



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

September 07, 2016

Town Hall Meeting with the 13th District Legislative delegation was held at 6:30 p.m.

City Council of the City of Ephrata, Grant County Washington met in regular session on September 07, 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 Kathleen Allstot.

Staff Present: Fire Chief Jeremy Burns, City Attorney Anna Franz, Community Development Director Ron Sell, Public Works Director Bill Sangster, Police Chief Mike Warren, and City Clerk Leslie Trachsler.

Motion to excuse Councilmember Mora. (m/s Allstot/Moore) Motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

No public signed up to speak.

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

Presentations: Senator Judy Warnick addressed Council. She serves on four committees and briefly discussed the roles and responsibilities of each committee.

- Ag/Water/Rural & Economic Development
- Natural Resources
- Commerce and Labor
- Ways and Means Committee

Senator Warnick advised that during the next legislative session she will work with others on how to regenerate and rebuild the Public Works Trust Fund; and, on refining the requests for Public Records to eliminate frivolous requesters who are just looking to make a profit.

Representative Tom Dent addressed Council. He serves on three committees and gave a brief overview of what these committees are working on.

- Early Learning and Human Services
- Ag and Natural Resources
- Appropriations Committee

Senator Warrnick and Representative Dent fielded questions from council and the audience.

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

Items on the consent agenda are as follows:

Claims #85492 through #85545 in the amount of \$99,048.62
 Manual Claims #85489 in the amount of \$2,275.00
 Payroll #44654 through #44731 in the amount of \$75,113.61
 Payroll Claims #85471 through #85488 in the amount of \$228,378.86
 Payroll Direct Debit in the amount of \$6,125.00
 Payroll Direct Deposit in the amount of \$160,321.26
 Payroll #44732 in the amount of \$504.13
 Payroll Claims #85490 in the amount of \$141.67
 Minutes of the August 17, 2016 Council meeting
 Set Land Use Public Hearings for September 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. on the following ordinances:

- Ordinance 16-10 Amending Article VI of EMC Chapter 18.04 “Lot Line Adjustments”
- Ordinance 16-11 Amending EMC Chapter 18.29 “Design Standards”
- Ordinance 16-12 Amending EMC Chapter 13.33 “Improvements”
- Ordinance 16-13 Amending EMC Chapter 18.36 “Utility Installations”
- Ordinance 16-14 Amending EMC Chapter 18.55 “Conveyance of Plats”
- Ordinance 16-15 Amending EMC Chapter 19.17 “Marijuana Regulations”
- Ordinance 16-16 Amending EMC Chapter 20.04 “Environmental Policy”
- Ordinance 16-17 Amending EMC Chapter 21.02 “Street and Utility Construction”

Agency Report: Linda Martin, Executive Director for Grant County Economic Development Council (EDC) gave a brief report on what they are working on. The mission of EDC is to be committed to the orderly development of Grant County. She discussed the five initiatives the EDC is focusing on:

- Existing Business Development
- Business Recruitment & Attraction
- Retail & Services Development
- Infrastructure Development
- Communication & Investor Relations

Public Hearing – Open Session for 2017 Budget Input: Mayor Reim opened public hearing at 7:50 p.m. There were no public comments or questions.

Mayor Reim closed public hearing at 7:50 p.m.

Approval of 2017 Objectives: Suggestions received from Councilmembers for the 2017 Objectives was similar to 2016's and have been compiled as follows:

1. Continue to Improve Public Safety
2. Maintain Financial Stability and Accountability
3. Attract, Develop, and Retain Quality Employees
4. Increase Code Enforcement for the Overall Good of Ephrata
5. Continue to Reward and Promote Efficiency in all Departments

Motion to approve and accept the proposed Objectives for 2017. (m/s Millard/Moore)
Motion carried.

Update on Golf Cart Licensing Process: Chief Warren reported that staff created an Inspection Form and he reviewed the process for permitting. Permit tags are numbered and are to be displayed on the Cart. Carts are allowed to drive only during daylight hours and only in 25 mph zones.

Grant Application – 1st Avenue Project: Director Sangster advised that a grant application has been submitted to Transportation Improvement Board for 1st Avenue. This project would address sidewalks over the canal and is part of Safe Routes to School.

City Clerk, Leslie Trachsler, receives 10th Consecutive “Professional Finance Officer Award”: The Washington Finance Officers Association announced that City Clerk/Finance Director, Leslie Trachsler, has earned the “Professional Finance Officer Award” for the State of Washington from the Washington Finance Officers Association for the 10th consecutive year. This award requires ongoing educational and professional excellence on the part of each recipient and is not automatically awarded.

City Administrator Report:

Splash Zone 2016 Attendance Report: None at this time.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Bruce Reim, Mayor

ATTEST:

Leslie Trachsler, City Clerk