

City of Chiloquin  
City Council Meeting  
6/11/2012

Those Present:

Others:

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

Mayor: Mark Cobb  
Council members: Floyd Hescock  
Carolyn Blackmon  
Raymond Kirk  
Kathy Erion  
Jeff Mitchell: absent  
Joe Hobbs: left the meeting 6:55

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

The Mayor called the roll. Present: Floyd Hescock, Kathy Erion, Raymond Kirk, and Carolyn Blackmon. Also the City Engineer Doug Adkins; the City Attorney Sam Ramirez and the City Recorder Teresa Foreman.

The Mayor asked council to amend the agenda by moving the temporary liquor license application from new business to executive session.

**Motion to accept the agenda as amended of 6/11/2012 was made by council member Blackmon seconded by council member Hescock . Ayes: Blackmon, Hescock, Erion, Hobbs and Kirk.**

**Motion passed.**

**Regular Business**

**Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of 5/22/2012 was made by council member Hescock, seconded by council member Kirk. Ayes: Blackmon, Hescock, Erion, Hobbs and Kirk**

**Motion passed.**

**Motion to accept of the minutes of 5/22/2012 was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Hescock. Ayes: Blackmon, Hescock, Erion, Hobbs and Kirk.**

**Motion passed.**

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**City Bills:**

**Motion to pay the City bills as of June 11, 2012, in the amount of \$14152.82 was made by council Member Hescock, seconded by council member Hobbs. Ayes: Blackmon, Hescock, Erion, Hobbs and Kirk.**

**Motion passed**

**City Correspondence:** There is an update about the work on the railroad. They will be doing the work on June 25. The crossing will be closed from 5AM to 5PM. Emergency crossing only.

Discussion.

The railroad is also going to build a fence on the SW side of tracks, parallel to the tracks. Aprox. 25' off centerline to about the gate of the sewer plant. They will be closing in their yard.

Fire district letter: The letter is about the wood chips being spread on the lot by Family food center. This lot belongs to the City and is under lease to Family Food Center. The lease requires they adhere to all regulatory authorities. The City has no Ordinance to dis-allow the spreading of chips for landscaping or on parking lots. Dwayne Holster is Deputy State Fire Marshall and there are fire laws. There are also chips by the library. Mr. Holster has spoken with them and they have said they would clean them up. The Mayor stated his recommendation is to take no action and let the Deputy Fire Marshall handle this.

Council decided to take no action at this time.

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

**Motion passed.**

**Mayor's Report:** The Mayor stated that he had, again, spoken with the railroad people about the drainage issue. They stated that they saw no problem with right of way issues if the City wanted to get that work done.

Discussion

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

**Motion passed**

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**City Engineer report:**

Rodeo Lease property description: At the last meeting, after looking at the rodeo lease, it was decided the property description was wrong. Council asked the engineer to look into this. The description is 35 or more years old. The engineer has brought to council the proper description of the land leased. As it is it does not follow City ownership. The current lease had includes land the City does not own and also cuts off part of the arena itself. The recommendation is to adjust the lease to take on the proper description.

Discussion.

Airport reconstruction: The airport will be shut down aprox. mid July to aprox October.

**6:55 Council member Joe Hobbs received a phone cal and excused himself for a semi-emergency.**

Bicycle Pedestrian Transportation grant notice of intent has been filed. It will probably be Dec. before we hear if we are to be invited to make an application.

WWTP Upgrade: Contractor is preparing to start the stacking pad. The commonuter will not be delivered in August and will be installed when it arrives. We have an October finish date as far as the grant requirements.

Bridge project: Should start in the next 30 – 60 days. They are still putting numbers together to see how much of that is water funds. There are a few things added when they did the City's portion that the engineer does not recall being discussed. There were manhole adjustments and different things. He will break that down and he will try to bring that to council at the next meeting. The preliminary costs they are submitting to us exceed what we anticipated.

Discussion.

The Mayor pointed out that the funds the council approved obligated the City to pay for the water line removal and replacement. It did not obligate the City to anything else. If they mess with the City sewer lines they need to be responsible, financially, to repair/replace them.

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

**Motion passed.**

**Public Works report:** Hescock turned this over to public works employee Pete Pate.

Pete reported that there were a few repairs that needed to be done, this past week, on the well. It was down about 4-5 hours but is fine now.

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The public works needs a new pick up truck. They have found one for \$3500.00. The new budget has \$4000.00 budgeted in anticipation of the purchase of a vehicle.

The new Pick up would replace the red dodge. We could then sell the old pick up. They have had it to the mechanic. It has had the radiator replaced.

Tree contract: The company took a week off to do some other things he needed to do. He is aprox. ½ way done.

The Mayor asked to have Pete relay the message to Mr. Mazingo to have the chips hauled out of town so we have no more concerns about that.

The Mayor stated he would support the purchase of the truck. He does want the guys to drive this pick up a substantial drive to see that it runs good and doesn't overheat.

**Motion to buy the pickup up to \$3500.00 if it pans out alright was made by council member Hescock. Seconded by council member Erion. Ayes: Hescock, Erion, Kirk and Blackmon.**

**Motion passed.**

Council member Erion asked about the drainage issue on Lalo. She understood this was supposed to be having some ditch work done. There is a lot of water standing making a mosquito breeding ground. Pate answered that the ditch is going to be worked on but there is a walk way to a house that will have to be removed. Public works will be working on this but we are letting the owners know because there are renters there now. We will remove the walkway but they will have to replace it. It will be done within a month.

Council member Erion asked about trees that are rotten that did not get on the initial list for cut downs. They are dead and on City property. On Lalo. Pate stated if she would bring him a list of the trees she is talking about he would check them out. We had a contract for 69 trees and so far there may be room for one more. We would have to contact the contractor to see if he would be willing to cut this tree.

Hescock brought to the council a proposal for the vector control building. He brought a map to show the area. This is on the East and North side of the entry of the airport. This area is on City property, not on the lease for the rodeo grounds.

Discussion.

The Mayor pointed out that the council needs to decide how long of a lease to make, how much per year etc. Vector control is a service to the community. Also the drafting of the contract needs to be looked over by the attorney.

The recorder reminded the mayor/council that the council had decided that from now on, the City would draft all leases.

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Council consensus is to go forward with going into a land lease with the Chiloquin Vector Dist.

The engineer suggested to not pay for a lease to be drawn up until the ok from the OR. Aviation comes through.

**Motion to accept the Public Works report was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Kirk. Ayes: Blackmon, Kirk, and Erion. Abstained: Hescock because he is on the vector board and vector issues were discussed.**

**Motion passed.**

**City Recorder report:**

Project list: The recorder brought the spread sheet and explained that it is not complete but will have it complete as soon as possible. It starts in 2009 and it is up to date of May 2011. This has all the projects done.

Baker Street Trees. There are Quaking Aspen trees on a City lot that the City leases to an individual. The neighbors on the other side are concerned about the trees falling on their garage. The property is leased so the recorder is not sure who should cut the trees down.

Discussion. Pete Pate stated that public works will be glad to do that if the council so chooses.

The recorder will contact the individual that leases the property and let him know.

Elections: The deadline is August 28<sup>th</sup>. She is working on the packets.

Budget Hearing: June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. That is 30 minutes early on the council date.

4<sup>th</sup> of July meeting: The recorder reminded the council that this is a council directed project and she really needs council participation. The next meeting is tomorrow at 4PM.

The recorder pointed out that we need tables. We have only three.

Discussion.

Public works employee Pete Pate looked into the costs of building tables and picnic tables.

\$244.00 will pay for very heavy duty picnic tables material for the public works department to build. To buy these it would cost 800 to 1000 dollars plus freight. Pete checked prices from 5 suppliers.

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**Motion to approve the purchase of the legs and parts in a total of \$244.00 each to make 6 picnic tables and the public works department make them was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Blackmon. Ayes: Ayes: Hescoock, Erion, Kirk and Blackmon.**

**Motion passed.**

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

**Motion passed.**

**Old Business:**

Dangerous house update: There are two tentative bids to tear down a house in Chiloquin. There are several houses on the list that the public works employee Pete Pate asked for just for a ball park figure on different sizes.

7:46 City engineer Doug Adkins left the meeting.

\$4500.00 from JB Backhoe which won't take out the concrete but will provide the permit.  
\$6750.00 from Bob's excavating which includes the concrete removal but not the permits.

Discussion.

The budget hearing will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> and the council can look over the numbers and see if there is any feasible way to pay for removal of a house or two.

**Motion to accept the Old Business was made by council member Hescoock seconded by council member Kirk . Ayes: Blackmon, Hescoock, Erion and Kirk.**

**Motion passed.**

**New business:** None

**Public input:**

Mary Stohr: Representing John Merriman about a lien. There is a letter from Ms. Stohr about a lien that was placed on a house that they repossessed. The lien is for a water / sewer bill. When this property came back to them, there had been no lien search request from the City. They feel there should never have been a lien allowed to accumulate to this amount. ( aprox. \$300.) She is asking the council to give some debt relief on this lien.

Discussion.

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The house was purchased from Mr. Merriman by a Mr. Reed. The tax office has it listed as Mr. Reed as owner. Therefore when the water bill became delinquent, the City dealt only with Mr. Reed, as is the policy of the City. Mr. Reed made promises, made half payments etc. The City office was trying to work with them. The water was turned off and on several times as the City worked with them.

When it was realized the reeds had vacated the property, the water was turned off and the lien was posted.

Ms. Stohr explained there had been a lien search, the City lien did not pop up.

Council members stated that if they paid for a title search they should go back on the attorney and ask why and see what they can do there.

Ms. Stohr has correspondence from their attorney and will bring it to the recorders office tomorrow for the council members to look over prior to the next meeting.

**Motion to accept the Public Input was made by council member Hescoock, Seconded by council member Kirk. Ayes: Blackmon, Hescoock, Kirk and Erion.**

**Motion passed.**

**8:10 council took a break.**

**8:13 Executive session Possible Litigation. ORS 192.660(2)(h)**

**8:22 Back in regular session.**

**No decisions were made during executive session**

**Motion to recommend denying the temporary liquor license was made by council member Hescoock, seconded by council member Kirk. Ayes: Hescoock, Kirk, Erion and Blackmon.**

**Motion passed.**

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

**8:24 Meeting adjourned**

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Mayor

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Attest: Teresa Foreman, City Recorder

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