



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES September 2, 2020

City Council of the City of Ephrata, Grant County Washington met in regular session on September 2, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Bruce Reim. This meeting was to be recorded, however due to an error with Zoom the meeting was not recorded.

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 and Kathleen Allstot

Staff Present: City Administrator Mike Warren, City Attorney Anna Franz, Public Works Director Bill Sangster, Community Development Director Dan Leavitt, Fire Chief Jeremy Burns, and Administrative Assistant Carrie Lnenicka.

Motion to excuse Council member Mora (m/s Moore/Wanke) Motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

No public signed up to speak.

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

Presentations: None

2021 Budget Goals and Objectives: Administrator Warren briefed council that staff has received unanimous agreement to continue with the same goals and objectives for 2021. Motion to accept 2021 Goals and Objectives (m/s Coe/Allstot) Motion carried.

Accept Bids for Library Re-Roof Project and Issue Notice to Proceed: Administrator Warren informed Council that the budget for the library re-roof was \$85,000. Three bids came in for the project, which was bid in 3 phases. The combined total of the bids is under the budgeted amount of \$85,000.

Motion to accept bids for library re-roof and issue notice to proceed (Moore/McDonnell)
Council member Allstot abstained from voting as she is on the NCRL board of trustees.
Motion carried.

Set Public Hearing and direct Staff to publish required notices on request to annex by FW Development Co: Director Leavitt requested that Council set a date of October 7, 2020 for public hearing regarding the annexation of 26.9 acres at the end of Maringo Road. This area was brought into the Urban Growth Area in 2019, and has city property on 3 sides of the area. Motion to Authorize to set public hearing date on October 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for annexation by FW Development Co (m/s Wanke/Coe) Motion carried.

Request for easement on city property for fiber optic cabinet for PUD: Director Leavitt informed Council that this easement process is a 2-step process. Council would need to approve the request for the easement. If approved, steps will be taken to create the easement. Council will have an opportunity to review the exact location of the easement once a drawing and legal descriptions are created during the process. No objections from City Council.

City Administrator Report: Administrator Warren briefed Council on the Police Chief application process. The City received 2 applications for Police Chief as of the deadline. Interviews will be held on September 30, 2020 at City Hall with social distancing best practices. The panel consists of Mayor Bruce Reim, Will Coe, Sarah McDonnell, Chris Harrison, Ryan Harvey and Time Payne. Each panel member will receive a packet consisting of the candidates' resume, application and letters of recommendation for review prior to the interview date.

Mayor Bruce Reim spoke with council regarding City Hall's continued closure to the public. He reminded everyone that if any business needs to be conducted at City Hall, to please contact Mike, Leslie or Carrie to make an appointment so they can be expected.

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

Items on the consent agenda are as follows:

Claims #92335 and 92336 in the amount of \$221.15
Claims #92337 through #92365 in the amount of \$95,336.97
Payroll Check#46721 through #46739 in the amount of \$32,456.74
Payroll Claims #92317 through #92334 in the amount of \$228,151.65
Minutes of the August 19, 2020 Council meeting

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:15p.m.

Bruce Reim, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carrie Lnenicka, Administrative Assistant