

City of Chiloquin
City Council Meeting
11/25/2014

Those Present: Others:

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

Mayor: Joe Hobbs
Council members:

Jill Prewitt
Kathy Erion: absent
Carolyn Blackmon
Julie Trevino
Jeff Mitchell
Raymond Kirk: Leave of Absence

Mayor Joe Hobbs read the opening statement:

It is the 25th day of November, 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 allowed 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, Joe Hobbs, called the roll. Present: Carolyn Blackmon, Jeff Mitchell, Jill Prewitt and Julie Trevino.

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

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

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Motion to accept the agenda as presented was made by council member Mitchell, seconded by council member Trevino. Ayes: Mitchell, Prewitt, Blackmon and Trevino.

Motion passed.

Motion to accept the minutes of 10/13/3014 and dispense with the reading was made by council member Blackmon, seconded by council member Prewitt. Ayes: Blackmon, Mitchell, Prewitt and Trevino. Motion passed.

City Bills:

Motion to approve, as paid, the bills of November 10, 2014 in the amount of \$9,009.26 that were approved by Mayor Joe Hobbs was made by council member Blackmon, seconded by council member Trevino. Ayes: Blackmon, Mitchell, Prewitt and Trevino.

Motion passed.

Motion to pay the City bills as presented on November 25, 2014 in the amount of \$2,437.02 was made by council member Mitchell seconded by council member Blackmon`. Ayes: Trevino, Blackmon, Prewitt and Mitchell.

Motion passed.

Motion to approve, as paid, the bills of October 28, 2014 in the amount of \$3,373.59 was made by council member Mitchell, seconded by council member Prewitt. Ayes: Blackmon, Mitchell, Prewitt and Trevino.

Motion passed

City Correspondence:

Council member Mitchell stated that he does have a few questions about legal matters for the attorney. However the attorney is not here. The recorder explained that there had been an accident near Collier Park and the road is closed at this time. He will be here as soon as they let traffic through.

Mitchell stated he would discuss this later then, when the attorney arrives.

There is a letter from the City to Oster Professional group requesting they give the new auditors, Molatore Scroggin and Petersen, any information that they request concerning prior years audit material.

Mayor Hobbs read the letter to the council.

Motion to send the letter to Oster Professional group was made by council member Prewitt, seconded by council member Blackmon. Ayes: Trevino, Mitchell, Prewitt and Blackmon.

Motion passed.

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There is a letter from Taylor Day requesting permission to place a lottery sign on the post that holds his existing Family Food Center sign.

The recorder explained that the Family Food Center parking lot is mostly on City property therefore the existing sign sits on City Property. Mr. Day will have to file a site plan application for the sign but in addition, and before he files the plan, he needs City permission to pursue this.

Discussion.

Motion to allow Taylor Day to develop placing his lottery sign on existing sign post and to state in the letter this is subject to all State and Federal laws as well as local laws, was made by council member Prewitt, seconded by council member Blackmon. Ayes: Trevino, Mitchell, Prewitt and Blackmon.

Motion passed.

Letter from Dulcy Monroe about City placing more insulation on her pipes and to fix the window.

Public Works employee explained that the window is being fixed. He and co-worker Charles Case discussed the insulation issue and feel that there won't be more of a problem than in the past. The pipes are on an outside wall but not exposed and they are insulated. (Dulcy rents one side of the City duplex.)

Dulcy is also asking about a dead tree. Pete stated they looked at all the trees and don't see a problem but they are going to speak to Dulcy directly to find out which tree she is concerned about.

There is a letter about a meeting concerning a proposed gas line. The letter is to inform the council of the meeting if they are interested in attending.

Letter from Kathleen Mitchell requesting support for a reading program for the children. There will be a meeting Dec. 3rd for public information.

Discussion.

There is an information sheet for the council concerning the comment Sheriff Skrah made during the Economic Conference concerning a state statute requiring the City to provide local law enforcement. The recorder explained that since this has come up before, and we have never found this to be true, she asked the assistant Recorder, Paulette Seybold, to research if municipalities do have to provide local law enforcement. After exhausting all records she could find, Paulette contacted the League of Oregon Cities, City County Insurance and the State Legislature asking about this Statute. In all cases no one can find any requirement. (See Attached)

Mayor Hobbs read the report to the council.

Council asked the recorder to send a letter to Mr. Skrah, showing him the research and asking that if he had further information, the City council would appreciate that information.

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Council member Prewitt stated that she isn't sure she wants any police presence here until they clean up what they are doing in the County. She is very concerned about what has been happening and what she knows about the Sheriff's department.

2014 Election Results: Mayor: Joe Hobbs; Position # 2 Carolyn Blackmon; Position #4 Gunga Hescoock; Position #5 Jeff Mitchell; Position #6 Floyd Hescoock.

Council member Blackmon stated that there was a better voter turn out than before. Always a good thing.

Mayor Hobbs read a letter from Council member Erion stating she was going to be on a long planned vacation and would not be back until Dec. 31st.

Council member Mitchell asked what the City generally did for outgoing council members. The recorder answered that generally we give a certificate/plaque. This year she is planning on some type of a reception for the incoming and farewell for the outgoing.

Council member Mitchell stated that he would donate financial help to get some farewell present. The recorder will try to bring some ideas back to the next meeting.

Mayors' Report: The Mayor reported that Wells Fargo is wanting to give the City a house. It is a repossession. There are no closing costs, no liens and no restrictions.

Discussion.

Several Council members will look at the house tomorrow. 10 AM

Discussion about the abandoned buildings. The council is concerned about vacant businesses. The recorder will find out who the owners are and ask the intentions.

Discussion about the HIRVI building. The City could acquire that for a new City Hall. It also has some office space that could be rented out. Any time the City goes for a grant, the City Hall is scrutinized for ADA compliance. It simply does not and can not comply. The building is very old and was a jail so therefore the walls are cement with rebar. Very expensive to remodel to comply. At some point it may even stop us from receiving funding. So far it has not. There are grants and low interest loans for City Hall upgrades/ building.

Jeremy, the City Engineer offered to follow up with the USDA about possible funding.

Discussion about downtown redevelopment and the Mill site development.

Engineer Report: Jeremy reported on the crack seal project which is finished up for now.

A project that will need coordination with the City is the Tribal Daycare facility that will be starting construction preparation in the Spring. This will need connection to the City water and sewer.

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Forest Service lift station: They are working with the Forest service but keeping the City public works in the loop as to how it is progressing. Adkins Engineering has been hired to do the design engineering of that project. The Forest Service is pursuing the funding for that project. The system probably won't be finished until spring of 2016.

Discussion.

The State highway right-of-way is 150 feet. The lift station will be 40+ feet outside that right of way, on the City owned rodeo grounds property.

Discussion. Council discussed the possible projects coming up and the probability of the new council working toward development and revitalization.

The water master plan: An RFP was submitted through the paper. We received an proposal. This will go with the Attorney for his review.

Motion to accept the Engineer report was made by council member Blackmon, seconded by council member Trevino. Ayes: Blackmon, Trevino, Mitchell and Prewitt.

Motion passed.

Public Works Report:

The council has a list of the projects that have been done or are being pursued. Crack sealing finished. County came in to do that with our public works department.

Pete wanted to point out that there are two new businesses coming in to town soon. The bakery/ beauty shop and a manufacturing business where the KLETI used to be. It manufactures a drink much like coffee but made from figs. Called 'coffig'. Its not coffee, it is its own drink.

Our Summer help finished up in October and Pete stated that he was a great worker.

The Mayor stated that since we are at the beginning of our snow year, he would like Pete to go over the plowing plan. There have been some residents complain about the plowing on Baker Street. Pete stated that the City plows are fixed blades. Fixed to one angle, and that is to the right. They go down the street and shed the first pass to the right and at the very end they turn around and come back and shed to the right. That puts snow on both sides of the street. They have a pattern they use that has the least amount of drive time as possible because they have an entire town to do. Everyone is waiting for their roads to be plowed. They try to do it as quickly and as orderly as possible. At one time there wasn't any houses on the east side of Baker, now there are.

Discussion about getting a blade that is moveable.

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Prewitt stated that sometimes it is hard for people to get out of their place. Pete answered that is where neighbors, friends and family come in to help. Pete said that they have a policy to go back for elderly or disabled. The recorder answered that the people that need help, can call and be placed on a list for removing the berm in front of the drive-way. But it as later, they can't do that with the plows, someone has to go back with the backhoe.

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

Motion passed.

City Recorder Report:

Christmas Bazaar: December 6, is a week from Saturday. The recorder explained that she would not be there. Due to a death in the Family, she would be in Tacoma, WA. She is asking if the council could please help with the set up Friday night and then be around the next day and help with the clean up.

Discussion. Council member Trevino agreed to help out and basically be in charge on Friday because Paulette can not be there either.

Quorum Policy: The recorder is asking that the council make a decision as to when it is decided as to if we will have a quorum for a meeting or not. She stated she does not mind calling people to remind or ask if they are coming but if she has to leave messages and those council members don't respond, what then? Do we wait until the meeting to see, or cancel it at a certain time so that people do not take the time to travel here if there is no meeting.

Discussion.

Council consensus is a 24 hour reminder. The decision to be made by noon of the meeting date if there has not been a quorum confirmed.

Community center: The recorder spoke with Bill Wilkins, the vice president of Chiloquin Visions in Progress (CVIP) and they would like to have a representative of the council come to their monthly meetings. They will also be having a representative come to City meetings. We will be receiving a letter to that end.

Thanksgiving Turkeys. In the past the council has given the employees Turkeys and until recently, the council also received a Turkey. During Christmas, the employees and council received a gift Certificate to Howard's meat and the employees also received a gift certificate to a store of their choice such as Big R or Fred Meyers.

After speaking to the ethics commission, at a recent training, the recorder was cautioned that the council could not vote something in for themselves. They can vote it in for future councils but not themselves, personally.

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Discussion.

Consensus was to give it to the employees, not the council at this time. The recorder will look at the past records to see when it was implemented and when or if it was officially stopped.

Motion to accept the City Recorder Report was made by council member Mitchell, seconded by council member Blackmon. Ayes: Prewitt, Trevino, Mitchell and Blackmon.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Public Input:

Dennis Jefcoat, County resident. Dennis has put a letter before the council but recognizes that it is about the litigation with the Rodeo Association and can not speak about it. He just wants to reiterate his concern that the City get a second legal opinion about the issue with the Rodeo association.

Richard Twamley, City resident. Mr. Twamley is upset because the letters he submitted have not been read at the meeting. The Mayor explained that the council can not speak about his letters because they concern litigation. Council member Blackmon stated that the council will look over them and read them. Mr. Twamley stated his one letter is about the attorney being at the meetings. He feels that the City should just have the attorney here by telephone. Council stated that they would answer him at the next meeting.

Council did not state they were going into a closed session so the attorney stated the council could have a conference with him as attorney/client consultation.

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

9:00 PM Meeting adjourned.

Signed 12/08/2014

Joe Hobbs, Mayor

Attest: Teresa Foreman, City Recorder

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