



## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES January 06, 2021

City Council of the City of Ephrata, Grant County Washington met in regular session on January 06, 2021. 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 remotely using the ZOOM video 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, Public Works Director Bill Sangster, Community Development Director Dan Leavitt, Community Relations Director Traci Bennett, Fire Chief Jeremy Burns, Police Chief Kurt Adkinson, and City Clerk/Finance Director Leslie Trachsler

Pledge of Allegiance was said. This meeting is not being recorded.

No public signed up to speak.

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

**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 #92806 through #92838 in the amount of \$139,542.89  
Payroll Checks #46783 through #46796 in the amount of \$49,359.36  
Payroll Claims #92775 through #92793 in the amount of \$261,779.22  
Payroll Claims #92802 through #92805 in the amount of \$105.31  
Payroll Direct Debit in the amount of \$5,875.00  
Payroll Direct Deposit in the amount of \$217,657.54  
Payroll Direct Deposit in the amount of \$269.04

Claims #92774 in the amount of \$14,267.56  
Claims #92794 through #92801 in the amount of \$821.32  
Minutes of the December 16, 2020 Council meeting  
Special Event Applications: None  
Set Public Hearing on 6-year and 20-year Capital Facilities Plan for January 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

**Ordinance 21-01 – Fees and Charges for City Services:** Director Trachsler gave a brief staff report. This ordinance addresses the rate increases for Sanitation and Splash Zone for 2021. Residential increases for sanitation range from 6% to 10% depending on pick-up schedule and size of container. Dumpster and Dropbox rates varied from 8% to 15%. The larger the container the higher the increase. Fees not associated with disposal were only increased by 2.1%.

Splash Zone fees would increase by 2.1%. The rates shown are inclusive of sales tax which increased in 2020 from 8.2% to 8.4%. Additionally, the fees are rounded up to the nearest quarter.

Motion to approve and accept Ordinance 21-01 entitled “Fee Schedule and Charges for City Services”. (m/s Mora/Millard) Motion carried.

**Extension of Resolution 20-015 – City Hall Closure and Establishing Employee Compensation during COVID-19 Heath Crises:** This Resolution was originally approved by Council on November 18, 2020 and set to expire on December 18, 2020 unless extended by Council. On December 16, 2020, Council motioned and approved to extend Resolution 20-016 through January 6, 2021. Governor Inslee has announced the “Healthy Washington – Roadmap to Recovery” which in essence continues his restrictions until each Region meets certain criteria in order to move from Phase I into Phase II. Mayor Reim requested Council extend Resolution 20-016 through February 5, 2021.

Motion to extend Resolution 20-015 through February 5, 2021. (m/s Moore/McDonnell) Motion carried.

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

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

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Bruce Reim, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Leslie Trachsler, City Clerk