

City of Chiloquin  
City Council Meeting  
05/26/2015

Those Present:

Mayor: Joe Hobbs

Council members:

Jill Prewitt: Absent

Gaylor Hescoock

Carolyn Blackmon

Julie Trevino

Jeff Mitchell

Floyd Hescoock

Others:

Teresa Foreman: Recorder

Sam Ramirez: City Attorney

Pete Pate: City Public Works

It is the 26th day of May 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: Carolyn Blackmon, Jeff Mitchell, Floyd Hescoock, Gaylor Hescoock 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.

5/27/2014

**Motion to accept the agenda as presented of 5/26/2015 was made by council member Hescock, seconded by council member Trevino. Ayes: Blackmon, Mitchell, G. Hescock, F. Hescock and Trevino.**

**Motion passed.**

The minutes of 4/13/15 say 2014 not 2015. That needs changed

**Motion to accept the minutes of 04/13/2015 of the Regular council meeting and to dispense with the reading was made by council member Blackmon, seconded by council member F. Hescock. Ayes: Blackmon, Mitchell, G. Hescock, F. Hescock and Trevino.**

**Motion passed**

**Motion to accept the minutes of 04/28/2015 of the Regular council meeting and to dispense with the reading was made by council member Blackmon, seconded by council member F. Hescock Ayes: Blackmon, Mitchell, G. Hescock, F. Hescock and Trevino.**

**Motion passed.**

**Motion to approve as paid, the bills of 5/11/2015 in the amount of \$4860.71 was made by council member Blackmon, seconded by council member F. Hescock. Ayes: Blackmon, Mitchell, G. Hescock, F. Hescock and Trevino.**

**Motion passed.**

**Motion to pay the bills for 5/26/2014 in the amount of \$ 1440.18 was made by council member Trevino, seconded by council member F. Hescock. Ayes: Blackmon, Mitchell, G. Hescock, F. Hescock and Trevino.**

**Motion passed.**

#### **City Correspondence:**

Council looked over the correspondence.

League of Oregon Cities: request for donation:

LOC is asking for donations to help out with scholarships for City personnel who may not be able to attend trainings due to financial constraints. The city of Chiloquin has used this scholarship program in the past. The Mayor stated he felt it was a worthy cause. Council members agreed.

**Motion to donate \$100.00 to the league of Oregon cities was made by council member Blackmon, seconded by council member F. Hescock. Ayes: Blackmon, Mitchell, G. Hescock, F. Hescock and Trevino.**

**Motion passed**

Kelly Kritzer and Diana Bettles: Donation Thanks. This is for the donation to help the Easter Egg Hunt. The Mayor read the letter.

IFA: Revolving loan fund program.

This is the program the City used to receive the grant for the water master plan. This time priority will be given to Cities of 300 or less connections. The City claims 330.

Council directed the public works employees to work with the engineer to pursue this. The dead line is June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Jacque Sullivan: In God We Trust America, Inc. Letter of Invitation.

This is a group that is working towards having the saying of In God We Trust be on the council chambers wall. This is nationwide. The group claims there is nothing illegal about this and has never been challenged.

Council member Blackmon pointed out the separation of church and state. Mayor Hobbs stated that there are 529 cities and counties that have voted yes to this display. The recorder stated that she is noticing there were two attachments that are not with this correspondence. Maybe we couldn't print them out. She would get them for the next meeting.

The Mayor asked if the council wants to wait. Council member Mitchell feels there needs to be a separation of church and state. What is being promoted is legal; it has gone through a lot of controversy in the Klamath county a couple of months ago. In our community there are a lot of denominations of churches. Everyone has a right to believe the way they choose. At this City Hall he would like to keep it as it is. Blackmon stated that there are a lot of different factions that are promoting this specific idea. She feels they have their own agenda and she does not agree with all they are about. She has nothing against "In God We Trust". It is on our money. She does not feel it should be on the wall of our council room. Everybody believes differently and our government is set up to respect that.

The Mayor asked the rest of the council. Do they want to bring it back to next council? F. Hescock stated we should bring it to the next meeting, Trevino agreed. G. Hescock stated it didn't matter to him. Mitchell and Blackmon stated this was Tea Party stuff.

The Mayor stated that we would bring it back to the next meeting.

TRVA board: Spring News Letter. This is just for information. Council member Blackmon stated the community needs to help the gallery keep going, as much as possible.

Discussion.

Julie Trevino, Council member: Letter of resignation.

This will be council member Trevinos' last meeting. The recorder pointed out that the council needs to make a motion to accept the resignation.

Discussion about how to fill the position. The recorder stated it has to be accepted, and posted. Mitchell asked about the election requirements. The recorder stated it is the same as when running in an election. Also, this council does not have to fill the position. If no one applies that is qualified. Or if someone applies that the council feels would be a detriment. They need to make an effort but there is no requirement to fill the position.

Council member Mitchell addressed council member Trevino to state that he felt she will be missed. The council appreciated the effort she has made for the community and they wish her well. Mayor Hobbs and other council stated their thanks, and wished her well.

### **Mayors Report:**

Susanna Julber and Mary Baker: Economic development meeting follow-up.

Discussion about the people that attended. There were several agencies at the Table. USDA, IFA, ODOT etc. The Mayor pointed out that these people were wanting to know about our needs, as a City. They have several suggestions and comments. They will keep us in mind and help us when possible.

Discussion.

Council member Mitchell feels that the City needs to talk with the public. The council needs to partner with the Tribes.

Projects would include the empty buildings on main street, the rodeo/fairgrounds, the policing, the infrastructure etc.

Discussion. The Mayor asked if the council wants to set up another workshop about policing ideas. We had one, but only one council member made it, along with the Mayor.

Discussion about the financial issues of policing for the City. Grants are for a short period of years. Then the City has to be able to fund it for years after that.

Council agreed to meet next Monday, June 1, at 1:30.

Council member Blackmon stated that there is a group looking to set up a fund to raise money to do projects around Chiloquin. Like painting old buildings etc. It's called 'Citizens for a safer community' or something similar to that. It's the same group that came out to volunteer help with the City wide clean up.

Discussion about the buildings that went up for auction. We need to find out from the County who the owners are. Then send them letters to find out what the plans are for those buildings. Mitchell feels we need to put pressure on the owners because of the eyesore.

More discussion about projects and financing.

The rodeo/fairgrounds was discussed. There was to be a rodeo out there over Memorial weekend. The condition of the ground in the arena has not been maintained to the point that it is a bowl that won't drain off during inclement weather. There was such a concentrate of water in the arena that the people could not work it enough so it could drain enough to be safe for the contestants. The rodeo had to move to Klamath Falls. That arena got just as wet but can drain. Mitchell stated that now that we know that, maybe the council can direct the public works department to pursue bringing in the necessary fill. He saw that there are several events that want to come here. Grandstands are needed. Even if it's temporary. He would like to see a plan.

The Mayor reported to the council that Train Mountain is having their Triennial meet this year and have expressed interest in using the fairgrounds for dry camping. They are running out of room for parking.

Council discussed this and the Mayor will contact Train Mountain.

Blackmon pointed out that the council needs to make a policy for the renting of the rodeo grounds. Mitchell would like to see a local tourism board pursued. The Klamath Tribe has a casino, Train Mountain has events. The City now has the rodeo grounds. The Ambulance has a car show. All these entities need to work together. Collier Park also.

Discussion.

**Motion to accept the Mayors report was made by council member Blackmon, seconded by council member F. Hescoek. Ayes: F. Hescoek, Mitchell, Trevino, Blackmon and G. Hescoek.**

**Motion passed.**

Public Works Report:

Chiloquin cleanup day was a great success. We were done by noon because the dumpsters were full. There were a lot of volunteers helping bring trash to the dumpsters.

Discussion about getting names to send thank you notes to. Cyndi Parsons Kronner was very instrumental in getting the volunteers together. Council would like to send her a specific Thank-You. A certificate of appreciation.

The rodeo bleachers are removed.

West Side pump station is having pump volume issues. They are having some trouble-shooting done. He will bring answers back to the next meeting

The airport well: They have been taking samples for a few months. All tests have passed except one. There is a hand dug well within 4 feet of the well. This needs to be decommissioned. It has the potential of contaminating the good well.

Discussion. Pete has received 3 quotes for abandonment. The lowest amount is \$3600.00.

Motion to move ahead on abandoning the well, as long as the funding is there, was made by council member F. Hescoek, seconded by council member Blackmon.

Discussion: The Mayor asked what that means exactly. Pete explained that the hole is filled with a cheap grade cement. Trevino pointed out that this should not exceed \$4,000.00

**Vote: F. Hescoek, Mitchell, Trevino, Blackmon and G. Hescoek.**

**Motion passed.**

The City had vandalism in the form of a broken City Hall window. We have had it looked at and will be replaced for approx. \$500.00. Charges have been made and there is a warrant out for her arrest.

Klamath Metals brought out 2 dumpsters for the metal we accumulated through the City wide clean up. It has been cleaned up and the dumpsters removed. There is a tournament in the park this coming weekend so it's good to have all that gone. We will get paid for that.

Council member Mitchell asked about moving the ingress/egress to the park. He recalls Pete stating that we might move the entrance to the other side of the park and close the one on 422 N. We might be able to put the playground equipment there as we discussed before.

Also, Mitchell is thinking about places we might place a small picnic area.

Discussion.

Pete reported that they met with the SP Railroad personnel because they had a spill. They are in the process of cleaning that up.

Discussion.

Pete will call the State decommissioning commission to find out about any underground fuel tanks in town.

Playground equipment. The playground equipment will be placed in the park in the next couple of weeks. They are placing a temporary fence to keep the people away because it will take several weeks and won't be safe for kids to play on until it is finished. Pete purposely did not mow the area the equipment will be placed so the council can look at that. If they have concerns about where we chose, they need to let us know.

Public works is also working on getting quotes from PPL about additional lighting in the area.

June 6<sup>th</sup> is the Ambulance car show at the casino. June 6<sup>th</sup> is also the City wide yard sale.

**Motion to approve the Public works report was made by council member Trevino, seconded by council member F. Hescock. Ayes: F. Hescock, Mitchell, G. Hescock, Blackmon and Trevino.**

**Motion passed.**

**City Recorder Report:** The recorder has no report. Council member Mitchell would like to see a financial report at the next meeting due to the end of the year just a few weeks away.

**Old Business:**

Medical Marijuana Dispensary:

Council discussed the information that has been in the news. There are several reports that the Council has copies of. There is discussion about dispensing recreational marijuana through the medical marijuana dispensaries. There is also a question about taxes.

Recreational marijuana is legal July 1<sup>st</sup>. Klamath Falls is considering not allowing it in the entire County.

Another issue is that the money cannot be deposited into banks because it is still against Federal law. This leaves dispensaries holding a great deal of money.

Council members discussed that if there are growers in town, they need to have their water meter read. That type of industry will take a large amount of water.

The Mayor and the recorder have been trying to get in touch with the District Attorney, Rob Patridge. Mr. Patridge agreed to meet with us and we have sent meeting dates to him. He has not responded.

**Motion to extend the moratorium to July 1<sup>st</sup> was made by council member Mitchell, seconded by council member G. Hescock. Ayes: G. Hescock, Blackmon, Mitchell, F. Hescock and Trevino.**

**Motion passed.**

**New Business:**

**4<sup>th</sup> of July:** The recorder is just bringing up the celebration. Mitchell suggested we contact Cyndi Parsons-Kronner. Council member Mitchell will contact her via face-book and have her call this office. He is also going to ask her to come to our next meeting if convenient for her.

**Public Input:**

Bill Wilkins thanked the Mayor for coming to the CVIP meeting.

Peter Rollenhagen stated there is a meeting tomorrow night that the Mayor is invited to come to also. There is a 6PM special meeting about fund raising.

There are two young men here from Klamath Falls that help with the community garden there. Ben from Ponderosa and Jesse from Mills help out with the community gardens.

Dewey Moore. Mr. Moore was invited by Peter Rollenhagen. Mr. Moore is from Klamath Falls. Mr. Rollenhagen gave an overview of the community gardens and the people involved. He explained how Jesse made the design for the work table at the community garden.

Peter went over the history of the gardens here in Chiloquin. Mr. Rollenhagen is also concerned about the park not having any trees and no park benches etc.

The recorder explained that there was playground equipment going in and there are picnic tables but they have to be checked out due to the massive vandalism done to the tables. The old ones were completely destroyed so the new ones are being protected. And the bathrooms are the same way.

Council member Trevino would like to see a motion about the empty houses that have couches placed for drunken people.

Discussion.

**Motion that council direct Teresa to inform the public works to remove immediately any couch/chair each time it is reported was made by council member Trevino, seconded by council member Mitchell.**

**Discussion: The recorder asked for clarification of the motion.**

**Ayes: Mitchell, Trevino, F. Hescock, G. Hescock and Blackmon.**



**Motion passed.**

Mitchell asked the attorney about fencing the property. It is a problem and no one will take care of. Blackmon explained the history on that problem. We have contacted the owner; we have contacted the sheriff etc.

Discussion about what might be able to be done. It is private property. It is more the responsibility of the neighbors. The people in the area need to file complaints to the sheriff's department.

Discussion about the home rule authority. The City has the authority to enact rules and laws. The bottom line always falls back to enforcement.

Lots of discussion. No decision. The Mayor stated that something needs to be done.

**9:21 Council went into executive session per ORS 192.660 (2) (h) Personnel issues and 192.660 (2) (h) Possible litigation.**

**10:28 Council back into regular session. No decisions were made in executive session.**

**Motion to adjourn was made by council member Trevino, seconded by council member F. Hescock. Ayes: Blackmon, Mitchell, F. Hescock, G. Hescock and Trevino.**

**Motion passed.**

**10:30 Meeting adjourned**

Signed

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Joe Hobbs, Mayor

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Attest: Teresa Foreman, City Recorder