



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 5, 2017

City Council of the City of Ephrata, Grant County Washington met in regular session on July 5, 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 Matt Moore, Valli Millard and Stephanie Knitter.

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, Police Chief Mike Warren, Fire Chief Jeremy Burns and Administrative Assistant Carrie Lnenicka.

Motion to excuse Council member Allstot (m/s Knitter/Moore) Motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

No public signed up to speak.

Agenda: There were no amendments 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:

- Payroll check #45006 through #45085 in the amount of \$54,943.76
- Payroll claims #86952 through #86970 in the amount of \$231,071.43
- Payroll Direct Debit in the amount of \$6,000.00
- Payroll Direct Deposit in the amount of \$170,786.96
- Claims #86974 through #87023 in the amount of \$239,999.93
- Manual Claims #86943 through #86951 and #86971 in the amount of \$4,027.92
- Voided check #86918 for \$27.61
- Minutes of the June 21, 2017 Council meeting

Approve Special Event Applications

- Basin Summer Sounds, 21-22 July, 2017, Courthouse area

Staff & Agency Reports:

Splash Zone Dive-In Movie-Traci Bennett briefed council on the City's first Dive-In movie, Finding Nemo, on July 15th. Movie will begin at dusk.

No council action required.

Ordinance 17-07: Amending EMC 1.22 “Civil Code Enforcement”: This ordinance would allow the City to remove or destruct any hazardous conditions, i.e. overgrown yards and massive weed problems at homes that have an absent or no living owner.

Discussion ensued regarding the cost of the labor. Administrator Crago briefed that it would be likely the City would not recoup the cost of knocking down weeds that posed a fire risk.

Motion to approve and accept Ordinance 17-07: Amending EMC 1.22 “Civil Code Enforcement”. (m/s Wanke/Moore) Motion Carried.

Resolution 17-966: Declaring an Emergency for Division Street Sewer Repair-IV: This Resolution retroactively authorizes the City Administrator to engage Advanced Excavation, including Eastside as asphalt sub-contractor, to repair the collapsed sewer line, declares an emergency for said collapse, and therefore waives competitive bidding requirements.

Motion to approve and accept Resolution 17-966: Declaring an Emergency for Division Street Sewer Repair-IV: (m/sMora/Knitter) Motion carried.

Award Basin Street Waterline Project: Bid opening for the Basin Street Waterline Project was Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. Four bids were received. During the bid review process, irregularities were discovered in the bid submittals from Advantage Dirt (apparent low bidder) and DW Excavation. After review with legal counsel, those bids were rejected as non-responsive. Scout Lake Construction of Selah, WA is the low bidder at this time. Staff and engineering have completed background checks, reviews of past work and references and recommend Council award the Basin Street Waterline Project to Scout Lake Construction.

Motion to award the bid for Basin Street Waterline Project to Scout Lake Construction. (m/s Moore/Knitter) Council discussion ensued. Motion carried.

Authorize Administration to Enter Agreement with Red Cross: Ephrata has always maintained a good working relationship with the American Red Cross. This includes an informal understanding that the ERC is one of the logical facilities for an emergency shelter. Red Cross would like to formalize this arrangement. No fee is exchanged, and no guarantee is made for the ERC's use. However, if it were needed, the existing paperwork would be ready for an emergency.

Motion to authorize administration to enter agreement with Red Cross (m/s Millard/Moore) Motion carried.

Accept Donation: The Columbia Basin Foundation has once again generously supported our B.O.L.D. program by donating \$2670.00. Director Bennett stated this is enough money to put 4 children in the program through the summer.

Motion to accept donation from the Columbia basin foundation for BOLD (m/s Knitter/Mora) motion carried.

City Administrator Report:

Construction report: Crago briefed the road closures in Ephrata, at one time during the last week were 7 closures. Currently there are only 2 road closures.

Splashzone report: High attendance due to the high heat and lack of thunderstorms. With new events coming to Splashzone, attendance should be steady.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Bruce Reim, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carrie Lnenicka, Administrative Assistant