



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES October 05, 2016

City Council of the City of Ephrata, Grant County Washington met in regular session on October 05, 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) and sale of real estate (42.30.110(1)c) for approximately thirty minutes. Executive session adjourned, no decisions were made or action taken. Meeting reconvened at 7:01 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 Katherine Kenison, Community Development Director Ron Sell, Recreation Supervisor Carrie Hoiness, Public Works Director Bill Sangster, Police Chief Mike Warren, Fire Chief Jeremy Burns and City Clerk Leslie Trachsler.

Motion to excuse Council member Wanke and Millard. (m/s Coe/Moore) Motion carried. Attorney Kenison excused herself.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

No public signed up to speak.

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

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

Items on the consent agenda are as follows:

Claims #85609 through #85614 in the amount of \$1,227.99
Void Claims #85355 in the amount of \$631.26
Payroll #44733 through #44805 in the amount of \$48,304.06
Payroll Claims #85615 through #85632 in the amount of \$219,357.05
Payroll Direct Debit in the amount of \$6,000
Payroll Direct Deposit in the amount of \$157,046.76

Claims #85633 through #85693 in the amount of \$102,940.51
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Staff Report on B.O.L.D. Program: Recreation Supervisor, Carrie Hoiness, gave a brief staff report on the B.O.L.D. Program which stands for Building Opportunities for Leadership Development. This program began in 2011 as a gang prevention program and provides a variety of activities along with helping kids with homework. In 2014 we formed a partnership with the school district which runs the Century 21 program which is grant funded. We supplement their program as needed which is mainly on non-school days, winter and spring breaks and summer break. With generous donations from local businesses, organizations and private citizens, we were able to provide 14 scholarships for the summer program. The program has now become self-sufficient and no longer relies on tax dollars and any surplus will carry over into the school year. The average daily attendance is 17 kids.

Public Hearing – Objectives of the 2017 City of Ephrata Budget: Public Hearing opened at 7:08 p.m. by Mayor Reim. There were no public comments or questions. Crago reviewed the 2017 Budget Objectives. Public Hearing closed at 7:09 p.m.

Authorization for Washington Trust Bank: Washington Trust Bank requires Council action giving authority to borrow on behalf of the City to specific individuals. This is in direct reference to the Visa Credit Cards.

Motion to authorize City Administrator, Wes Crago and Finance Director, Leslie Trachsler authority to borrow and initiate credit cards on the City's behalf. (m/s Moore/Knitter) Motion carried.

Authorize staff to re-enter Agreement with Public Safety Testing: This is a renewal of our current agreement for an additional 3 years at a 3% increase annually. Our rate has been \$800 per year since 2009.

Motion to authorize staff to re-enter Agreement with Public Safety Testing. (m/s Mora/Moore) Motion carried.

Surplus City Property: Crago advised that we have 3 vehicles which are surplus to the city's needs. Two 2006 Crown Victoria's and one 2002 Dodge Durango.

Motion to surplus the two 2006 Crown Victoria's and one 2002 Dodge Durango. (m/s Moore/Knitter) Motion carried.

City Administrator Report:

Initial Report on 2017 Budget: Initial revenue projection will be flat and any increases will be taken up by increased costs. Council discussion regarding the marijuana impact on the budget.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Bruce Reim, Mayor

ATTEST:

Leslie Trachsler, City Clerk