



## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

### November 2, 2016

City Council of the City of Ephrata, Grant County Washington met in regular session on November 02, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem William Coe.

**Members Present:** Mayor Pro Tem William Coe, Council members Mark Wanke, Matt Moore, Valli Millard, Stephanie Knitter, Tony Mora, and Kathleen Allstot. Mayor Reim was absent.

**Staff Present:** City Administrator Wes Crago, City Attorney Katherine Kenison, Community Development Director Ron Sell, Recreation Director Ray Towry, Public Works Director Bill Sangster, Fire Chief Jeremy Burns and Deputy City Clerk Sandi Grout.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

No public signed up to speak.

**Agenda:** No changes to agenda.

**Presentations:** None

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

Items on the consent agenda are as follows:

- Claims #85782 through #85837 in the amount of \$241,071.61
- Claims #85697 through #85700 in the amount of \$364.92
- Electronic Fund Transfer in the amount of \$17,522.15
- Payroll Checks #44806 through #44831 in the amount of \$37,567.55
- Payroll Claims #85764 through #85781 in the amount of \$220,331.31
- Direct Debit for \$6,000.00
- Direct Deposits in the amount of \$162,086.12
- Minutes of the October 19, 2016 Council meeting
- Set Public Hearings for 2017 Budget for November 16, 2016 and December 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

**Public Hearing on Ordinance 16-18 – 2017 Ad Valorem Taxes:** Mayor Pro Tem Coe opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m. Crago gave a brief staff report and advised that the maximum amount the City can request is an increase of 1%, which is approximately \$11,914 of additional property tax revenue. There being no public comment, public hearing closed at 7:04 p.m.

**Ordinance 16-18 – 2017 Ad Valorem Taxes:** Motion to approve and accept Ordinance 16-18 fixing the amount of revenue for the 2017 Budget to be raised by Ad Valorem Taxes. (m/s Allstot/Mora) Motion carried.

**Set Fall Leaf Pick-Up for November 14 – 22, 2016:** Crago reported that the City has been providing the fall leaf pick-up for 20 years. Consolidated Disposal provides the equipment and manpower at no additional costs as agreed in our contract. The cost of disposal is approximately \$1500. This service helps our neighborhoods look better and keeps our storm drains clean. Motion to approve and authorize the Fall Leaf Pick-Up for November 14 – 22, 2016. (m/s Wanke/Knitter) Motion carried.

**Authorize Administration to Re-Enter Agreement with Lenroc:** Crago advised that this is a continuation of the existing agreement which allows Lenroc to dispose of waste at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. There has been no negative impact on the facility and staff will continue to perform additional testing. Motion to approve Agreement with Lenroc to dispose of waste. (m/s Moore/Allstot) Motion carried.

**Open House for Recreation Director Ray Towry:** Ray Towry has accepted the position of City Manager for Sweet Home, Oregon. The City will be hosting an open house to honor Ray and say farewell on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**City Administrator Report:**

2017 Budget Report:

Crago reported on 2017 Budget process.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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William Coe, Mayor Pro Tem

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Sandi Grout, Deputy City Clerk