

City of Chiloquin  
City Council Meeting  
09/08/2014

Those Present:

Mayor: Joe Hobbs  
Council members:

Jill Prewitt  
Kathy Erion: 6:40  
Carolyn Blackmon  
Julie Trevino  
Jeff Mitchell: Absent

Others:

Teresa Foreman: Recorder

Pete Pate: Public Works  
Jeremy Morris: City Engineer  
Sam Ramirez: City Attorney

It is the 8th day of September 2014. As presiding officer, I hereby call this regular meeting of the Chiloquin City Council to Order. Please note that this meeting is being recorded. Following the confirmation and approval 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, and to the transactions of City business. In the event you have matters of personal business, or issues involving personality or performance they should be submitted in writing to the City Hall office to be forwarded to the City Council for further review.

Under no circumstance is public input or comment permitted during the period of council deliberation.

During the period of public input, 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 are deemed to be abusive, disruptive or obscene.

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

The Mayor called the roll. Present: Carolyn Blackmon, Jill Prewitt and Julie Trevino.

We do have a quorum; this meeting is now in order.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

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**Motion to accept the agenda 9/08/2014 was made by council member Prewitt, seconded by council member Trevino. Ayes: Blackmon, Prewitt and Trevino.**

**Motion passed.**

**Motion to accept the minutes of 08/26/2014 of the Regular council meeting and to dispense with the reading was made by council member Blackmon, seconded by council member Prewitt. Ayes: Blackmon, Prewitt and Trevino.**

**Motion passed.**

#### **City Bills:**

**Motion to pay the bills for 09/08/2014 in the amount of \$ 6979.98 was made by council member Trevino, seconded by council member Prewitt. Ayes: Blackmon, Prewitt and Trevino. Abstained: Erion because she arrived in the middle of the motion.**

**Motion passed.**

6:40 Council member Erion had come in to the meeting during the last motion.

**Motion to approve as paid and as approved by Mayor Hobbs, the bills of 8/11/2014 in the amount of \$35,240.73 was made by council member Blackmon, seconded by council member Trevino. Ayes: Blackmon, Prewitt, Erion and Trevino.**

**Motion passed**

#### **City Correspondence:**

Council looked over the correspondence. Nothing to take action on. There are copies of several Tribes D and I grants applications. This is for information only because they are all done now. This is so the council will be prepared when they come up again.

**Mayor Report:** received correspondence from an individual asking about imposing a national Indian day. This should have gone to the tribe but was addressed to Mayor Hobbs. There has already been a national Indian day established. Mayor Hobbs will send a letter thanking her and explaining about the existing national day.

#### **City Engineer report:**

**Water Master Plan:** The County department of health is contacting the City about not having a water master plan. Jeremy will look into this and report to the county the progress the City has made towards that plan. We are pursuing funding and have secured some funding.

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Discussion.

There is a letter of request to the Infrastructure Finance Authority for funding help. This letter requests applications for a \$20,000.00 grant.

**Motion to proceed with this letter to the IFA regional coordinator for the water master plan as so described by the City Engineer was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Prewitt.**

**Discussion: Mayor Hobbs asked the attorney if the letter seemed correct to him. Attorney Ramirez stated he had looked at it and it seems fine.**

**Vote: Ayes: Blackmon, Prewitt, Erion and Trevino.**

**Motion passed.**

Crack Seal Project: Was twice the amount we anticipated so we have coordinated with the County for their help.

Jeremy laid out the plan explaining the most important areas to repair. He explained the cost and how many hours we could get. Should get 30-40 hours of work for their crew. The City crew will need to help out and do some of the work.

Discussion.

**Motion to authorize the spending of \$15,000.00 to go towards chip sealing and road repair as Jeremy has outlined was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Trevino. Ayes: Blackmon, Prewitt, Trevino and Erion.**

**Motion passed.**

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

**Motion passed.**

**Public Works report:**

Pete asked council member Erion to speak about the meeting we had with the County about nuisance abatement. Erion reported to council that she felt the meeting went well and that the commissioners were on board with the City's ideas. Now we have to meet with the department head and see if we can work out an agreement.

The painting of the playground equipment is finished.

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Pete went over a few things that he is in the process of getting information. He will bring information to the council at the next meeting and explain in more detail

The public works needs to get test holes dug at the rodeo grounds. These are for the wastewater line project for placing a line that will bring the sewer from the forest service building on 97 to the City sewer service line. Pete is concerned about getting in to the grounds because the rodeo association has a chain and lock on the gate. Pete was assured that the grounds belong to the City, and the City is in control of the grounds. The attorney will send a letter to the rodeo association, as a courtesy, to allow them the opportunity to remove their lock and chain. Otherwise the workers will cut the chain/lock to access the grounds. Pete explained that the test holes are scheduled for Thursday morning at 8:30.

The Mayor stated that council member Erion had done a good job in representing the council at the meeting with the commissioners about nuisance abatement and he suggested she stay with that project. Erion agreed.

**Motion to approve the public works report was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Blackmon. Ayes: Trevino, Erion, Blackmon and Prewitt.**

**Discussion. Council member Erion stated that she is very pleased that the City has such talented public works employees that they can do so many things.**

**Motion passed.**

**Recorder Report:** The recorder reported that she had received a call from a gentleman involved with the Klamath Falls Snowflake parade. Their committee would like to reach out to surrounding communities to get them involved. He was asking about the City's tree lighting ceremony. This is done by the fire department so the recorder passed the information on to that committee.

The recorder explained she met with Pam Swires, for the handicapped assessment of the City Hall. This has to be done as one of the requirements for the search grant the City has been approved for. Chiloquin City Hall is an old structure, built in approx. 1946 for a jail and a fire department. In past years it has also housed the library. The basement was bomb shelter. During this meeting Ms. Swires explained that they also do low interest loans and possible grants for new City Halls. There are a few prerequisites. We would have to hire a licensed architect to do three scenarios: Refurbish existing City Hall; Buy land and build a new City Hall; Acquire an existing building and retrofit it to the City's needs for a City Hall. Then the council would pursue one of these and start the application process. The recorder is not asking for any council action but would like to do some information gathering and report back to the council at a later date. On request, the recorder pointed out that this City Hall is not adequate for the number of people that occupy its chambers during meetings. It has a few structural concerns and we have to treat for pest control. Ie: Termites and wasps. The walls are reinforced cement with re-bar because it was a jail facility. Very hard, if not impossible, to do any remodeling to make handicapped accessible.

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Discussion.

The recorder told council that she would be on vacation for the next four days.

**Motion to pursue information on a New City Hall was made by council member Prewitt, seconded by council member Blackmon.**

**Discussion. Council member Erion stated that she wanted it on record that she is troubled that we could spend that much money on a new City Hall when our streets are falling apart and we don't have places for our kids to play. She is worried about the prioritizing of our money.**

**Mayor Hobbs pointed out that certain funds can only be spent on certain things. There might be a grant just for this type of project.**

**Hearing no more discussion, the Mayor called for the question.**

**Ayes: Trevino, Erion, Blackmon and Prewitt.**

**Motion passed.**

**Old Business:**

Marijuana Dispensaries: The recorder stated that she had been directed at a prior meeting to have it on every agenda.

Discussion.

Council member Erion stated that she was the one that asked that everyone research this and that she is the one that wanted it on the agenda. She is withdrawing that and now does not want it on the agenda. The Mayor stated that at this time we will not place it on every agenda, but when something comes up that needs discussed it will be placed on the agenda again.

City Council survey results: Discussion about the nuisance abatement issue. We are moving forward. The policing issue: The City does not have any money to pursue the policing. The Mayor stated that we should research grants for policing.

Discussion about the sheriff department wanting the City to pay extra for their service. Most do not feel this is right because the City residents pay taxes that fund the sheriffs department the same as non City residents.

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Council member Erion reminded the council that we did have a task force that did all the research and meetings etc. They were former FBI Workers; in County System,; retired police and professionals. They concluded that it was not a feasible option for the City of Chiloquin. We simply do not have the money. These people were diligent in their research. It keeps coming back up all the time but by people who have no solutions. We have ideas but no facts behind our ideas. We can review the report but unless we find holes, it is senseless to pursue this.

More discussion.

Council member Erion brought to the council's attention that the house on N 422 that they have discussed in the past is a very dangerous situation. We need to pursue that.

Discussion.

Discussion about the City property lines by the duplex. Council member Blackmon would like to see some of that area would make a nice picnic area.

Discussion about trees. Trevino would like a price quote on one large tree.

Council member Erion proposed that we come up with a park master plan. This would take some workshops.

**Motion to develop a park master plan prior to spending more than \$100.00 on the current park was made by council member Erion, seconded by council member Blackmon.**

**Discussion. Trevino stated that she was not suggesting spending money, she was suggesting they find out what large trees cost.**

**Ayes: Trevino, Blackmon, Prewitt and Erion**

**Motion passed.**

Discussion about a date for a workshop for the park master plan.

Waste management contract: The council had requested the contract to review because of the increase in rates.

Discussion. Ben, from waste management will be at the next meeting. Council would like to ask for a reduction in the amount the rate is raised. Such as raising the rate 1.1% instead of 2.2% increase.

The recorder reminded council that the council had not re-visited this contract since 1997. That is the reason council asked her to bring them a copy of the contract.

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**Motion to accept the old business was made by council member Erion,**

Council member Trevino interrupted saying that before they accepted old business, she would like to point out that the date they proposed for the workshop was only one evening prior to the council meeting. She was concerned that two nights in a row might not work.

Council decided that the workshop should be Wed. Oct 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30.

The motion died for lack of a second.

**Motion to accept the old business was made by council member Erion,  
seconded by council member Trevino. Ayes: Trevino, Erion, Blackmon and Prewitt.**

**Motion passed.**

**New Business:**

Microphones. The recorder stated that she had done some research but she was not sure what the council wanted. The council members had expressed different views. Meanwhile we placed this one we are using tonight to give us a little time to make some decisions.

Discussion.

Council decided to just use what we are using tonight and wait on buying anything. It would help council members to speak only when they have the microphone and only when recognized by the Mayor.

Council member Erion proposed to the Mayor that he make the council follow Roberts Rules of Order in regards to meeting protocol. Stating that it will be hard for every one but she thinks he just needs to get after the members.

**Public Input:**

Sam, City resident. Sam is concerned that there are not more things on the City web site such as the minutes and who's running for council and mayor. Also notices. She feels that putting up a notice at the Post Office is not sufficient. She feels posters should be at stores also. The recorder stated the minutes were going on the web site but as of yet not notices. The notices do go out to each individual in the mail with the bill. Sam stated she didn't look at the second piece of paper in her monthly bill.

Richard Twamley, city resident: Mr. Twamley stated that the police task force was supposed to continue meeting. He didn't know how it got dropped. He would like to see it re-started.

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**Motion that we post meeting minutes; dates and times; candidates and then the results on the website was made by council member Trevino, seconded by council member Erion. Ayes: Trevino, Erion, Blackmon and Prewitt.**

**Motion passed.**

8:27 Council moved to executive session per ORS 192.660 (2) (h) possible litigation.  
And ORS 192.660 (2) (b) personnel.

8:57 Council back in regular session. No action taken while in executive session.

**Motion to direct public works to look at the steps at the duplex and repair if needed was made by council member Trevino, seconded by council member Prewitt. Ayes: Trevino, Erion, Blackmon and Prewitt.**

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

**Motion passed.**

**9:00 Meeting adjourned**

Signed 9/23/2014

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Joe Hobbs, Mayor

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Attest: Teresa Foreman, City Recorder

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