



## **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **September 20, 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 20, 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, Mark Wanke, 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, Police Chief Mike Warren, Fire Chief Jeremy Burns and Administrative Assistant Carrie Lnenicka.

Motion to excuse Council member Millard. (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:** None.

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

Items on the consent agenda are as follows:

Claims #86092017, #87092017, #88092017 and #89092017 in the amount of \$2,713.21

EFT in the amount of \$26,347.77

Claims #87326, #87327 and #87328 in the amount of \$16,261.51

Claims #87329 through #87382 in the amount of \$100,886.55

Minutes of the September 6, 2017 Council meeting

**Staff & Agency Reports:**

Status of Basin Street Water Main Replacement Project: Administrator Crago briefed council regarding Washington State Governor Jay Inslee's visit to Ephrata City Hall on September 13, 2017. Governor Inslee was accompanied by Senator Judy Warnick and Representative Tom Dent. The purpose of the visit was to hear a briefing on Ephrata's stalled waterline project that is a result of the failure of the State Legislature to pass a Capital Budget. Council members and City Staff explained that this stall effects more than just our project and urged the Governor to press the Legislature to come to a bipartisan agreement. The city staff will be writing representatives and senators outside our area in hopes of gaining more attention to the matter statewide.

**City Administrator Report:**

- WSDOT Construction of Center-Turn Lane on SR-28 / Basin Street Southwest: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be when the state will remove the current lane lines and will stripe 3 lanes in this area. The school district is aware of the construction and will have to adjust routes and times accordingly.
- 2017 Budget Report: Cash reserves have dropped slightly from July to August, to about half of the preferred reserved amount. Sales tax is continuing to do well, with August 2017 being the second highest August reported.
- Splashzone Final Report: Splashzone's 2017 season was proving to be strong until smoke from wildfires reached Ephrata. Dollar Days attendance were up compared to previous years. Overall revenue and attendance were average, but expenses were higher than normal due to the state mandated minimum wage increase. Rates were raised to cover some of those costs, but the City wanted to keep it affordable for the community. The City covered \$3.50 for each \$7.50 admission, which is in line with 50% cost recovery goal of the Parks and Rec Department. The department will analyze new ways to increase our cost recovery and present that to council at the end of this year in the budget process.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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Bruce Reim, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Carrie Lnenicka, Administrative Assistant