



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 03, 2021

City Council of the City of Ephrata, Grant County Washington met in regular session on March 03, 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, 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

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

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

No public signed up to speak.

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

Presentations: Mayor Pro Tem Will Coe gave Council an update on projects the Grant County Economic Development Council (EDC) has been working on. Currently there are thirteen projects/contacts of interest with one showing interest in Ephrata. Will is currently serving as past-president on the EDC Board and will be required to step down at the end of this term so there will be an opening for a quasi-member to represent Ephrata. The Board meets at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday mornings. Will encourage Council members to consider this opportunity.

Consent Agenda: Director Trachsler advised Council that the minutes were amended to reflect that the motion to accept and approve Ordinance 21-03 there were five yea votes and two nay votes. Motion was made to approve consent agenda with amended minutes. (m/s Moore/Millard) Motion carried.

Items on the consent agenda are as follows:

Claims #93045 through #93084 in the amount of \$131,640.47
Payroll Checks #46812 through #46825 in the amount of \$32,325.93
Payroll Claims #93024 through #93041 in the amount of \$238,663.67
Payroll Direct Debit in the amount of \$5,875.00
Payroll Direct Deposit in the amount of \$184,273.23
Claims #93022 and 93023 in the amount or \$143.86
Claims #93042 through #93044 in the amount of \$5,287.79
Amended Minutes of the February 17, 2021 Council meeting
Special Event Applications: None

Law Enforcement Reform Legislation: Chief Adkinson gave a brief update to Council on the law enforcement reform legislation that is currently being considered by the State Legislature and the potential impact if enacted. There are a large number of law enforcement reform bills being proposed but these are the most concerning.

- SHB 1054 – Tactics
- SHB 1202 – Civil Cause of Action
- SHB 1203 – Community Oversight Boards
- SSB 5259 – Data Collection on Use of Force
- SHB 1267 – Office of Independent Investigations
- SHB 1310 – Use of Force

Council discussion ensued.

Division Street Bid Acceptance: Director Sangster advised Council that the Division Street Overlay Project bid opening was on February 25th. The City received three bids with the apparent low bid being from Central Washington Asphalt, Inc. for \$971,971.00. The engineers estimate for the project is \$1,148,340.00. This project is being fund 90% with a grant from Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) and 10% from City funds. City engineers have verified that Central Washington Asphalt, Inc. has met the responsibility criteria and based on their evaluation, recommend the project be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder – Central Washington Asphalt, Inc. of Moses Lake, WA.

Motion to accept the bid for the Division Street Overlay Project from Central Washington Asphalt, Inc. for \$971,971.00 pending approval from TIB. (m/s Wanke/Moore) Motion carried.

City Administrator Report: None at this time.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Bruce Reim, Mayor

ATTEST:

Leslie Trachsler, City Clerk