



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 16, 2016

City Council of the City of Ephrata, Grant County Washington met in regular session on March 16, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Bruce Reim and adjourned to executive session to discuss litigation or potential litigation (RCW42.30.110(1)i) for approximately one hour. 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, Stephanie Knitter, Tony Mora, and Kathleen Allstot.

Staff Present: City Administrator Wes Crago, City Attorney Anna Franz, 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 Millard. (m/s Allstot/Moore) Motion carried.

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

Presentations: Chief Warren gave a brief introduction of Officer Camden Eckhart and swore him in as an Ephrata Police Officer.

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

Items on the consent agenda are as follows:

Claims #84684 through #84750 in the amount of \$93,460.43

EFT in the amount of \$16,234.46

Manual Checks #86032016, 87032016, 88032016 and 89032016 in the amount of \$1,798.32

Voided Claim #84501 (\$150.00)

Minutes of the March 2, 2016 Council meeting

Special Event Applications:

- Rotary Easter Egg Hunt – Lions Park, March 26th at 1:00 p.m.
- “Ulbfif” Race – EHS Area, April 9, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

- Lion's Club Fishing Derby – Oasis Park, April 16, 2016 at 6:00 a.m.

Resolution 16-955 – Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Snohomish County Fire 3 for New Ambulance: State law allows for municipalities to share their competitive bid process for purchase of equipment. This Resolution authorizes the Mayor to enter an Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County Fire District 3 for the purchase of our new ambulance.

Motion to approve and accept Resolution 16-955 Authorizing the Mayor to execute an Interlocal Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Snohomish County Fire District 3. (m/s Mora/Moore) Motion carried.

Reauthorization of Section 125 Plan: Yearly the City adopts the Flexible Benefits Plan, IRS Section 125 Plan, which allows for employees to receive a pre-tax benefit for out-of-pocket medical expenses.

Motion to authorize staff to execute the Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement. (m/s Knitter/Wanke) Motion carried.

Audit Committee for 2015 Annual Report: Each year two elected officials along with two staff members review the Annual Report. Staff will schedule review of the report around Council member's schedule.

Motion to appoint Moore, Knitter, Allstot to the Audit Committee to review the 2015 Annual Report. (m/s Moore/Allstot) Motion carried.

Authorize Administration to Re-Enter Agreement with Grant County EDC for Economic Development Services: This is our annual contract with Grant County EDC for economic development services for 2016. Contract is basically unchanged from previous versions. Director Ray Towry is the City's representative on the EDC Board serving as President for this year.

Motion to authorize administration to re-enter Agreement with Grant County EDC for Economic Development Services. (m/s Moore/Mora) Motion carried.

City Administrator Report:

2016 Budget Report: Cash reserves are up slightly. Overall performance is very normal, revenues and expenses are both 4% below budget.

April 6, 2016 Council Meeting: Reminder that the April 6th meeting has been cancelled.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Bruce Reim, Mayor

ATTEST:

Leslie Trachsler, City Clerk