Mayor must make the tie breaker vote. Mayor Mark Cobb stated that his hesitation is that he would like to see a more extensive study, not the low ball expense. Council members discussed their hesitations. The Mayor stated he did not want to do a no vote and then not see this council step up and have the study done. The different costs are: \$7500. \$10,100. and \$14000. Discussion about what each of those proposals entailed. Mitchell stated he voted no because he did not have all the details i.e.: our budget, what the proposals actual cover, whether this is the company we want, etc. He feels this is too important of an issue to not get the details first. This is the first the council has seen this proposal, he feels this needs to be looked over first.

The Mayor asked council member Hobbs if he would mind telling why he voted no. Hobbs voted no because he hadn't read the proposal yet. (This proposal just came before council tonight.) Hobbs stated that he was experienced in financial issues such as budget, he would like to see this put out for other proposals.

The Mayor decided that the council needs to review the proposal, that we need to put it out for more bids. One thing we can do is to have a workshop with these folks and ask our questions. He would like to put this on the fast track but feels that there needs to be more homework done.

Mayor Cobb voted no to break the tie.

Motion did not pass.

Discussion about how to go about the 'homework'.

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Motion to put out a public announcement asking people to submit their names if they are interested in serving on a task force and to send in their qualifications and interests and to authorize the mayor to make those appointments was made by council member Mitchell, seconded by council member Hescock.

Discussion. Council members feel this needs to be done right. As quick as possible but not so fast as to not do a thorough information gathering. The consensus is it should not be more than 10 members.

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

Motion passed.

Motion to direct the recorder to do a budget analysis and bring it back to the council was made by council member Mitchell, seconded by council member Hescock. Ayes: Hescock, Mitchell, Hobbs, Erion, Blackmon and Kirk.

Motion passed.

8:45 Council member Erion left the meeting.

Council took a five minute break.

8:50 Council back in regular session.

Regular Business

Motion to accept of the minutes of 10/25/2011 was made by council member Hescock, seconded by council member Hobbs. Ayes: Blackmon Hescock, Kirk, Mitchell and Hobbs.

Motion passed.

Motion to pay the City bills as of November 14, 2011, in the amount of \$12,659.03 was made by council Member Hescock, seconded by council member Kirk. Ayes: Blackmon Hescock, Kirk, Mitchell and Hobbs.

Motion passed.

City Correspondence: Council looked over the correspondence.

There is a letter from the department of aviation updating the council about repaving the airport runway. Also redo the lighting.

Council member Mitchell asked that the correspondence having to do with policing be forwarded to the task force.

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There are several letters from Mr. Twamley. The Mayor requested he answer those. Council consensus was for the Mayor to answer Mr. Twamleys letters in writing.

The task force will be called the Chiloquin community police task force. Council member Joe Hobbs asked what the charge of the task force was. Are they just to look into the issues we have been talking about or are they going to be staying on when and if a police department is formed. The Mayor answered that he felt they should be involved for some period of time, maybe a year. Maybe the task force should submit a proposal as to that.

Discussion.

Motion to accept the City Correspondence was made by council member Hescock, seconded by council member Kirk. Ayes: Blackmon, Hobbs, Mitchell, Hescock and Kirk.

Motion passed.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Cobb reported that he had already discussed his topics in earlier reports.

City Engineer: Adkins reported that the City bridge waterline project is moving forward. He met with ODOT last week. They have a design meeting to coordinate things. All discussion has been positive about the City getting the loan approved.

The drying bed expansion and wastewater treatment facility upgrade: all work is done with the exception of the generator which has not arrived and some electrical. If there is grant money left, we are going to ask for a change order for two items: a sludge storing pad for about \$18,500.00 and a comminuter (grinder) for about \$19,000.00. DEQ has to approve change orders. We have a \$30,000.00 contingency fund. We have to provide the budget and

He has a pay request from the contractor. Council has previously approved the cost of this project.

The engineer explained the areas he felt there was going to be money that will not be spent. This we could use to pay for the change order. All monies for this grant must be spent on the wastewater treatment plant project. If we do not spend it there, it has to go back to the State.

Motion to accept the Engineer report was made by council member Mitchell, seconded by council member Hescock. Ayes: Kirk, Hobbs, Blackmon, Mitchell and Hescock.

Motion Passed.

Public works report: Hescock pointed out a report submitted by public works employee Pete Pate.

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

Motion Passed.

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Old Business: List of letters for violations: There was supposed to be pictures brought before this council prior to letters going out. Council member Erion, the lead person in this project, has excused herself from the meeting and asked if we could bring this back to the next meeting.

There are four letters here, does the council want to address these now or at the next meeting?

Discussion.

Council directed the recorder to send out the letters.

Discussion about the house on third St. that has collapsed. The resident had moved out but is now back in.

Discussion.

Council directed the recorder to follow up on posting that house as uninhabitable. This will be coordinated with the County.

Motion to accept the Old business report was made by council member Blackmon, seconded by council member Hescoek. Ayes: Blackmon, Kirk, Hobbs, Mitchell and Hescoek.

Motion Passed.

Motion to adjourn was made by council member Mitchell, seconded by council member Kirk. Ayes: Blackmon, Kirk, Hobbs, Mitchell and Hescoek.

9:30 Meeting adjourned

Signed 11/14/2011

Mayor Mark Cobb

Attest: Teresa Foreman, City Recorder

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