



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 04, 2018

City Council conducted an Open Public Forum on the Transportation Benefit District Proposition One at 6:30 p.m.

City Council of the City of Ephrata, Grant County Washington met in regular session on April 4, 2018. 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, Justin Kooy, Tony Mora, and Kathleen Allstot.

Staff Present: City Clerk/Finance Director Leslie Trachsler, City Attorney Anna Franz, Community Development Director Ron Sell, Public Works Director Bill Sangster, Community Relations Director Traci Bennett, Police Chief Mike Warren and Administrative Assistant Carrie Lnenicka.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

No public signed up to speak.

Agenda: There were no additions or correction to the agenda.

Presentations: Senator Judy Warnick, Representative Matt Manweller and Representative Tom Dent addressed the council regarding their efforts in representing District 13.

Council discussion ensued with Warnick, Manweller and Dent.

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

Items on the consent agenda are as follows:

Payroll Checks #45691 through #45712 in the amount of \$34,441.08
Payroll Claims #88237 through #88255 in the amount of \$219,821.08
Claims #88259 through #88307 in the amount of \$139,610.56
Payroll Direct Debit in the amount of \$6,000.00
Payroll Direct Deposit in the amount of \$171,396.44
Claim #88236 in the amount of \$78.00
VOIDED Claims #88256 in the amount of \$(13.23)
Minutes of the March 21, 2018 Council meeting
Minutes of the February 21, 2018 Transportation Benefit District
Special Event Applications:

- Ephrata Fire Department Touch-A-Truck - May 12, 2018 at Splashzone Parking Lot
- Autism Awareness Walk – May 19, 2018 at C Street/Courthouse Area to Beezley Hill
- USA Games Athlete’s Welcome – June 27, 2018 at Sun Basin Plaza

Report on Grant Funding for Streets from 1999-2017: Bill Sangster reported that the City has received a total of \$6.4 million in grants from the TIB from 1999 to 2017 for street projects. This equates to 7.4 grant dollars for every 1 dollar of City funds.

Ordinance 18-10 – Supplemental Appropriation: This is a housekeeping item and amends the 2018 budget in three areas:

1. Street Fund – correction to projected costs for patching materials and to reflect the payment of the retainage fee on the Nat Washington Way project.
2. Water/Sewer Fund – Correction to the projected costs for power at the WWTP.
3. SRF Redemption Fund – to reflect the payment due in Dec 2017 for the Sewer Comp Plan which the State did not invoice until Feb, 2018.

Motion to approve Ordinance 18-10 – Supplemental Appropriation. (m/s Allstot/Moore)
Motion carried.

Award Bid for Basin Street Water Main Replacement Project to Granite

Construction: Re-bid opening was at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 22, 2018. There were 5 bids received and Granite Construction of Yakima was the apparent low bidder. Background checks, reviews of past work, violations of law, references and review of current licenses have all been completed by Staff and our engineering team.

Motion to Award Bid for Basin Street Water Main Replacement Project to Granite Construction. (m/s Kooy/Millard) Motion carried.

Richard Hart request to address EMC 19.08 and Parking in a Front Yard: Richard Hart was not present.

New SplashZone Logo: Recreation staff worked with Mrs. Vasquez's graphic design class at Ephrata High School to create a new logo for Splashzone. The design selected was submitted by Elise McGuire.

Authorize Agreement with RDO Equipment and Ephrata Youth Baseball: RDO Equipment from Moses Lake has donated a John Deere Gator for the purpose of maintaining the Parkway complex and Dave Middleton Field. The Gator requires insurance and by entering into this agreement with RDO Equipment and Ephrata Youth Baseball, the City can provide this coverage for the use of the equipment.

Motion to authorize agreement with RDO Equipment and Ephrata Youth Baseball. (m/s Moore/Kooy) Council discussion ensued regarding insurance policy limits related to the age of the driver and the termination date of coverage. No action was taken.

Staff was directed to check with insurance regarding age restrictions.

Training Closure – May 3, 2018 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.: City Hall will be closed for bi-annual training on this date, which includes training conducted by Clear Risk Solutions. Training topics include Email/Public Records; Social Media pitfalls; and Frontline Liability. Council is invited to attend.

Motion to approve City Hall closure for training. (m/s Moore/Mora) Motion carried.

Chamber of Commerce Cancellation of Basin Summer Sounds 2018: The Chamber of Commerce has cancelled 2018's Basin Summer Sounds due to a lack of volunteers. The Chamber will reevaluate the situation for 2019 Basin Summer Sounds at a later date.

Authorize Administration to enter Agreements with Recreation Instructor/Providers: Staff has evaluated all agreements with our recreation instructors for compliance with state law and guidance from the Department of Labor & Industries. According to L&I, recreation instructors are clearly independent contractors and not employees and this new agreement defines this classification. This is the standard practice in the recreation community.

Motion to authorize administration to enter agreements with recreation instructor/providers. (m/s Millard/Moore) Motion carried.

Ephrata Welcoming USA Games Athletes – June 27, 2018 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.: The Special Olympics team will be coming through Ephrata on their way to the USA Games in Seattle, Washington. The City of Ephrata will be welcoming them in the Downtown Plaza with a ceremony to recognize the athletes and to cheer them on as they continue to Seattle. The City is partnering with Pita Pit and Walmart along with other local businesses to provide gift bags for each athlete as well as light refreshments.

City Administrator Report:

Discontinuation of Plastic Recycling and Recycling Center Move: In January of 2018, China banned the import of many recyclable materials, including plastic. They have been the main importer of these materials and in the last year, the price paid to recyclers has been reduced from \$100/ton to just \$5/ton. Consolidated Disposal notified the City that they would be discontinuing the collection of plastics.

The City has been saving for almost three years now to relocate the recycling center from downtown to the east end of Splashzone parking lot. It will be fenced; 2 new poles will be placed on the West corners and street lights will be installed on all corners. Surveillance cameras will be wired in to the new poles to hopefully reduce the amount of illegal dumping that occurs in our recycling containers.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Bruce Reim, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carrie Lnenicka, Administrative Assistant