

City of Chiloquin
City Council Meeting
10/12/2015

Those Present:

Others:

Teresa Foreman: Recorder
Pete Pate: Public Works

Mayor: Joe Hobbs

Council members:

Jeff Mitchell
Jill Prewitt: absent
Carolyn Blackmon
Floyd Hescoock
Gaylor Hescoock: absent
Mark Cobb

Mayor: Joe Hobbs

Mayor Joe Hobbs read the opening statement:

It is the 12th day of October, 2015, and the time is 6:30. 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.

Roll Call: Jeff Mitchell, Mark Cobb, Carolyn Blackmon and Floyd Hescoock.

We do have a quorum; I officially call this meeting to order.

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Motion to accept the agenda was made by council member Cobb, seconded by council member F. Hescoek. Ayes: Mitchell, Cobb, Blackmon and F. Hescoek.

Motion passed.

Motion to accept and dispense with the reading of the minutes of 09/14/2015 as presented was made by council member Blackmon, seconded by council member F. Hescoek. Ayes: Blackmon, Cobb, Mitchell and F. Hescoek.

Motion passed.

Motion to approve the bills as presented for 10/12/15 in the amount \$36,832.75 was made by council member F. Hescoek, seconded by council member Blackmon. Ayes: Cobb, Mitchell, Blackmon and F. Hescoek.

Motion passed.

City Correspondence:

Stephanie Machado: Chiloquin First Coalition. Stephanie works for the Klamath County public health department in Klamath Falls. Ms. Machado is here tonight to explain about a recent grant they received to have community health coalitions around the basin. She explained the program that has been going on in Klamath Falls for about a year and a half. They have a little extra funds and so are establishing the same program here. Monica YellowOwl will be helping with that. Stephanie described the stakeholders she has been speaking with in the community ie: Schools, Tribe, CVIP, etc.

Chiloquin First Coalition is the name of the project. There will be a meeting this Thursday @ 5:30 and Stephanie would like to invite the council.

Discussion.

Council members gave Stephanie their personal email addresses.

Grace Stroup: Skate Park, Thank you letter for the help from the City Council.

KCEDA

Ron Ferrell: Zoning question. This is about the empty house across the street from Clyde's Market. The recorder gave a little history about the building. It had been for sale. This office was told it had been sold and the owner was going to come in to the City to discuss options. That never occurred and it now appears the house is still on the market. The house is in the commercial zoning so it makes it difficult to sell.

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Council members have indicated a willingness to work with an owner to make it legally habitable. The letter in front of council tonight is about that.

This particular house has been used by individuals that are seeking a place to get out of the weather and to drink. It has been a source of contention in the community for some time.

Discussion. Council wants the recorder to find out if the property is still for sale. Then bring this back to the next meeting.

SCOEDD: asking about attendance to SCOACT meeting. Jeremy has stated in the past that he would be glad to have someone ride with him. The next meeting is October 30th. Council member Cobb stated he would attend that meeting.

DEQ: Environmental Quality Comm. Town Hall meeting October 14 and 15.

CLAS: updates and thanks.

Mayor Hobbs asked when the skate park construction would start. Jeremy feels that it will probably happen April/May if all the paperwork goes through.

Engineer report: Jeremy Morris.

Working with Pete on getting the airport well videoed. The Oregon water research departments need a video log to prove the well is sealed properly before hooking to public water service.

Reminder that there will be a work session on November 5th at 2-4PM. This is about the City infrastructure.

Discussion.

Water master plan draft should be submitted next week. What council members would like a copy? Copies were requested by Council member Mitchell, Pete Pate and a request for Charles Case also. Jeremy will make a couple extra for City Hall.

Motion to approve the Engineer report was made by council member Blackmon, seconded by council member F. Hescock. Ayes: Cobb, Blackmon, F. Hescock and Mitchell.

Motion passed.

Public Works Report.

Asphalt patching for two repairs in the middle of a City street. Rocky Mountain Construction was the only company to respond to our quote request. They quoted \$1200.00

Discussion.

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Motion to approve the bid from Rocky Mountain Construction for \$1200.00 for patching up two water repairs in the City of Chiloquin was made by council member Mitchell, seconded by council member F. Hescock. Ayes: Cobb, Blackmon, F. Hescock and Mitchell.

Motion passed.

Airport Well: Going to pull the pump and motor to get to the well casing for videoing. Water resources volunteered to do the videotaping to determine the construction methods. The cost will be approx. \$1200.00 to pull it. Approx. The same to replace it but only asking for the pulling cost at this time.

The water quality has proven out to pass all tests. The video will tell us if the casing/ well seal is fine or if something needs to be done.

Discussion.

Motion to approve the \$1200.00 to pull the well was made by council member Cobb, seconded by council member Blackmon. Ayes: Cobb, Blackmon, F. Hescock and Mitchell.

Motion Passed.

City Park Sign: This has been discussed at earlier meetings. Pete is just asking permission to pursue information from other Cities, companies and the City insurance company. Just for ideas and processes.

Council agreed with looking into ideas and process. Discussion about gathering donations and volunteers.

Discussion about the alternate entry to Spinks Park that has been discussed at previous meetings. Pete has spoken with several contractors to narrow down the ball park figures. Applegate Street would be the route. It is about 1200 feet from the highway. \$40,000 would reconstruct that road from highway to the park. This would be constructed to specs with drainage and width etc. in gravel. If the city were to pave it, it would add up to \$105,000.00. This is just information for the council to have in their minds.

There has been an application for State and Federal Surplus submitted. When we get notification we can get access to the website and begin to look at vehicles.

Discussion

Motion to accept the Public Works report was made by council member F. Hescock seconded by council member Cobb. Ayes: Mitchell, Cobb, Blackmon and F. Hescock.

Motion passed.

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Recorders Report:

Liquor License request for a fund raiser at CVIP. Bill Wilkins is here if Council has any questions.

Discussion.

Motion to approve a liquor license for CVIP for October 24th was made by council member Mitchell, seconded by council member Blackmon. Ayes: Cobb, Blackmon, F. Hescock and Mitchell.

Motion passed.

Update about the Dollar General. The Embree group is the builder/ investor in the building that would be built. They had asked for information about annexing into the UGB and the City limits. The City has no jurisdiction over the property in question. The recorder researched the information and forwarded what she had learned. There are several ORS and several OAR's that need to be followed. The Klamath County planning director suggested that anyone pursuing that should hire an attorney and/or engineer that is versed in land use laws to pursue that process. Since then we have heard nothing back.

The Mill site: The recorder updated the council. The County has been preparing the site for sale. Not physically, just office procedures. They have an individual doing leg work as far as assessing the value. He is looking at contamination etc. This person discussed with the recorder at length the past studies and work groups that have put a lot of time and effort into the vision of that property. Apparently there is a company looking into purchasing this property. This company indicated to the County that they had contacted the Tribe and were assured the Tribe backed them. The recorder called Ed Case, acting GM and head of planning and Perry Chocktoot the head of the culture and heritage department. Neither of those individuals have been contacted by anyone in regards to the mill site property.

The HIRVI building. This has come up in council in the past. This was discussed about acquiring that building for a City Hall plus other businesses. The current City Hall building has many issues that have previously been discussed. The owner contacted the recorder today that if the City is interested she would accept \$9,000.00 to hold the building until March. The full price she is asking is \$145,000.00. There is \$15,000.00 worth of supplies that are included. The recorder asked council if they want more information or to not pursue that at this time.

Discussion.

Council members asked the recorder to get more information.

The recorder informed council that she would be out of the office several days for family issues.

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

Motion Passed.

7:45 Council member Mitchell requested a break.

7:52 Back in session.

Old Business:

Marijuana Dispensaries: Council discussed and deliberated about the marijuana issues. The moratorium has expired. For recreational marijuana if the council wants to opt out, they have until Dec. 27 2015. Opting out means the City will not issue business licenses for recreational marijuana.

Discussion about the voting and the restrictions etc. Also the tax rates allowable.

Council discussed both recreational and medical dispensaries.

The Mayor reported to the council that in his discussions with the residents around town, he has been told by six separate individuals that they do not support the idea. They stopped him to discuss this specific issue.

Motion to allow medical marijuana dispensaries within the City limits of Chiloquin was made by council member Blackmon, seconded by council member Mitchell. Ayes: Mitchell, F. Hescock and Blackmon. Abstained: Mark Cobb because he is in the marijuana industry.

Motion passed.

Council discussed, briefly, the recreational marijuana issue.

At this time the video recording stopped. The recorder had placed the audio recorder on the table.

Rodeo Grounds: The recorder explained that she had this on the agenda just to keep it on council minds. She reported that there are people asking all the time. There is a Chiloquin horse 4-H group. They would like to be able to meet there. Right now they are riding in the woods. They would like to use it ASAP as long as the weather holds out. This is one of many that have contacted the City Hall anxious to use it.

Council wants to name it first. Maybe a contest. Send notices in the water bills.

Discussion. Council discussed that when groups start getting involved we can pursue the upgrading of the grounds. Such as repairs and new grandstands

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New Business: None

Public input:

Bill Wilkins. Bill reported to the council about the Art Gallery. It is not closing. Just changing hands. CVIP will be running the gallery for now. Also will be placing a new name and have a little different footprint. Want to get the Tribal involvement. They are open for suggestions. Bill went over a few ideas they have and a time frame in which they hope to accomplish this change.

Discussion.

Council member Mark Cobb asked to speak in public input. Council member Cobb is concerned about the letter that was in the paper. It is an op-ed and he would like to address the fact that letters of this kind are so negative and shine a wrong light on our community. Just to name a few". The City refuses to listen to the pulse of the City, the City has failed to address long term water storage, sewer system and road repair issues" etc. This gentleman has been doing this for quite some time. Council member Cobb pointed out that when he first became involved with the City, the paper was reporting crimes as being in the City, when in fact they were outside of the City. After he spoke with the folks at the newspaper office, they were careful to get those types of facts straight. Mark went on to address his concerns. How do we put an end to this? He stated he is not looking for answers here, right now. This is public input not made for answers. He would like to address this at a later time in an appropriate manner.

Council member Mitchell stated that maybe the council needs to ask the paper if they might have a guest editorial that addresses these issues. Have an opinion piece published.

More discussions.

The recorder was directed to place an executive session on the next agenda.

Stephan Floyd, Herald and News. Mr. Floyd is a reporter for the Herald and news that regularly attends the City Council meetings. Mr. Floyd has a few questions he would like to ask so as to clarify the marijuana dispensary issues. He is curious if the council is anticipating further action from the vote tonight in regard to dispensaries or does tonight's vote basically accomplish what the council is setting out to do. Mitchell answered that, for himself, until the State comes out with a full set of regulations and how we are to manage marijuana on a recreational level; it makes it very difficult to say whether or not we expect to take any further action. He is waiting to see what comes from the work being done by the committee.

Council member Blackmon stated that the council will be fine tuning their stance on this subject. The Mayor added that this, tonight, is just a first step. There is a lot of work ahead. Blackmon stated the decision has not been taken lightly. This council has been discussing and having meetings as well as doing research on this subject for two years.

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Council member Mitchell excused himself causing the council to lose its quorum.

8:50 The recorder informed council that the quorum was lost.

Signed

Joe Hobbs, Mayor

Attest: Teresa Foreman, City Recorder

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