

City of Chiloquin
City Council Meeting
3/24/2015

Those Present: Others:

Teresa Foreman: Recorder
Pete Pate; Public Works
Jeremy Morris: City Engineer

Mayor: Joe Hobbs

Council members:

Floyd Hescoock
Jill Prewitt
Gaylor Hescoock
Carolyn Blackmon: absent
Julie Trevino: Absent
Jeff Mitchell

6:43 Mayor Joe Hobbs read the opening statement:

It is the 24th day of March 2015. 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: Jill Prewitt, F. Hescoock, G. Hescoock and Jeff Mitchell. We do have a quorum; this meeting is now in order.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:44 PM.

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Mayor Hobbs asked if any council member had any additions or deletions.

None.

Motion to accept the agenda of 3/24/2015 was made by council member F. Hescoek, seconded by council member Prewitt. Ayes: F. Hescoek, G. Hescoek, Mitchell and Prewitt.

Motion passed.

Motion to accept the minutes of 3/09//2015 of the Regular council meeting and to dispense with the reading was made by council member Mitchell, seconded by council member F. Hescoek. Ayes: F. Hescoek, G. Hescoek, Mitchell and Prewitt.

Motion passed.

City Bills:

Motion to pay the bills for 3/24/2015 in the amount of \$ 860.91 was made by council member F. Hescoek, seconded by council member Prewitt. Ayes: F. Hescoek, G. Hescoek, Mitchell and Prewitt.

Motion passed.

City Correspondence:

Chiloquin Visions in Progress (CVIP): Agenda and Minutes. This is for council information only. No action needed

Financial management Workshop for small water systems. Rate setting, Capital planning, controlling costs and available loans and grants. Anyone wishing to attend this needs to let the office know.

Community Events request, Kathleen Mitchell. Kathleen is looking for events that the Early Literacy project members could set up a booth to get the information out to the community.

FOCL newsletter: Information. No action needed.

Playground Equipment agreement (signed). For council information. There will be extra equipment much like the type we have at the City Park now. It was discussed what might be done with that. Maybe place at Spinks park or the Chiloquin Rodeo grounds. The recorder will look into insurance costs.

SCOEDD: Info FYI

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SDAO (Special Districts Assoc. Oregon) Training schedule: The City is not a special district , but the concept is basically the same. This training schedule has Employment Law Training; Board Training; Risk Management Training.

Cyndi Parsons-Kronner: Help with clean-up day letter. The Mayor read the letter. She is coordinating community help for the City clean-up day. Cyndi explained how she hoped to do that. She gave a contact number for anyone needing help taking trash to the clean-up area.

Sierra Service Project: This is the group that comes in every year and helps out with citizens' needs such as painting houses, building decks etc. They are hoping to help paint the HIRVI building, clean up the rodeo grounds and paint playground equipment.

Council member Mitchell addressed the public works employee Pete Pate. Mitchell is asking about the time frame for removing the bleachers, and when he hopes to have the playground equipment in the park. Pate answered that the bleachers will be coming down very soon and he hopes to have the playground equipment in the park by June.

Discussion.

Council member Prewitt asked to talk about the building on the corner of Chocktoot and First St. She will bring that up later

Mayors Report: Mayor Hobbs reported that he had attended the elected officials training and spoke with a Mayor from Weston Oregon about policing. Mayor Thul offered to send the City a copy of their agreement with their County.

Discussion. Council member Mitchell would like to see the City partner with the Tribe about policing. Also the commissioners and the Sheriff. Mayor Hobbs will contact the Tribe and get on a future agenda with their council to talk about this. Several council members expressed their desire to go to the meeting with Mayor Hobbs.

The Mayor pointed out that the City will be taking care of the rodeo grounds soon. The attorney stated that it can be rented out starting April first. The Mayor would like to see the council oversee the grounds for the first year or so before getting any committee involvement. He is also thinking that since there are so many people contacting the City about having events out there that are not rodeos, the name might be changed to not identify the grounds for just rodeos.

Discussion.

Mitchell discussed the possibility of including the tribes and CVIP in discussions about those grounds. Mitchell questioned Mr. Pate about taking the bleachers down.

His concern is that they be gone before any events. Pete answered that they are in the planning stage and will get the bleachers out ASAP. The first thing is having access to the grounds.

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Also we do not want people with inexperience out there helping.

The hand clean up can be done by just about anyone though. Discussion about access. Mitchel stated to cut off the existing lock and place the City lock on there.

Discussion about having a workshop about the rodeo grounds. March 27th at 1PM. The Mayor asked Pete to please be here.

Pete asked the council if he understands that he has permission to be on the rodeo grounds, change the locks and begin the process of removing the stands.

Council members and Mayor answered in the affirmative.

The Mayor explained that for the IFA grant we need three signatories for when we request payment. Discussion

Discussion to place Gaylor Hescoock, Floyd Hescoock and Teresa Foreman on as signers for fund requests. There is only requirement for two signing but you need three to insure two are available.

Motion to accept the Mayor report was made by council member F. Hescoock, seconded by council member Mitchell. Ayes: F. Hescoock, Mitchell, Prewitt and G. Hescoock.

Motion passed.

Engineer Report: City Engineer Jeremy Morris.

Skate Park. Jeremy reported that he had a meeting with Grace Stroup and Faith Wilkins about a grant that is due May 1. It is for up to \$75,000.00. The City has to be the applicant for administration purposes. Jeremy is asking for the council blessing to go forward and to bring the application to the next council meeting. It will be 90% finished at that time. He needs council to review this. He is donating his time for this. The council will need to pass a resolution to authorize the application. He is asking for the City to identify the land area for the park. There is a 15% match for this grant. That can be the land, it can be labor donation etc.

Discussion.

This will be added to the workshop.

The City will also need to format a letter stating they are committed to a match. It has to be specific.

Motion to have Jeremy work on Grant information for the meeting of April 13th was made by council member F. Hescoock, seconded by council member Prewitt. Ayes: F. Hescoock, G. Hescoock, Mitchell and Prewitt.

Motion passed.

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Utility: Still working on the I & I study.

DEQ is revising the City's permit. Jeremy explained thermal load limits

Water master plan. The City received the \$20,000. IFA Grant.

Forest service lift station: In progress for funding for 2016.

The recorder asked about annexation. This started several years ago for Melita's restaurant. Did we do any annexing then?

Jeremy will look into that. Council member Mitchell asked about the agreement the Tribe has for reimbursement if anyone hooks into the infra-structure they paid for when they placed the Tribal houses and admin building. The recorder will have to pull that agreement out to see what was said.

Airport Well: Jeremy gave a history of the project and needs. There is a need for a study before the City can make a commitment as far as taking over the responsibility of that well.

Discussion.

Councilmember Mitchell asked where the City sent its water for testing. Pete answered that we take it to Spring Street Analytical in Klamath Falls. Mitchell suggested that we check with the Tribes because he thinks they might be able to do the testing. He feels that it's important to do any business we can locally.

There is a contract with the Forest Service that gives the City a time period to treat before committing.

MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) for the airport Well:

Motion to approve the Mayor to sign the MOU was made by council member F. Hescock, seconded by council member Prewitt. Ayes: F. Hescock, G. Hescock, Mitchell and Prewitt.

Motion passed.

Public works report: The council has a report in their packets that has a list of the projects the public works is working on. He went over the list.

Oregon water resources would like to place a river gauge at the Westside pump station. They have given us an agreement that sets forth that it is all their responsibility. All the information will be available to us. The gauge takes about a 4' square area on land for a concrete slab. The data receiving devices will be out in the river. They would like to place it there because it is fenced in. Pete is asking for signatures on that.

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Motion to approve signing the contract about placing the river gauge was made by council member Mitchell, seconded by council member F. Hescock.

Discussion. Council member Mitchell asked about the ground disturbance. If they will have that will be monitored for artifacts. Pete answered that Charles Case is a monitor and they are aware of the requirement for the Tribes.

Discussion about data loggers.

No vote was taken

Discussion about decommissioning old water tank.

Pete explained that when the existing water tank was placed, years ago, one water tank was removed but there is one there still that needs to be decommissioned.

Discussion

Motion to go ahead and get water tank decommissioned, subject to finding appropriate funding, for under \$2000.00 was made by council member Mitchell, seconded by council member Hescock.

Discussion. The recorder explained to council that the only place there are enough funds are in the Water Capital Replacement fund. She is not sure that decommissioning a water tank could be considered eligible for those funds. She will have to check.

Ayes: F. Hescock, G. Hescock, Mitchell and Prewitt. Motion passed.

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

Motion passed.

Recorders Report: The recorder asked the council to look at the request for a records request fee waiver that is in their packet. The request is from an Organization in California that uses the information they gather to inform/educate the public about government. They are asking for past city budgets and last year financial statement.

Council discussed the fact that it is every citizen's right to request information but it is also their job to spend the tax payers money carefully.

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Motion to charge the full price was made by council member F. Hescoock, seconded by council member G. Hescoock. Ayes: F. Hescoock, G. Hescoock, and Mitchell. Opposed Prewitt.

Motion passed.

The recorder explained to the council that when they had discussed that in the event that a second check signer can not be found, they had decided that she should still be authorized to sign checks, they neglected to make that a motion.

When the decision was made that she not sign checks it was a motion so therefore it needs to be a motion reinstating that authority. She is still on the signature card at the bank.

Discussion.

Motion to approve Teresa sign checks in an emergency was made by council member Mitchell, seconded by council member G. Hescoock.

Discussion

Motion rescinded by Mitchell with approval of G. Hescoock.

Motion to approve the Recorder, Teresa Foreman , to sign checks when an emergency such as unable to find two signers and to add Gaylor Hescoock to the list of check signers was made by council member Mitchell seconded by council member Prewitt. Ayes: G. Hescoock, Mitchell and Prewitt. Abstained F. Hescoock because of his relationship.

Motion passed.

The recorder reported that with the help of council member Trevino, she was going to bring a budget committee meeting date to them tonight. Trevino is unable to be here tonight so that will happen at the next meeting.

SEI forms: Just to let council know if they would like to bring them to her, she will be sending all she collects before April 15. She sends them certified. Mitchell stated that people wanting to have Teresa send them what they need to bring to the next meeting.

Council member Prewitt discussed the building that stands at the corner of First and Chocktoot. The County is putting this building up for auction. She would like to discuss the possibility of the City buying it and refurbishing it for some purpose. She feels maybe a youth center, or a bowling alley etc. something for the youth to do.

Much discussion. Council concerned about the condition of the building and the cost to bring it up to code. Prewitt stated she would look into it and report back to council

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Motion to approve the recorders report was made by council member F. Hescock, seconded by council member Prewitt. Ayes: Prewitt, F. Hescock, Mitchell and G. Hescock.

Motion passed.

Old Business:

Welcome to Chiloquin Sign: Needs refurbished and we have two quotes. We requested these quotes and the recorder stated that she would not reveal the amount in the event that the council asks for more quotes. It would not be fair to those folks.

Discussion. Jill would like to see the sign covered with fiberglass. Mitchell suggested we get donations from community members for refurbishing.

New Business: None

Public Input:

Julie Wolf, Chiloquin Resident

Julie stated that she had been at the sheriffs meeting many times and there are Tribal members there. There is law enforcement there. Her question is to council member Mitchell is, since he brought this up. She has been going to those meetings for two years and getting the Tribe and the City together has been brought up for two years and she doesn't understand why it hasn't happened. There is no representation from the City. She wants to know if the council, the Mayor, and Jeff, are going to truly stick to this? Truly going to go to meetings? Julie wants to know who is going to take that step forward?

Mitchell answered that was decided earlier that the Mayor was going to set up to speak with the Tribal council. Prewitt stated that she was also going as well as Gaylor.

Mitchell explained that the Tribe had been contacted before and the leadership at that time decided they wanted to focus on their own. They appointed a committee and did a lot of work to see what it would take to develop a Tribal police force. They looked into details such as the startup costs, the building and all the legal issues such as jurisdiction. Mitchell explained a little about the Tribal matters and issues. The biggest stumbling block is the money.

We still have the problem and we still need to find an answer. Shared costs are one thing to look into.

Julie stated that she just would like to see something done, instead of just talk. She wants the Mayor and council to come to the meeting.

Mitchell stated that everyone wants a safe community.

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Julie Wolf asked the recorder when the budget committee meeting would be. The recorder answered that she did not have a date yet, due to Trevino not being able to be here. She would have a date at the next meeting.

Mayor Joe Hobbs stated that he would like to make a statement.

From 2000 to 2010 he was the one, out here, that dealt with the police. And things did improve. After he was no longer vice chairman of the Tribe, no one took that over. He would like people to know, including Ms. Wolf that he does care and he does feel we need law enforcement.

Motion to adjourn was made by council member Mitchell, seconded by council member F. Hescok. Ayes: Mitchell, F. Hescok, G. Hescok and Prewitt.

Motion passed.

9:00 Meeting adjourned

Signed

Joe Hobbs, Mayor

Attest: Teresa Foreman, City Recorder

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