

City of Chiloquin
City Council Meeting
2/26/2013

Those Present:

Others: Teresa Foreman: Recorder
Sam Ramirez: Attorney

Council members:

Raymond Kirk
Joe Hobbs
Jill Prewitt
Kathy Erion
Carolyn Blackmon

Mayor: Patricia Twamley

Mayor Twamley read the opening statement.

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

The Mayor called the roll. Present: Joe Hobbs, Kathy Erion, Carolyn Blackmon, Raymond Kirk, and Jill Prewitt...

Also the City Recorder Teresa Foreman and City attorney Sam Ramirez.

Motion to accept the agenda as presented was made by council member Blackmon, seconded by council member Hobbs.

Discussion: Erion would like to move Louise Groomer from public input to Old business, for the car show.

Mayor Twamley called for a vote on moving the car show topic to Old business.

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

Motion passed.

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

Motion passed.

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Motion to accept the minutes, of 2/11/2013 with the exception of the mention of council member Erion on page 9 who was not at the meeting, was made by council member Blackmon, seconded by council member Blackmon.

(it was pointed out the dispensing with the reading should come first)

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, of 2/11/2013 was made by council member Hobbs, seconded by council member Blackmon.

Discussion: Council member Erion stated she would like to stand up and address a few things from the last meeting. Erion was not at the meeting; however she reviewed the video of the meeting several times and was very disgusted. She first addressed the council and stated that the audience is not part of the council. They do not interact with the council except during public input. She addressed the council with the same concerns. Members of council were speaking over each other and interacting with the audience. There was a lot of disrespect from all concerned. She addressed the Mayor as well. Erion stated she saw some very disquieting things coming from her seat. Out of respect for the Mayor's position she would not go into things but feels a discussion is in order, either in private or publicly, whatever the mayor feels she wants. Erion pointed out that each of us has a job. Lets, please, carry out our individual jobs with decorum.

In Summary, let's go on from here.

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

Motion passed.

Motion to accept the minutes, of 2/11/2013 was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Kirk. Ayes: Blackmon, Hobbs, Erion, Prewitt and Kirk.

Motion passed.

City Bills:

Motion to pay the bills as of Feb. 11, 2013 in the amount of \$10,099.73 was made by council member Hobbs, seconded by council member Blackmon. Ayes: Hobbs, Erion, Kirk, Prewitt and Blackmon.

Motion passed.

Motion to pay the bills as of Feb. 26, 2013 in the amount of \$6,866.10 was made by council member Hobbs, seconded by council member Blackmon. Ayes: Hobbs, Erion, Kirk, Prewitt and Blackmon.

Motion passed

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6:46 Council went into executive session Per ORS 192.660(2) (h) legal and ORS 192.660 (2) (b) Personnel

7:25 Council came back into regular session. No decisions were made in executive session.

Mayor Twamley briefly explained that the council wants to help the rodeo association with the grandstand issue.. The City will pay for a structural engineer to look over the stands. To see how safe they are and then take it from there.

Erion explained the council would help rebuild the stands or tear them down if that is the recommendation from the engineer.

Jennifer Wampler pointed out that the City had already hired a structural engineer that inspected the stands some time back. Erion answered that the City had not been able to inspect the stands to see if things had been done.

Discussion.

Council member Kirk stated that the object has never been to shut down the rodeo. Prewitt stated she would be volunteering, and volunteering money.

Blackmon stated the reinstatement (of the lease) is based on them allowing a structural engineer... The Mayor cut off Blackmon's statement to ask Mrs. Wampler if she understood what the council was saying.

Wampler answered yes, but had to discuss this with their board before answering. They would then put their answer in writing to the City attorney.

The Mayor stated we would get a letter to the rodeo association.

Motion to 'offer the rodeo association payment of an engineer to come and inspect the grandstands and if the grandstands are found to be dangerous to patrons, the City is willing to help financially, the rodeo association, to fix the grandstands or to help tear them down if that is the recommendation of the engineer. The City council also wants to say that they are 100% behind having a rodeo in Chiloquin. The only problem has been the stands. They want to clarify that' was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Hobbs.

Ayes: Erion, Hobbs, Prewitt and Kirk. (It doesn't appear that Blackmon voted. The recorder did not hear voice)

Motion passed.

City Correspondence: Council looked over the correspondence.

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A letter from Pacific Power. There is on-going vandalism with the power pole lights being shot out. The company will not be able to continue to replace these lights due to the expense. PP&L suggests the City place shields on the lamps. These can be pretty costly.

Discussion.

Motion to explore putting one shield up that gets shot out all the time and see how it works was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Prewitt. Ayes: Erion, Hobbs, Blackmon, Prewitt and Kirk.

Motion passed.

The recorder was asked to call PP&L to identify which light is the most hit and then to purchase one shield and see how that helps.

Council member Erion addressed another letter in correspondence. This letter is from a Mr. Denis Jefcoat.

Mr. Jefcoat has requested that council member Blackmon reimburse the City for unlawful attorney expenses. Erion stated that he had made a mistake here. Council member Blackmon works during the day. She could not attend daytime meetings, she did not call a meeting. Erion stated that this is a personal slander. It is inaccurate and it is slanderous.

Jefcoat asked, then who did call the meetings? Erion answered that is beside the point. The point is Blackmon did not call a meeting, he needs to get his facts straight.

Council member Blackmon asked Mr. Jefcoat if the address he had on the top of this letter was his current address; Agency Loop Rd. Mr. Jefcoat nodded. Blackmon then stated that when he states he is a resident of the City, he actually lives outside the incorporated City limits.

Mr. Jefcoat answered that he certainly did live inside the incorporated City limits. Some one in the audience stated, to Mr. Jefcoat, that he lived off Modoc Point Road, outside the city limits. Jefcoat then stated that he does not live inside the City limits.

Erion would like to completely disregard this letter.

Motion to disregard the letter was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Kirk. Ayes: Hobbs, Erion, Kirk and Blackmon. Abstained: Prewitt.

The Mayor asked for the reason of the abstention, is it because she doesn't understand it or something? Prewitt answered that was correct, she needs to look into it.

Motion passed.

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Mayor's Report: none.

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

Motion passed.

Public works report: Council member Erion reported that she and Council member Hobbs are the co-liaisons to the public works. Erion reported that she had a tour of the City with the public works employee Pete Pate. She toured the facilities. Also, discussed the needs and the on going projects etc. There is a need for a laser level, there is a need to eliminate surplus vehicles and equipment. She went over the list of things to sell.

Discussion.

Motion to accept the public works surplus sale with exception of the 78 van was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Hobbs.

Discussion. The pick up is not good for what we need. It would make a good vehicle to go out and get wood with. The freightliner is not needed. The tankers are old and not used. The other things are probably just scrap metal. Pete will bring Kathy some prices.

The Spinks water well is being worked on. The parts are on order.

She also looked over the water run off issues.

The plan is that the two liaisons will meet with the employees about every other week to just touch base about what's going on and if there are any problems or needs.

Council member Hobbs reminded the council that there is a motion on the table.

Hobbs stated that if there is no more discussion he will call for the question:

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

Motion passed.

Erion wanted to discuss the water drainage issue at the Herrera house. There was a letter from a previous meeting. Pete met with Robert Wilson and discussed the problem and the history. The water that gets over to the house is a natural water drainage pattern that the storm water follows a spring. The route the water is taking this time is not the route it has historically taken. The route it used to follow was interrupted by the addition of fill material being added to the adjacent property to the North. There is an empty lot between the Fill and the Herrera lot.

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The City does not own a right of way. Erion explained that they got permission from the land owner today to excavate.

The Mayor stated she wanted that in writing. Erion said she would get that.

With permission from the landowner the City can provide a ditch past the Herrera house.

Another thing they have been working on is the storm drains on the west side of the river. Erion has requested some quotes for that. She has one quote, this evening, that is for removing/leveling out the mounds of dirt. She is waiting for more quotes.

Discussion.

Council member Blackmon stated they need to look at what the City employees can do.

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

Motion passed.

Recorder report: The recorder stated that tomorrow, she and council member Erion would be going to Salem to the City day at the Capitol.

Motion to accept the recorders report was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Kirk. Ayes: Hobbs, Erion, Blackmon and Kirk. Opposed: Prewitt.

Motion passed.

Old Business:

Louise Groomer. Chiloquin Volunteer Ambulance Service (CVAS) car show in the park.

Louise stated that according to the minutes of the last meeting, the council passed the motion to allow the car show in the park. And there was also a statement that you would have your decision tonight. So they are here tonight to hear the final decision.

Council member Julie Trevino was to look into the concerns of the fire chief. Mayor Twamley stated that Trevino called her and had her speak with the fire chief. He has said he has the same concerns as he had last year. She suggested they speak to him to get permission.

Louise replied that at this time they would withdraw their request to use the park.

Members of the audience showed a concern, stating we need community events. Ms. Groomer stated they would still have an event, just not in the City Park.

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Discussion.

The concern is closing the certain part of Second Av.

Erion explained that closing that street did not cause a problem, there were other main arteries that lead to the same areas.

Mayor Twamley said there are Ordinances that the fire chief is concerned with.

Council member Erion pointed out that it was not up to the fire chief. It is up to the City Council. The concerns were dealt with last year. The people at the car show made the provisions and everything went fine.

Motion to go ahead and allow CVAS to go ahead and use the park in the same way as they did last year was made by council member Hobbs.

Louise explained that they would like to use Second Av. the way they did last year. They had personnel on scene with radios to know if there was any need and they could have the street cleared even before fire personnel or even ambulance personnel needed access to that specific area. There was never a problem last year.

Seconded by council member Blackmon.

Discussion: Erion stated that all she would request is that CVAS take as much care as they did last year. She stated they did a great job last year and sees no reason to deny this years' show.

Louise explained that last year they had ambulance Personnel who have radios so that when fire or ambulance is dispatched, whos' sole job is to go move the people out of this area of Second Street and remove the barricades if needed.

Louise said CVAS just would like to bring something positive to the community.

Erion called for the question.

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

Motion passed.

The Audience reacted by clapping.

New Business:

Erion pointed out the audience had come up with some ideas about liaisons to other community groups. (Done while council was in exec. session) This should probably be discussed at the next meeting..

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Public Input: Peter Rollenhagen (spelling). Peter is here tonight to ask for support for a community garden. Maybe some equipment to work the ground, and some water.

Discussion.

Peter gave his phone number for anyone interested.

Council member Erion suggested we contact public works and see where we have some land where they could place a garden.

Kimberly Woods. Also interested in the community garden project. She brought up some land ideas. Kim asked that maybe the City could let them know where there might be some City land to use.

Erion stated she would get the public works to identify some land and get back to them. She stated that it would be at least a week because she was going to be out of town.

Fred Liljenberg, City resident. Wanting to clear up about the drainage issues. He wanted to let the council know that there was a man that worked on the drainage system on the hill side of the East side of town. (Mr. Liljenberg has the name at home.) The drainage system that comes off the hill comes down to a point and then just filled in from there. It would probably be very easy to bring this up to date and the gentleman said he would be glad to come over.

Several people in audience started discussing bidding. Mr. Liljenberg would like to see an ad in the paper to ask for bids. They are concerned that local people are being skipped over.

Liljenberg feels that the City public works employees can not do the work.

Another person in the audience stated she disagreed. She feels that with the time and equipment they have they do a great job.

Audience discussed this amongst themselves. Joe Hobbs called point of order.

George Depoian, City resident. George stated that a lot of times in the past, they put band aides on problems and he addresses the people in control to do it properly. He would like to see this town go forward. You're going to have to pay for it and you're going to have to collect the money somewhere. You people know about grants.

Richard Twamley, City resident, husband of the Mayor. Mr. Twamley stated you need engineering. He explained the process.

Jana DeGarmo, City Resident. Jana is concerned about the sheriff being told there was going to be trouble here tonight so requested to be here. She feels this is a waste of tax payers' money.

Twamley interrupted to say it did not cost her (DeGarmo) a dime.

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DeGarmo asked to finish. She feels it is a waste of money to have the sheriff and a deputy here when there is nothing going on. She is concerned that when there is a real problem in our town they will say they don't have the money to come up.

Mrs. Twamley spoke over Jana stating that she was missing the point. They came up because of what happened at the last meeting. Speaking at the same time, DeGarmo stated she was not missing the point, it cost time and money to come up here for nothing.

The sheriff was just in the paper talking about how he doesn't have money, and we are calling him up here for nothing.

Mayor Twamley stated that no, he did that as a favor.

Julie Wolfe, City Resident. Julie commented that she wasn't sure if they came up here on the clock or not. Several people were talking over each other about the officers being in uniform, the trip costing money and if they were up here as good Samaritans or not.

Julie's second comment was about drainage. On her street, Baker Av. somebody used a backhoe in an empty lot across the street from her and made an indentation that now just holds water and doesn't drain. If you are going to let work be done, it needs to be done properly or not at all.

Kim Woods. Stating she is not from inside City limits but is a member of the community. In the course of her point she made a derogatory slur of a religion. Council member Erion took exception and called Ms. Woods on it, stating she can not denigrate any group.... Woods interrupted and said she was not meaning to, and apologized.

Fred Liljenberg, City resident. Fred wants to go back to what was being said about the work being done to a standard. This needs to be done when a warranty can be obtained. We do not need to be revisiting this at each meeting. It also needs to be put out to bid.

Sam, City resident. She states that she does not feel that this is an issue of Public Works not doing their job. She feels that you can't be qualified to do everything. In every business you have to farm out some jobs. This may not be a job for them. They do their things very well.

Mrs. Twamley stated she had a letter she wanted to read from Mr. Jefcoat. Today he , J B Brown, Curtis Hoopes and Chris Friskey were appointed to be the new board of trustees on the Vector control. There was one position open. The applications can be picked up at the commissioners' office. The first meeting will be March 7th at 6:30 at the community center. Public is welcome.

Betty Case: Betty explained to the council, going back to 1989-1990, about the house on Wasco with the drainage problem. The Lady that lived there at the time, the mother of Danita Herrera, car pooled with Betty. Betty stated that there was a ditch in front of the house then, there were planks that she had to cross over to get to her house. The daughter and her husband decided to fill in that ditch. That is why there is no ditch now and why the water pools up there. There is a history there.

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All the drainage issues the council is talking about fixing, is it City land or private land.

Erion replied that was to be determined. The point we are at now is exploratory. We do not have those answers yet. The planned digging at this point is on City right of way. We do not have a budget yet because we do not have a bid yet. Nothing is set in stone.

Betty asked if the City had a budget for the rodeo grounds stands. Blackmon and Twamley both answered that we do not. That will have to be looked into. Erion stated that the City has the money for the survey of the bleachers, then we go from there.

Discussion amongst the audience and council talking over each other.

Bonnie Wolfe, City resident: Bonnie is asking about the airport. There is a sequester going on in congress. Having anything to do with transportation. What are they going to do about the lights? They are talking about closing small airports.

Council and Mayor explained that the airport is the State aeronautic division. The City has no control over it.

George Depoian, City resident. He wanted to point out that they did not come here to fight. They came here because they are interested in the town they live in. Some of us have spent our retirement money and invested in our homes because we like it here. We have been here 20 years. We want to go forward, not backwards.

Allen Foreman; Allen stated that it is how you go about it. When you move into a community you try to blend in with the people who are there. You don't try to change everything. The point here is that no one wants to fight but you create animosity by your approach.

Allen was asked, 'who does that, what do you mean?' Foreman answered that if they watch the video of last meeting and they will see who does that.

Mr. Rollenhagen said he would suggest gardening.

Kim Woods; Kim stated that she had heard, on the internet, that City Hall is very prejudice. She stated that there are two natives here. She doesn't care what race anybody is. This community here has got to change. You got to get rid of the drugs, you got to get rid of the riff raff, but you don't call people by names. She has heard several people slandering Indian people.

Erion stated she had never slandered anyone.

Kim stated that she had been pushed around, herself. She again apologized for her derogatory remark earlier, it was not meant in the sense it was taken.

Mayor Twamley stated that prejudice was not part of her make up.

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

Motion passed.

8:40 meeting adjourned.

Signed

Patricia Twamley, Mayor

Attest: Teresa Foreman, City Recorder

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