



## **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **July 20, 2016**

City Council of the City of Ephrata, Grant County Washington met in regular session on July 20, 2016. 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 (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 Matt Moore, Valli Millard, Mark Wanke, Kathleen Allstot and Tony Mora.

**Staff Present:** City Administrator Wes Crago, City Attorney Anna Franz, Public Works Director Bill Sangster, and Deputy Clerk Sandi Grout.

This meeting is not being recorded.

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

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

**Agenda:** Addition to published Agenda - Item 6 to Section VII.

**Presentations:** None

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

Items on the consent agenda are as follows:

Payroll # 44492 through #44572 in the amount of \$58,268.86  
Payroll Claims #85174 through #85191 in the amount of \$226,275.62  
Payroll Direct Debit in the amount of \$6,125.00  
Payroll Direct Deposits in the amount of \$163,039.06  
Claims #85205 through #85335 in the amount of \$349,917.95  
Manual Claims #86072016, 87072016, 88072016 & 89072016 in the amount of \$2,697.65  
Manual Claims #85097, 85172 – 85204 in the amount of \$16,045.01  
Minutes of the June 15, 2016 Council meeting

Approval of Special Event Applications:

- Sage & Sun Festival – Downtown Area – August 5-7, 2016
- E-Street Block Party – 200 Block of E Street, NW – August 13, 2016

**Ordinance 16-08 Amending EMC 8.05 “Animal Control”:** Staff is proposing adding a consistent appeal process to our existing animal control ordinance. Currently, the Code allows for dogs to be seized after four repeated “running at large” violations, but without a due process appeal for the seizure. Staff has added this language, which necessitated amending three sections of the Code.

Motion to approve and accept Ordinance 16-08 “Animal Control”. (m/s Moore/Wanke)  
Motion carried.

**Ordinance 16-09 Creating EMC 10.85 “Golf Carts”:** The current ATV ordinance does not allow staff to simply amend it, as street-legal golf carts fall under a different RCW. Essentially, the ordinance declares all streets in Ephrata, excepting SR-28/Basin Street, that are 25 mph or less as our zone for street-legal golf carts. All street-legal carts would need to be inspected by Ephrata Police, and owner to pay a one-time \$60.00 registration fee (to cover the City’s time and expenses). Otherwise, all the safety requirements from our ATV ordinance apply to the street-legal golf carts (must have a valid, permanent license, signals, mirrors, seat belts, etc.) Signage would need to be installed at a cost of approximately \$500.00.

While staff has concerns about the street-legal carts maintaining speed going up the hills, we believe the relatively small number of carts will not present a significant problem. Certainly, from a safety standpoint, a street-legal golf cart has more safety equipment than a bicycle or motorcycle, all of which generally operate without problems on our streets. If the number of such carts do become an issue, Council can simply revisit the ordinance. Staff takes the stance that unless there is a compelling and specific reason to prohibit something, then that something should be allowed.

Motion to approve and accept Ordinance 16-09, “Golf Carts”. (m/s Moore/Coe) Council discussion ensues. Motion carried.

**2017 Budget Schedule:** Per Council’s direction, only one Study Session has been scheduled for 2017 Budget cycle. Council was given Budget information, including calendar and agenda.

**Appointment to Parks & Recreation Commission:** Mayor Reim has appointed Lourence Dormaier to the Parks Commission. Motion to accept Lourence Dormaier as appointment to Recreation Commission. (m/s Allstot/Moore) Motion carried.

**Award General Engineering Services to Gray & Osborne:** The City advertised for Request For Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering services in June, 2016. One RFQ was received prior to the deadline of July 12, 2016. Staff recommends awarding Gray and Osborne as the general engineering firm for the Basin Street Waterline Project.

Motion to approve and accept G&O as engineering firm for City Waterline Project. (m/s Mora/Coe) Motion carried.

**Council Meeting on August 3, 2016:** Motion to schedule Council meeting for August 3, 2016 at Fire Department Training Facility, 765 Parkway Boulevard SW, with tour of facility at 6:30 p.m. (m/s Millard/Moore) Motion carried.

**Interlocal Agreement with City of Warden:** Warden and Ephrata have consented to create an Interlocal Agreement with the same counsel representing both cities regarding Marijuana Buffer Zones. This requires Counsel, Lemargie, Kenison, Franz and Whitaker, to disclose the possible impact of simultaneous representation and obtain an Acknowledgement and Consent form from both parties.

Motion to accept and authorize staff to execute Acknowledgement and Consent form from legal counsel, Lemargie, Kenison, Franz and Whitaker. (m/s Wanke/Moore) Motion carried.

**Authorize Administration to Enter Agreement with State Drinking Water Revolving Fund for Replacement of Basin Street Waterline:** Motion to approve and accept Agreement with State Drinking Water Revolving Fund for Replacement of Basin Street Waterline. (m/s Millard/Mora) Motion carried.

**City Administrator Report:**

- 2016 Budget Report: General Fund cash reserves are slightly down.
- Splashzone numbers for this season are down a little at this time.
- 2016 State OFM Official Population Estimate of 8,020 for City of Ephrata
- Staff Awards: Stacy Hooper and Heather Rhoades received awards at staff luncheon.
- Basin Summer Sounds ran smoothly

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Bruce Reim, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sandi Grout, Deputy Clerk