



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 17, 2016

City Council of the City of Ephrata, Grant County Washington met in regular session on February 17, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Bruce Reim.

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

Staff Present: City Administrator Wes Crago, City Attorney Katherine Kenison, 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.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was said. No public signed up to speak.

Presentations: Ephrata Police Chief Warren presented Awards of Appreciation to Leonard Boche, Koree Bottineau, John Murray, Christopher Poff and Don Rogers. These individuals rendered assistance to Officer Garcia to gain control of an individual who was endangering himself and the public. Chief Warren told each individual how proud he was of them and personally thanked them for their support and life-saving assistance.

Officer Garcia expressed his gratitude for citizen support which substantiates why he's an officer and reaffirms his commitment of service to this community.

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

Items on the consent agenda are as follows:

Claims #84537 through #84608 in the amount of \$595,312.04
Manual Claims #86022016, 87022016, 88022016, 8902216 in the amount of \$2,076.58
Minutes of the February 3, 2016 Council meeting

Approval of Special Event Applications:

- 1161st Company Community Farewell March 6, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Downtown Area

Authorize Call for Bids on Bio-Selector at Waste Water Treatment Facility: Crago reviewed the history of the Waste Water Treatment Facility reporting it was engineered in 1998 and was on the cutting edge of technology at the time. Since that time there have been some modifications to the basic design. One of those is a bio-selector which is basically a large mixing bowl. This, along with some modification to the UV channel, are proven solutions to issues that impact our plant. Staff would like to begin the process of advertising for bids. This is a budgeted item and the engineers estimated the cost at \$428,000.00.

Motion to authorize administration to advertise for bids for the Bio-Selector at the Waste Water Treatment Facility. (m/s Mora/Wanke) Council discussion ensued, motion carried.

Authorize Administration to enter Agreement with Smarsh for Web Archiving:

Towry advised that he has been researching archiving providers for our social media and website pages. Smarsh offers all the options we are looking for, is compliant with the public records retention and archiving, and at a lower monthly fee than our current provider.

Motion to authorize administration to enter Agreement with Smarsh for Social Media and Website Archiving. (m/s Moore/Millard) Motion carried.

Authorize Administration to enter Agreement with Weinstein for beverage and food services: Director Towry has been diligently working on negotiating a contract for beverage, cleaning and food services. This contract is essentially identical to our current contract. There is an addition that Pepsi will donate \$1000 for park development and \$3000 to Splash Zone for new umbrellas (with the Pepsi logo). They will continue to donate to Columbia Basin Foundation for park development and provide many great advertising banners. The agreement term is 5 years.

Motion to authorize administration to enter Agreement with Weinstein for beverage and food services. (m/s Wanke/Moore) Motion carried.

City Administrator Report:

2016 Budget Report: Cash reserves in general fund dropped slightly which is not out of the norm. Overall expense are 3.2% below budget and revenues are 2.7% below budgeted.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Bruce Reim, Mayor

ATTEST:

Leslie Trachsler, City Clerk