



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 7, 2017

City Council of the City of Ephrata, Grant County Washington met in regular session on June 7, 2017. 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, Tony Mora, and Kathleen Allstot.

Staff Present: City Administrator Wes Crago, City Attorney Anna Franz, Community Development Director Ron Sell, Public Works Director Bill Sangster, Community Relations Director Traci Bennett, Fire Chief Jeremy Burns and Administrative Assistant Carrie Lnenicka.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

No public signed up to speak.

Agenda: Agenda was not amended.

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 #86803 through #86881 in the amount of \$159,831.46
- Payroll #44983 through #4505 for \$28,782.42
- Payroll Claims #86719 & 86720 for \$46.91
- Payroll Claims #86781 through #86801 for \$220,138.55
- Payroll Direct Debit for \$6,000.00
- Payroll Direct Deposits in the amount of \$164,387.62
- Manual Claims #86777 through #86780 for \$278.08
- Manual Claim #86802 for #750.00
- Minutes of the May 17, 2017 Council meeting

Approve Special Event Applications

- Columbia Ridge Bike Rodeo June 2, 2017, 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. East Division Street & Port Area
- Columbia Ridge Field Day June 13, 2017, 8:30 a.m. to 9:10 a.m. East Division Street Area
- Relay for Life Glow Run, 16-17 June 2017, 9:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Frey Road & 7th Avenue NW
- St. Rose Parish March June 18, 2017, 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. Nat Washington Way to St. Rose Church

FEMA Rating and Development Permits in the Flood Plains: Director Sell briefed Council on the Development Permits that are a FEMA requirement in order to participate in the CRS program. Council discussion ensued, no action required.

Ordinance 17-05: Amending EMC 14.20 “Graves”: This ordinance would add a short section of language to the definition of a resident in the Cemetery Code “...owns taxable property within the incorporated area of the City of Ephrata”. With this new language, the non-resident fee would not apply to those who meet the changed criteria.

Motion to approve and accept Ordinance 17-05: Amending EMC 14.20 “Graves”. (m/s Allstot/Mora) Motion carried.

Ordinance 17-06: Amending EMC 5.40 “Municipal Swimming Pool”: This ordinance would add a short section of language to the definition of non-resident in the Pool Code “...doesn’t owns taxable property within the incorporated area of the City of Ephrata”. With this new language, the non-resident fee would not apply to those who meet the changed criteria.

Motion to approve and accept Ordinance 17-06: Amending EMC 5.40 “Municipal Swimming Pool”. (m/s Allstot/Moore) Motion carried.

Approval of Amended Policy 9040: Recreation Programs: This policy change would add a short section of language to the definition of non-resident in the policy “...doesn’t owns taxable property within the incorporated area of the City of Ephrata”. With this new language, the non-resident fee would not apply to those who meet the changed criteria.

Motion to approve and accept Amended Policy 9040: Recreation Programs: (m/s Knitter/Millard) Motion carried.

Address July 5, 2017 Council Meeting: Crago advised that this meeting has traditionally been cancelled due to vacation schedules through the holiday. However staff anticipates a bid opening for the Basin Street Waterline Project on this day so a meeting would be advantageous.

Council Meeting will be held on July 5, 2017.

Use of Compression Brakes in Ephrata Discussion: Crago showed council a video on compression brakes, also known as “Jake Brakes”. It is common for communities to ban the use of compression brakes on commercial trucks within a city. Council asked if this ordinance would be enforceable, staff felt it would only be enforced if an officer were to witness a vehicle using their compression brakes.

Council is not in favor

Accept Donation from Kryptonite Volleyball Club: No Discussion.

Authorize Mayor to Enter Contract with FEMA for Disaster Relief Funding: Due to an extreme winter and an ice storm, Ephrata has submitted a request for roadway repair reimbursement. Once this contract is signed, FEMA requires entering into a contract in order to move forward. If approved, the City could receive up to \$145,000.00.

Motion to authorize Mayor to enter contract with FEMA for Disaster Relief Funding.
(m/s Allstot/Wanke) Motion carried

City Administrator Report:

- Construction: Crago updated Council on construction of 14th & 15th Avenue SW.
- Spring Annual Training and Awards Report: Clear Risk Solutions provided staff with Enhancing Workplace Climate training.
- 2017 Spring Award Winners: Jeff Allen, Beau Allen, Mark Ballinger, Troy Froewiss, Sandi Grout, Stephen Grout, Jack McLauchlan, Dennis Ohl, Jason Ronish and Rod Virden.
- 99th Safest City in Washington “Award”: Ephrata named the 99th Safest City in Washington State by LendEDU.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Bruce Reim, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carrie Lnenicka, Administrative Assistant