

City of Chiloquin
City Council Meeting
7/24/2012

Those Present:

Others:

Teresa Foreman: Recorder
Doug Adkins: City Engineer

Mayor: Mark Cobb
Council members: Floyd Hescock
Carolyn Blackmon
Raymond Kirk
Kathy Erion: absent
Jeff Mitchell: 6:35
Joe Hobbs

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

The Mayor called the roll. Present: Floyd Hescock, Joe Hobbs, Raymond Kirk, and Carolyn Blackmon. Also the City Engineer Doug Adkins and the City Recorder Teresa Foreman.

The Mayor would like to make a few changes on the agenda. He would like to add an executive session before old business and would like to move the rodeo association from item 'D' to item 'A' under the old business

Motion to accept the agenda of 7/24/2012 as amended was made by council member Blackmon seconded by council member Erion. Ayes: Blackmon, Hobbs, Hescock and Kirk.

Motion passed.

Regular Business

Motion to dispense with the reading of minutes of 7/9/2012 was made by council member Blackmon, seconded by council member Hobbs. Ayes: Blackmon, Hescock, Hobbs and Kirk.

Motion passed.

Motion to accept the minutes of 7/9/2012 was made by council member Blackmon, seconded by council member Hescock Ayes: Blackmon, Hescock, Hobbs and Kirk.

Motion passed.

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City Bills:

There is one bill from USA Blue Book that is for hydrant tags: 25 tags for \$109.00. The recorder asked council member Hescoock about those. She doesn't know who ordered them or for what.

Discussion.

Council member Hobbs stated that he was uncomfortable paying for a bill that may be for something we may have not even received.

Council decided to remove the bill and Hescoock will look into it.

Motion to pay the City bills as of July 24, 2012, in the amended amount of \$1653.22 was made by council Member Hobbs, seconded by council member Hescoock. Ayes: Blackmon, Hescoock, Hobbs and Kirk.

Motion passed

6:35 council member Mitchell arrived

City Correspondence: Council looked over the correspondence.

There is a letter requesting a donation for the school supply fund. The Mayor explained that in the past the City has donated \$100.00 but asked council to keep in mind that we do have budget constraints.

Discussion.

Motion to give a \$50.00 donation to buy school supplies for the elementary school was made by council member Mitchell, seconded by council member Hescoock. Discussion: Blackmon asked why half of last year. Mitchell answered because of budget constraints. A yes: Blackmon, Mitchell, Hescoock, Hobbs and Kirk.

Motion passed.

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

Motion passed.

Mayor's Report: Update on the City's cost of the waterline replacement on the new ODOT bridge. The City is getting a loan for \$160,000.00 from ODOT. ODOT went out to bid and got 5 bids. Every bidder came within a few thousand dollars of an exceptionally high bid on the line item of the contract of the replacement of out pipe. Originally ODOT thought the cost would be around \$80,000.00 Our engineer raised that estimate to \$160,000.00 which is what we are approved at for a loan.

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The bids came in at \$205,000.00. So he had a meeting set up with 2 ODOT officials and Doug Adkins to find out why this is so high.

Discussion.

The Mayor has asked the City engineer to go out and request three verbal cost estimates to see if that \$205,000. is way more than what it should be. If it is higher than it should be, then we need to look at pulling that out and taking it out to bid separately.

ODOT stated they are willing to loan us the difference.

There is more money from the BIA for the water master plan. The engineer can give us an update on that when he is here.

Tree removal has been done. He is reminding the council that we are enforcing our own codes. It states in our code that we are not allowed to have trees degrading our structures and roadways and so forth. He is pointing this out for the council if they get questions from the community.

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

Motion passed.

Public works report.

Vector building: S.H.I.P.O. (State Historic Preservation) for the cultural approval. Adkins is asking if the outfit that did it before could do it again.

Tree removal: Has been finished. This is being paid by the Special City Allotment grant. The payment has been requested but we have not received it yet. Then it will be paid to the company doing the work.

Discussion

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

Motion passed.

Recorder report: The recorder is allowing Laurie Wayne from OSU give a report on the healthy kids program she is involved with.

Laurie introduced herself and the program that is called ‘generating weight healthy options for rural kids and communities.’ They have a three year grant funded project that basically targets rural childhood obesity. Laurie explained this project and answered questions. There are three counties in Oregon and two cities in each county.

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This program is to evaluate and hopefully fix some of these problems. The council informed Laurie of several food based places in town.

The Ordinance passed for the LCOG franchise was not signed by them within 30 days. That was an oversight however, it potentially voids that Ordinance. Is there any other way we can do this without going back through the publishing and 3 meetings etc. Everyone is still in agreement to the Ordinance.

Discussion.

The attorney will look into this and get back with the recorder.

The recorder reminded the council that some time ago the council decided that to follow the resolution about council compensation they would fill out a form anytime they were absent, explaining the reason. Then the council members would vote as to if that reason should be excused. If the absence is not excused, the council member is required to pay for w/s for ½ month. We have gotten away from this again and the recorder is bringing it back to everyone's attention. She placed the blank forms in each notebook and is asking the council members to please remember to fill one out and submit each time they are absent.

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

Motion passed.

7:07 Council moved to executive session per ORS 192.660(2)(h)

7: 15 Back in regular meeting. No decisions were made.

Old Business:

Rodeo Association : Jennifer Wampler explained that the Rodeo had been moved to Sept.14,15 and 16. They are here tonight to request a liquor license for that event. There is an application before the council.

The Mayor stated that he would speak for the council. Then the council can speak on their own behalf. He stated that he believes the consensus of the council is to deny the application, once again, because of the condition of the bleachers. Council does not want to see people on the bleachers and it doesn't make sense to have inebriated folks on those bleachers.

Motion to deny the liquor license for the rodeo on Sept. 14,16 and 16 due to the conditions of the bleachers was made by council member Blackmon, seconded by council member Kirk. Ayes: Blackmon, Kirk, Hobbs, Hescoek and Mitchell.

Motion passed.

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Police task force: The Mayor went over each of the findings of the task force to update the public.

Enhancement contract: That will have to wait until after the election. Resident sheriff: Also needs to wait until new sheriff is seated. Town Marshall: No action needed. The recommendation was not to pursue that due to finances. Chiloquin Code reviews: There has been two council members and the recorder appointed to look over the codes. It is a work in project. Klamath Tribes Agreement: again has to wait for election. Again financial constraints prohibit spending money to add or upgrade. Grant opportunities: We have been looking into possibilities and have found none available. Ballot initiative: That is a community project, not a City one. Community enhancement suggestions and ideas: We have not done anything with those.

The Mayor took this time to ask Mr. Twamley, since this is his main concern, if he has any other questions. Mr. Twamley responded that at the sheriffs advisory meeting the other day it was said that if the City would do something financially, no matter how small, it would show the City was concerned.

The Mayor stated that right now, with the bridge project, etc. the City is just very tight with funds.

Julie Wolf asked if the task force findings were available. The answer is yes and can be obtained from the office.

Dangerous house update: Council member Erion spearheads this and she is not here.

The recorder will have a report about the third St. house at next meeting.

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

Motion passed.

New business: none

Public Input. Mr. Twamley: Asked about the storage container issues. Has anything been done? The recorder answered that no one had brought her anything.

Virginia Jayne: Concerned about the bridge replacement and if there will be fencing to keep kids from swimming. Council answered that there will be no fence and that there will actually be a viewing platform that will probably enhance the diving possibilities.

Discussion about the possible rock hazards under the water where the people will be jumping in, once the bridge is changed.

Virginia also has a letter to submit to the council. She was disappointed with the information she received about the tree removal She gave the letter to the recorder.

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Julie Wolf: Asking when the hole would be fixed that is on Baker street. It was stated that it is part of the construction for the bridge. Council does not know when that will be filled in. Second question is why the rodeo is being postponed? Is it because of the liquor license? Or the benches? The recorder explained that she was told it was because of lack of entries. Ms. Wolf asked who the liability was on, concerning the bleachers? The Mayor asked the attorney to answer that. The Attorney replied that for any events the organizers have to carry liability insurance that protects the City if anyone gets hurt. Ms. Wolf asked about the bleachers and if there had ever been any input about getting the bleachers fixed.

The Mayor explained that those bleachers have been a concern of this City for many years. The council has offered many things to help. He stated he did not want to go into detail but the council is very concerned about the bleachers. They support the rodeo and want it to continue. But in a safe manner. There have been several inspections saying the grandstands needed fixed.

Ms. Wolf asked if there were other events there? The answer is yes. The rodeo assoc. leases the land.

Discussion.

Ms. Wolf asked about the trash in the building on Baker St. The recorder replied that the owner will be sent a letter informing him/her.

7:37 Council moved to executive session per ORS 192.660(2)(h)

7:52 Back in regular meeting. No decisions were made.

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

7:53 Meeting adjourned

Mayor

Attest:

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