

City of Chiloquin
City Council Meeting
4/8/2013

Those Present: Others: Sam Ramirez: City Attorney
Teresa Foreman: Recorder

Mayor: Patricia Twamley
Council members: Carolyn Blackmon.
Raymond Kirk
Kathy Erion
Joe Hobbs
Julie Trevino
Jill Prewitt

Mayor Twamley read the opening statement:

It is the 08th day of April 2013. As presiding officer, I hereby call this regular meeting of the City of Chiloquin to Order. Please note that this meeting is being recorded. Following the confirmation of the agenda the council will consider business coming before it. Public input shall be limited to matters pertaining to the business of the City, to the governments of the City, and to the transactions of City business. In the event you have matters of personal business, or issues involving personality or performance should be submitted in writing to the City Hall office to be forwarded to the City Council for further review.

Public comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person, no more than ten (10) minutes per topic. Maximum time for all public input shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes total.

As presiding officer I reserve the right to limit all input and to rule out of order persons, whom by testimony shall be abusive, disruptive or obscene.

In addition I will not accept testimony of a discrediting nature.

The Mayor called the roll. Present: Carolyn Blackmon, Raymond Kirk, Kathy Erion, Joe Hobbs Jill Prewitt and Julie Trevino. Also the City Attorney Sam Ramirez and City Recorder Teresa Foreman.

Twamley stated we do have a quorum, we do have a meeting, it is called to order.

Council member Hobbs asked to add an agenda item to begin the meeting with an executive session with the attorney.

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The Mayor asked why we could not wait until the end. Ramirez answered that he could make this short and then they could continue the executive session at the end.

Twamley asked for a vote, no one answered, discussion: none, opposed: Prewitt.

Discussion that there was no motion. Hobbs stated he was just making an addition to the agenda.

Motion to go into executive session at this time with the City attorney Sam Ramirez was made by council member Blackmon, seconded by council member Trevino. Ayes: Blackmon, Kirk, Hobbs, Trevino and Erion. Opposed: Prewitt.

Motion passed.

6:35 Council went into the executive session.

6:43 Council back in regular session.

Mayor Twamley stated she was resigning and would call the paper in the morning to make it permanent. Patricia Twamley left the meeting.

Council member Prewitt left the meeting, stating she was not resigning but needed to check this out.

Motion to accept Patricia Twamleys' resignation was made by council member Blackmon, seconded by council member Kirk.

Discussion: Hobbs pointed out that he is not the Mayor, he is the Mayor ProTem. He retains his vote. Erion stated that this was very sudden. Blackmon stated that she (Twamley) seemed definite. Erion agreed that she seemed very definite.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor ProTem Hobbs asked for the vote, explaining he prefers that members signify their vote by raising their hand. This is the way he has always conducted meetings.

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

Motion passed.

Motion to accept the agenda as amended, with understanding there will be an executive session at the end of the meeting was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Blackmon. Ayes: Blackmon, Kirk, Hobbs, Trevino and Erion.

Motion passed.

Hobbs reiterated for the public that as Mayor ProTem, he is still a council member and thus retains his voting privilege.

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Regular Business:

Motion to accept the minutes of March. 26, 2013 was made by councilmember Blackmon, seconded by council member Kirk. Ayes: Blackmon, Kirk, Hobbs, Trevino and Erion.

Motion passed.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of March. 26, 2013 was made by councilmember Erion seconded by council member Blackmon. Ayes: Blackmon, Kirk, Hobbs, Trevino and Erion

City Bills:

Motion to pay the City bills as of April 8, 2013, in the amount of \$10,236.85 was made by council Member Erion, seconded by council member Kirk.

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

Motion passed.

City Correspondence:

Council looked over the correspondence.

Request from Council member Blackmon. Blackmon was absent from the last meeting due to illness. She is requesting the council approve her absence.

Motion to accept the excuse from council member Blackmon was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Kirk. Ayes: Kirk, Erion, Hobbs and Trevino. Abstained: Blackmon because it was about her.

Motion passed.

Mayor Report: None

Public Works:

Council member Erion reported that she and council member Hobbs met with the Public Works employees today. One concern is that the dispensing of gray water, from the rodeo concession stand, on to the ground is questionable. They ask that the council not allow that until the Rodeo association get in touch with Klamath County health department. It is their opinion that is illegal.

Discussion.

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The recorder will call the health department.

There is going to be an auction in about a month for the City's leftover vehicles. Dick Trevino volunteered to take over the publication and be the auctioneer for these vehicles.

The department will start fixing up the park as soon as weather allows.

Asking the council to keep in mind that we do need summer help.

Currently they are locating valves.

Discussion about Summer help. The recorder needs to know so that it can be budgeted for. If they want to hire they should put it in the paper to do application.

Motion to hire summer help was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Kirk.

Discussion: We did not have help last year, but we did the two years prior to that. Discussion about the hiring process. Need a job description for next meeting.

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

Motion passed.

Erion will bring the job description to the next meeting

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

Motion passed.

Old Business:

ODOT sent a request, via the former mayor, that we have a reciprocal agreement with other small communities in case of emergency with water and sewer. It turns out that we can help other places but other places can not help us. Our sewer system is more advanced than others. The other cities operate a lagoon system and we have an activated sludge system. They agree to go and help others but they have an emergency plan in place that includes qualified people to come and help.

Discussion.

Erion reminded council that Hobbs had, in a previous meeting, brought up a need of having a counselor help bring the council together as a governing body. To work together as a working unit. This was to include the recorder as well.

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She has contacted a qualified, trained gentleman that would be glad to come. He would like to speak with someone first to hear just what it is they are looking for.

Discussion.

Trevino and Blackmon feel this could be put on hold for now. The attorney suggested that the league of Oregon Cities has on line courses that are free. The LOL can also tell the council what the law is and what they would have to do in certain situations. Erion stated that the problem is, the council would like someone to come here.

Erion asked that someone else take on the responsibility of contacting the LOL for a seminar. Blackmon asked Hobbs to do that. He said they should maybe discuss that at the next meeting.

Erion wanted to discuss the ditch on Lalo St. During the workshop, the other day, they talked about contacting a couple of contractors to see what it would cost to do that one block. She has not yet contacted any. She wants councils' official approval before she pursues that.

Discussion.

Motion to allow council member Erion to pursue more information of excavating and repair on the Lalo St. ditch was made by council member Kirk, seconded by council member Trevino. Ayes: Erion, Kirk, Trevino, Blackmon and Hobbs.

Motion passed.

Council member Trevino has spoken with, and set up an appointment with, the Klamath County Code Enforcement officer. He will be going over the policies, laws and forms that the County uses. This will take some time, but she is pursuing this.

Council member Hobbs stated that he feels the way this is approached will be a make it or break it. All council members agreed with that.

Trevino stated that they do not want to put a hardship on anyone. If there is anyway they can help with volunteers then that is what she is going to push for. Trevino feels it needs to be done but in a helpful way. Hobbs feels that there is a friendly way of helping people clean up.

Discussion.

Trevino will bring her ideas, letter, etc. to the council prior to posting anything.

Erion pointed out that ugly is not a sin. This is more about dangerous things. That is what the Ordinance is about.

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The recorder asked to report a little here because her report had been inadvertently left off the agenda. FYI: the water line project on hiway 97: with the help of Adkins engineering, we were able to get some funding from the Forest Service. They helped us by reimbursing \$2500.00. The project was \$2800.00 plus parts.

The recorder met with the CIS Risk Management person the other day and they will help us with funding towards safety equipment. This could include cameras. The amount we can use is \$1400.00. We need to get this done ASAP. We need to purchase and send in the receipts in time to be reimbursed within a very short time. The recorder has secured this approval.

Discussion.

Council member Erion will be at COSTCO in the next few days. She will look into cameras and can purchase for the City. Then the City can reimburse her.

More discussion. The City of Talent has a camera system in place from COSTCO.

Motion to direct the recorder to contact the City of Talent and discuss their camera system and to pursue purchasing a system for the City was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Blackmon. Ayes: Erion, Kirk, Trevino, Blackmon and Hobbs.

Motion passed.

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

Motion passed.

New Business: none

Public Input:

Betty Case, Community resident. Betty is asking about the workshops. Are these just for the council? Are they posted? What time? Betty feels the meetings should be after work hours.

Council answered the meetings have been in the afternoon but they will try to have them in the evening to let more people come. The meetings are posted at least 48 hours in advance. No decisions are made during those.

Discussion.

Ms. Case would like meeting notices sent to the Tribe to be posted. She also would like to see the notices posted around town and not just at the post office.

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The City wide clean up needs to be posted and advertised more. The recorder answered that the clean up notice is always sent out in the water bills.

Sam, Chiloquin Resident: The part time summer help. Sam is asking about the work service people. From Klamath County. An inmate crew.

Discussion.

Betty Case suggested they use that same avenue to clean out the ditches.

Betty Case: Betty stated that at the few meetings she has been attending lately, there have been mean and cruel to the City of Chiloquin and the City people. She is asking it to stop. She is asking to involve the people not make them the problem.

Council member Kirk stated that over the years the council has tried to involve the people. We have asked for volunteers in many things. It is very hard to get people motivated to help.

Discussion.

Council feels things will be going forward.

7:35 Council went into executive session.

8:15 Council back in regular session.

Motion to have the public works replace all the door knobs with new locks as soon as possible was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Blackmon.

Discussion: Trevino is wondering why to do that if no one else has the key. The recorder stated that keys had disappeared.

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

Motion passed.

Discussion about the Mayor ProTem. What is the process about placing a new Mayor.

We will wait for now and discuss this in a future meeting.

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Blackmon would like to see the motion to have the attorney be invited instead of having him at a specific meeting per month. Hobbs feels that the attorney should be here once a meeting.

Trevino would like it to be invited only. Blackmon stated she would not go into any executive session without the attorney.

Erion asked that we please put this decision off until another meeting.

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

8:20 Meeting adjourned

Signed 4/23/2013

Mayor ProTem

Attest: Teresa Foreman, City Recorder

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