



## **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **December 02, 2015**

City Council of the City of Ephrata, Grant County Washington met in regular session on December 02, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Bruce Reim and adjourned to executive session to discuss litigation or potential litigation (RCW 42.30.110(1)i) for approximately thirty minutes. Executive session adjourned, no decisions were made or action taken. Meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Mayor Bruce Reim, Mayor Pro Tem William Coe, Council members Mark Wanke, Matt Moore, Valli Millard, Stephanie Knitter, Tony Mora, and Kathleen Allstot.

**Staff Present:** City Administrator Wes Crago, City Attorney Anna Franz (excused herself at 7:00 p.m.), Community Development Director Ron Sell, Recreation Director Ray Towry, Public Works Director Bill Sangster, Police Chief Mike Warren, Fire Chief Jeremy Burns and City Clerk Leslie Trachsler.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

No public signed up to speak.

**Agenda:** No additions or corrections to the agenda.

**Presentations:** None

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

Items on the consent agenda are as follows:

Claims #84201 through #84239 in the amount of \$278,790.36  
Claim #84183 and Electronic Payment in the amount of \$110,020.75  
Payroll #44284 through #44311 in the amount of \$42,916.71  
Payroll Claims #84184 through #84200 in the amount of \$207,054.89  
Payroll Direct Debit in the amount of \$6,000.00  
Payroll Direct Deposit in the amount of \$143,214.67  
Minutes of the November 18, 2015 Council meeting

Set Public Hearing on Ordinances 15-25 thru 15-31 adopting Zoning Code Amendments to EMC 19.10, 19.11, 19.12, 19.14, 19.15, 19.16 and 19.22 for December 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Approve Special Event Applications:

- Miracle on Main Street December 12, 2015, Downtown Area

**2014 Audit Schedule:** Crago reported that the State Auditors are here performing the 2014 Audit of the City. Entrance Conference is scheduled for next week.

**TIB Grant Award for Nat Washington Way:** City has successfully obtained a grant from Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) for the overlay of Nat Washington Way from the railroad tracks to Basin Street. This grant requires a 10% match and is scheduled for 2017 construction season.

**Public Hearing on Policy 10010 – Snow Removal:** Mayor opened public hearing at 7:02 p.m. Crago gave a brief review of the Snow Removal Policy. This policy was established in the early 1990's to address downtown business and citizen concerns for snow removal. The approximate cost to plow per snow event is \$7500.

No Public comment, public hearing closed at 7:06 pm

**Public Hearing on Ordinance 15-19 – Authorizing Issuance and Sale of an Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bond:** Mayor opened public hearing at 7:06 p.m. This ordinance provides for the issuance and sale of an Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bond (UTGO), as approved by voters on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, to finance the acquisition of fire and life safety equipment for the Fire Department. Also provides for authorization to the Mayor and City Representative to make appointments as per conditions set out in this ordinance. Cynthia Weed, Bond Counsel with K&L Gates, addressed Council and reviewed the bond process. She advised that the goal was to have a fixed rate bond for a 20 year period. City received four bids from three banks; one of those being a fixed rate. The proposal received from Capital One is for 3.68% fixed rate with the option to pre-pay after 10 years. Mrs. Weed advised that this is a delegation Ordinance, which establishes authority to the Mayor to proceed with the sale of the bonds.

There being no public comment and no council comments, public hearing closed at 7:14 p.m.

**Public Hearing on Ordinance 15-18 – 2016 City of Ephrata Budget:** Mayor opened public hearing at 7:15 p.m. This is the second public hearing on the 2016 Budget. Crago gave a brief staff report; the total 2016 Budget is \$14,932,603.00.

There being no public comment and no council comments, public hearing closed at 7:16 p.m.

**Ordinance 15-18 2016 City of Ephrata Budget:** Motion to approve and accept Ordinance 15-18 adopting the 2016 Budget. (m/s Allstot/Mora) Motion carried.

**Ordinance 15-19 Authorizing Issuance and Sale of Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bond:** Motion to approve and accept Ordinance 15-19 authorizing the issuance and sale of an Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bond. (m/s Wanke/Moore) Motion carried.

**Amended Policy 1020 – Council Rules:** Crago reported that this is the final reading and provides clarification to three sections:

- Audio-Vision recording area
- Voting Rules
- Prohibition on non-agenda items

Motion to approve amended Policy 1020 – Council Rules. (m/s Knitter/Millard) Motion carried.

**Authorize Administration to enter Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with AFL-CIO Local 846-E for Medstar Benefits:** Council amended Policy 3095 to provide for membership to Northwest Medstar for all employees. This MOU adds this benefit to the negotiated contract.

Motion to authorize Administration to enter Memorandum of Understanding with AFL-CIO Local 846-E for Medstar Membership. (m/s Coe/Knitter) Council discussion ensued, Motion carried.

**Authorize Administration to enter Memorandum of Understanding with Teamsters Local 760 for Medstar Benefits:** Council amended Policy 3095 to provide for membership to Northwest Medstar for all employees. This MOU adds this benefit to the negotiated contract.

Motion to authorize Administration to enter Memorandum of Understanding with Teamsters Local 760 for Medstar Membership. (m/s Moore/Millard) Motion carried.

**City Hall closure December 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm for Staff Awards Luncheon:** Crago advised that City Hall will be closed for Staff Awards and Luncheon on December 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. All Council members and spouses are invited to attend.

**Authorize Administration to renew Agreement with King County and Boulder Park for Biosolid Transportation:** This is a renewal of our current agreement which provides for the transportation of biosolids from the Waste Water Treatment Plant to Douglass County for agricultural application.

Motion to authorize Administration to renew Agreement with King County and Boulder Park for biosolid transportation. (m/s Moore/Wanke) Council discussion ensued, motion carried.

**City Administrator Report:**

2015 Fall Leaf Pickup Report: There were less leaves picked up and less were dropped off at the shop. It was a smooth easy process.

Certified Results: 2015 General Election: All who ran were certified as elected. There will be a swearing in at the next Council meeting.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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Bruce Reim, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Leslie Trachsler, City Clerk