



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES October 19, 2016

City Council of the City of Ephrata, Grant County Washington met in regular session on October 19, 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: Fire Chief Jeremy Burns, City Attorney Anna Franz, Community Development Director Ron Sell, Recreation Director Ray Towry, Police Captain Erik Koch and City Clerk Leslie Trachsler.

Motion to excuse council member Allstot. (m/s Millard/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: None

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

Items on the consent agenda are as follows:

Claims #85694 through #85696 in the amount of \$457.69

Manual Check # 86102016, 87102016, 88102016 and 89102016 in the amount of \$2,083.94

Claims #85701 through #85750 and #87751 through #87763 in the amount of \$110,968.40 (Check # sequence out of order due to grabbing wrong box of new checks.)

Minutes of the October 5, 2016 Council meeting

Set Public Hearing for Ordinance 16-18, 2017 Ad Valorem Taxes, for November 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Special Events Permits:

- Veterans Day Parade – November 11, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

Agency Reports - Grant County Health District: Theresa Adkinson, Administrator for Grant County Health District gave a brief report to Council on Public Health in Grant County. They have 5 major divisions; Finance, Administration, Community Public Health, Healthy Communities and Environmental Health. There are 82 permitted food establishments in Ephrata and 73 mobile food permitted units. Teen pregnancy rates have declined in Grant County but are still nearly double the state average. Healthy Communities is focusing on chronic disease prevention, safe routes to school, access to dental care for children and regional drug prevention.

Funding for the Health district is broken down as 33% Federal, 29% licenses and permits, 10% from local jurisdictions, and 25% State. They would like to request Council consider support at \$2/resident for the upcoming year.

Council discussion ensued. Council member Wanke commented he would support the requested \$2/citizen.

Public Hearing – Objectives of the 2017 City of Ephrata Budget: Mayor Reim opened public hearing at 7:19 p.m. Chief Burns reviewed the Goals and Objectives Council set:

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

There were no public comments or questions, public hearing closed at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor's appointment to Ephrata Civil Service Commission: With the resignation of Roger Johnson from the Civil Service Commission, staff advertised for letters of interest for this vacancy. After review, Mayor Reim appointed Jeffrey Mackey to the Commission.

Motion to confirm Mayor Reim's appointment of Jeffrey Mackey to the Ephrata Civil Service Commission. (m/s Moore/Knitter) Motion carried.

Ephrata Police Office closure for training December 2, 2016: The Police Department will be conducting an all hands training on December 2, 2016. The office will be closed for the full day.

City Administrator Report:

2017 Budget Report: Director Trachsler reported that currently there is no indication of any significant changes in the 2017 budget from 2016. There have been no significant

revenue increases and expenses will reflect slight increases due to increased costs of doing business which will be offset by any revenue increases.

2016 Budget Report: Chief Burns reported that the general cash reserves are up slightly and expenses are below revenues and both are below budget.

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

Bruce Reim, Mayor

ATTEST:

Leslie Trachsler, City Clerk