



## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

### March 04, 2020

City Council of the City of Ephrata, Grant County Washington met in regular session on March 04, 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, Community Development Director Daniel Leavitt, Public Works Director Bill Sangster, Interim Police Chief Erik Koch, Fire Chief Jeremy Burns and City Clerk/Finance Director Leslie Trachsler.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

No public signed up to speak.

**Agenda:** Agenda is amended adding item #4 to the Consent Agenda – Set Public Hearing for Water Use Efficiency Goals for March 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

**Presentations:** None

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

Items on the consent agenda are as follows:

- Claims #91511 through #91568 in the amount of \$168,076.68
- Payroll Check #46606 through #46630 in the amount of \$35,545.20
- Payroll Claims #91488 through #91506 in the amount of \$234,944.70
- Payroll Direct Debit in the amount of \$6,000.00
- Payroll Direct Deposit in the amount of \$178,474.01
- Claims #91487 and #91507 through #91510 in the amount of \$5,091.19
- Minutes of the February 19, 2020 Council meeting
- Approve Special Event Applications
  - Easter Worship April 12, 2020, Sun Basin Plaza 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Set Public Hearing on the Water Use Efficiency Goals for March 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

**Water System Comp Plan:** Director Sangster advised that part of the Water System Comp Plan is addressing the Water Use Efficiency Goals which requires the elected governing body to evaluate and re-establish those goals. The following goals have been proposed:

- Supply side goal: Maintain distribution system leakage below 10%
- Demand side goal: Reduce average residential use by 4% per ERU over a six year period

Council discussion ensued regarding how these goals are established and are they realistic. The goals are a statewide standard and as new connections are added, those homes are added to the calculation. As the Energy Code becomes more restrictive, newer homes that are built are required to install ultra-efficient faucets and other components.

Sangster also reported that the City is required to send out a notice to all Ephrata drinking water system users the Department of Health's "Order to Correct Violation" and "Red" Operating Permit issue. Basically, stating that the City has been given an Order to Correct because of a sampling history of the presence of coliform bacteria in our drinking water. In order to correct the violation the City must begin chlorinating its drinking water. We anticipate having a chlorination system installed by July, 2020. Notices will be mailed out with the next utility bills, will be published in the paper and posted on the city web site.

Council wanted to point out that there was not an event which initiated the notice and that the chlorination plan is a pre-emptive measure.

**Cancellation of April 1<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting:** Traditionally, Council has cancelled this meeting due to it falling during Spring Break. Staff is seeking Council direction.

Motion to cancel the April 1, 2020 City Council meeting. (m/s Moore/Wanke) Motion carried.

**City Administrator Report:** None at this time.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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Bruce Reim, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Leslie Trachsler, City Clerk