

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ELECTRIC CITY DECLARING THE CITY COUNCIL'S PROPOSAL TO SUBMIT TO ITS VOTERS THE REDUCTION OF CITY CORPORATE LIMITS TO EXCLUDE LAND HELD OR CONTROLLED BY THE UNITED STATES AND LAND HELD OR CONTROLLED BY THE STATE OF WASHINGTON AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 2023-08

RECITALS:

1. The current corporate limits of the City of Electric City include four vacant parcels of land (the "Property") held by the United States and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, as identified on the attached map, Exhibit A, and incorporated herein.
2. The City Council recognizes that the historical use of the Property has been largely unregulated recreational use including dry camping, fishing, hunting, target shooting, and hiking.
3. The City Council further recognizes that other historical uses of the Property include nuisance activities including illegal dumping, burning, shooting, underage drinking, and parties.
4. The historical use of the Property imposes a burden on City resources for related law enforcement services, public works services, road maintenance, and garbage clean up, and responding to nuisance complaints.
5. Because of the Property's public ownership status, the Property is not available for urban development and offers no tax base revenue to the City.
6. The Property encompasses approximately 853.43 acres within the City's corporate boundaries which limits the City's ability under the Growth Management Act to include other lands more suited for urban use and development.
7. Chapter 35A.16 RCW authorizes the reduction of city limits pursuant to the prescribed statutory process.
8. After due consideration of the benefits and burdens associated with maintaining the Property within the City corporate limits, the City Council has determined that the burden outweighs any benefits, and that the Property should be considered for removal from the City corporate boundaries.

9. The City Council desires to submit the question to the voters at the special election to be held on February 13, 2024, whereupon should 60% of the voters favor removal of the Property from the City corporate limits, the City Council shall adopt an ordinance removing said Property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council directs staff to submit the attached proposition (Exhibit B, the Proposition) to the voters at the special election to be held on February 13, 2024. Pursuant to Chapter 35A.16 RCW, the Proposition identifies the Property to be excluded and removed from the City corporate limits and the corporate limits of the City as it will exist after exclusion of the Property. The attached Exhibit C depicts the new City corporate boundaries if removal of the Property is approved.

Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

Passed by majority vote of the Electric City City Council in open meeting this 12th day of December 2023.



Diane Kohout, Mayor

ATTEST:



Peggy Nevsimal, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-15

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BALLOT TITLE AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO REQUEST A SPECIAL ELECTION BE HELD WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS TO DETERMINE IF THE CITY CORPORATE LIMITS SHALL BE REDUCED BY REMOVING FOUR PARCELS OF LAND

WHEREAS, the City Council has previously adopted Resolution No. 2023-14 stating the intent of the City to remove certain lands from the City corporate limits as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, to complete this reduction of city limits must be approved by 60% of the qualified voters who participate in this election.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Ballot proposition. The City Council directs the City Clerk to submit the following ballot title to the Grant County Auditor and to further request that the proposition of reduction of the City limits be submitted to the voters of the City at the date set for special elections on February 13, 2024 as provided by law.

PROPOSITION NO. 1 CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY

The City Council of the City of Electric City adopted Resolution No. 2023-14 authorizing the reduction of the City corporate limits.

The proposition will authorize the City of Electric City to remove four parcels of government and state held or controlled vacant land from the City limits.

Shall the City of Electric City corporate limits be reduced by the removal of four parcels of government and state held land?

Yes

No

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Electric City, Washington, this 12th day of December 2023.


Diane Kohout, Mayor

ATTEST:


Peggy Nevsimal, City Clerk/Treasurer