



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 19, 2020

City Council of the City of Ephrata, Grant County Washington met in regular session on February 19, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Bruce Reim

Members Present: Mayor Bruce Reim, Mayor Pro Tem William Coe, Council members Mark Wanke, Matt Moore, Valli Millard, Sarah McDonnell, Tony Mora, and Kathleen Allstot.

Staff Present: City Administrator Mike Warren, City Attorney Anna Franz, Community Development Director Daniel Leavitt, Public Works Director Bill Sangster, Community Relations Director Traci Bennett, Interim Police Chief Erik Koch, Fire Chief Jeremy Burns and Administrative Assistant Carrie Lnenicka.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

No public signed up to speak.

Agenda: There were no additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Presentations: There were no presentations.

Consent Agenda: Motion was made to approve consent agenda. (m/s Moore/McDonnell) Motion carried.

Items on the consent agenda are as follows:

- Claims #91420 through #91486 in the amount of \$129,005.73
- Claims #86022020, 87022020, 88022020, 89022020 in the amount of \$2,701.84
- EFT in the amount of \$20,386.67
- VOIDED Claim #91395 in the amount of \$250.00
- Minutes of the February 5, 2019 Council meeting
- Approval of the Special Event Applications:
 - Columbia Ridge Reunification Drill 2:30p.m – 3: 05p.m. Feb 28, 2020
 - Sage N Sun 3:00 p.m. June 12, 2020 – 11:00 a.m. June 14, 2020

Chlorination of the City of Ephrata’s Water System:

Bill Sangster reported to council that the Washington State Department of Health has classified the City of Ephrata’s water status as “Red”. Currently, the City does not chlorinate, although DOH has wanted chlorination since 2010 due to the population reaching 8,000 residents. This status comes after the DOH issued a violation order in February 2019, requiring that the City submit an engineering report as to how and when the chlorination will occur. At that time, the city was in the middle of a Water System Update and had hoped that the report would satisfy the DOH. As of today’s date, that report has not been completed, resulting in the DOH issuing Order to Correct Violation. This order gives the City until April of 2021 to comply and chlorinate.

Council discussion ensued. The City Attorney has been asked to research any legal requirements for chlorination and the Public Works Director has been asked to research our neighboring communities’ chlorination processes. They will report back to council with their findings.

Request for Qualifications – An RFQ was published on January 23, 2020 for roof repairs as the Ephrata Recreation Center and the Ephrata Library with a due date of February 6, 2020. The only response was from The DOH Associates Architects & Planners from Wenatchee, Washington. At this time, the city will be focusing on the library roof only.

Motion to authorize staff to enter into an agreement with The DOH Associates. (m/s Moore/Millard) Motion carried.

Farallon Consulting Proposal – Farallon is requesting approval for additional technical services thru June 30, 2020. These additional services are related to the remedial actions being conducted at the Ephrata Landfill Site.

Motion to accept proposal for additional technical services with Farallon Consulting. (m/s Millard/Wanke) Motion carried.

City Administrator Report:

2020 Budge Report: Revenues are up and expenses are low.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Bruce Reim, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carrie Lnenicka, Administrative Assistant