



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 03, 2020

City Council of the City of Ephrata, Grant County Washington met in regular session on June 03, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Bruce Reim. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and Governor Inslee's Proclamation 20-28, this meeting is being conducted telephonically using the ZOOM audio only conferencing.

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, and City Clerk/Finance Director Leslie Trachsler.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Agenda: Agenda was amended adding Item 1 Section VI – Ordinances and Resolutions.

Presentations: None

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

Items on the consent agenda are as follows:

- Payroll Check #46664 through #46683 in the amount of \$33,683.77
- Payroll Claims # 91992 through #92009 in the amount of \$228,929.94
- Payroll Direct Debit in the amount of \$5,875.00
- Payroll Direct Deposits in the amount of \$172,698.11
- Claims #91991 and #92010 in the amount of \$130.95
- Claims #92011 through #92035 in the amount of \$81,870.72
- Minutes of the May 20, 2020 Council meeting

Resolution 20-010 – Emergency Resolution, Water Reclamation Facility: Administrator Warren advised Council that on Saturday, May 30th, our Water Reclamation Facility sustained extensive damage from a lightning storm and power

outage that resulting in a catastrophic failure at the plant. The U.V. disinfection process was burned up, the main “mother” board was destroyed and the separator is inoperable requiring manual operation. Staff reached out to Total Energy out of Pasco, contractor who is very familiar with our facility, to trouble shoot. They were able to get the U.V. disinfection process working on Tuesday. Overall, we could be looking at \$20,000 to get the plant back up.

We do have insurance coverage for the damages sustained. On a side note, the Fire Department and Police Department also sustained some damage from the storm. All would be considered one occurrence for insurance recovery.

Motion to approve and accept Resolution 20-010 declaring the existence of an emergency at the Water Reclamation Facility. (m/s Allstot/Mora) Motion carried.

Councilmember Wanke wanted to thank staff who operate above and beyond.

Property Lease and Indemnification – Ephrata School District: This agreement allows the School District to use vacant City property as a playground for preschoolers. Property is located adjacent to Columbia Ridge. Counsel advised that the legal description of the property needs to be included.

Motion to authorize Administration to execute Property Lease and Indemnification Agreement with Ephrata School District as amended to include the legal description. (m/s Moore/McDonnell) Motion carried.

Coronavirus Relief Fund for Local Governments: This contract allows the City to access the CARES Act grant funding being distributed by the Department of Commerce. This is a federal grant in the amount of \$245,400 and covers only COVID-19 expenses incurred between March 1, 2020 and October 31, 2020. Funds are distributed on a reimbursement basis only.

Motion to authorize Administration to execute Interagency Agreement for the Coronavirus Relief Fund for Local Governments. (m/s Wanke/Allstot) Council discussion ensued, motion carried.

City Administrator Report:

Purchase of 2003 Ford F-550 Bucket Truck from PUD: Administrator Warren reported that the City was given the opportunity to purchase a Bucket Truck from the PUD. Public Works has been borrowing a lift from the Port which is considered unsafe and the Port is reluctant to continue to allow us to use it. This purchase will allow Public Works to perform their duties in a more safe and efficient manner.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Bruce Reim, Mayor

ATTEST:

Leslie Trachsler, City Clerk