



AMENDED CITY COUNCIL MINUTES September 6, 2017

An Open House forum was held at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Ephrata Street Funding Options.

City Council of the City of Ephrata, Grant County Washington met in regular session on September 6, 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, Mark Wanke, 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, Police Chief Mike Warren, Deputy Fire Chief Anthony Graaff and Administrative Assistant Carrie Lnenicka.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was said. This meeting is not being recorded.

No public signed up to speak.

Agenda: There were no corrections to the Agenda.

Presentations: Chief Warren swears in Sergeant Ryan Harvey. Sergeant Ryan Harvey's wife was present and pinned his rank on to his uniform.

Chief Warren also presented Captain Eric Koch with a Chief's Coin for his dedication and selfless service in adding the Sergeant's office.

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

Items on the consent agenda are as follows:

Claims #87234 through #87237 in the amount of \$504.83
Claims #87257 through #87324 in the amount of \$408,082.22
Payroll Checks #45167 through #45245 in the amount of \$78,076.31
Payroll Claims #87238 through #87256 in the amount of \$237,012.57
Payroll Direct Debit in the amount of \$6000
Payroll Direct Deposit in the amount of \$160,326.89
Minutes of the August 16, 2017 Council meeting
Special Event Application:

1. Columbia Ridge Readers Celebration – Sun Basin Plaza, September 14th, 2017 from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
2. Walk 2 School – Grant & Columbia Ridge School areas, October 2nd, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

Staff & Agency Reports:

Basin Street Waterline Project Status: Crago briefed that the City was awarded the loan and then work was suspended on July 21st due to the Capitol budget dispute. As of this day, we are still suspended. We remain in contact with our legislators and our contractors. We were contacted by the Governor's office. We will be meeting with their representative on Friday, 9-8-17 and a meeting with the governor on the 13th tentatively. District 13 legislators are invited to attend this meeting as well. The bid with Scout Lake will be discussed at this time.

Informational only.

Public Hearing – 2018 Budget Goals & Objectives:

Mayor opened public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

Following the study session on August 16, 2017, Council has directed the following draft Goals & Objectives for 2018:

1. Continue to Improve Public Safety
2. Maintain Financial Stability and Accountability
3. Attract, Develop and Retain Quality Employees
4. Increase Code Enforcement
5. Continue to Reward and Promote Efficiency

No comments from the public were made. Public hearing closed at 7:12 p.m.

Resolution 17-968 – A Resolution of the City of Ephrata, Washington, Petitioning to Withdraw from the Grant County Conservation District: The Grant County Conservation District representatives met with council at the last meeting and presented information on a property tax that they would soon be imposing. The property tax charge

would be \$4.96 per parcel of land and, if not paid, would become a lien against the property. Staff has prepared a resolution to formally petition the Board of Supervisors of the GCCD to withdraw.

Motion to approve Resolution 17-968, Petitioning to Withdraw from the Grant County Conservation District. (m/s Moore/Allstot) Motion carried.

Appointment of Civil Service Commissioner: Mayor Reim has appointed Joseph Varick, who is the former Police Chief.

Motion to Accept Mayor Reim's appointment of Joseph Varick to the Civil Service Commission Board. (m/s Wanke/Millard) Motion carried.

Accept Nat Washington Way Project as Complete: Tommer Excavation has completed all requirements of this TIB grant funded project ahead of schedule and under budget.

Motion to accept Nat Washington Way project as complete. (m/s Mora/Moore) Motion carried.

Authorize Administration to Enter Agreement with Grant County for Extra-Duty Police Service: Grant County Sherriff's Office (GCSO) has been working on this item for about a year. It is a voluntary basis for EPD officers and the GCSO will reimburse for all costs involved. Officers would wear their own uniforms.

Motion to Authorize Administration to Enter Agreement with Grant County for Extra-Duty Police Service. (m/s Moore/Wanke) Motion carried.

Authorize Administration to Enter Agreement with Fire Rescue GPO for Purchase of Air Packs: The last step in the voter approved plan to safeguard our firefighters is the purchase of new air packs. Chief Burns and Deputy Chief Graaff found a Group Purchasing Option that allows the City to purchase 21 air packs, 28 masks, 42 air bottles, 3 rapid intervention packs and 1 bench tester. The tester will allow the Fire Department to test the equipment annually themselves rather than paying \$500 annually for testing. The vendor was able to quote \$60,000 less than the state contract bid, which is a huge savings for the tax payers.

Motion to authorize administration to enter into agreement with Fire Rescue GPO for Purchase of Air Packs. (m/s Allstot/Moore) Motion carried.

City Administrator Report:

- WDOT Construction of Center-Turn Lane on SR-28 / Basin Street Southwest: In July, WSDOT proposed different ideas to add a turn lane between Best Western and Oasis Park. WSDOT will do a speed study before and another once the center turn lane has been installed. September 25-27, 2017 will be one lane of traffic with a pilot car. After the speed study, WSDOT could potentially lower the speed

limit. Council member Wanke asked about the effect this will have on the school buses and Wes stated the school district transportation department will have to make adjustments to their routes and schedules as they see fit.

- Splashzone Report: Paws in the Pool was a successful event with 63 dogs and 113 people in attendance.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Bruce Reim, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carrie Lnenicka, Administrative Assistant