

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Date: April 12, 2018

The Ephrata Planning Commission, Grant County, Washington met on April 12, 2018. The meeting was called to order in Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Joe Dennis. Roll was taken. Members present Jo Maedke, Don Guillemette, David Spencer; and Tom Moncrief.

Staff present: Ron Sell, Community Development Director; Anna Franz, City Attorney; and Stacy Hooper, Secretary. Bill Sangster, Public Works Director; excused absence.

The commission reviewed the minutes of the March 22, 2018 meeting. Minutes were approved with no changes. (m/s Don Guillemette/Jo Maedke). Motion carried.

Correspondence: Nothing New.

Additions and/or Revisions to Published Agenda: No additions or revisions to agenda.

Joe Dennis asks for a staff report on the Economic Development section; **Ron Sell** states in this chapter there are no real changes, just a few grammar changes, **Ron Sell** also reminds that again, the changes in the following chapters are to bring the numbers/statistics to current census numbers.

Joe Dennis questions **Policy 1 C** – “Orchard in the Desert” **discussion Ensues**, no other comments on Economic Development Section.

Ron Sells reminds that the Parks and Open Space section will be skipped at this time as the Parks Commission will be addressing this section and it is not mandated that Planning Commission reviews this section.

Utilities and Services Section – **Ron Sell**; the changes in this section are just bringing Sewer rates, PUD rates, CDSI rates and Cemetery rates to current rates, changes made to Fire Flow requirements were made to match the current flow rates in the IFC. **Tom Moncrief** asks how often CDSI updates their rates, **Discussion Ensues**.

Discussion Ensues regarding current rates, **Ron Sell** will make sure all rates are current with Ephrata Municipal Code Chapter 3 and all other rate publications before going to Public Hearing.

Jo Maedke asks for clarification on Columbarium. **Discussion Ensues**.

Discussion on Telephone service **Ensues**; **Tom Moncrief** makes correction to wording regarding Police Protection.

Joe Dennis questions Ambulance Service; AMR will replace Grant County Fire District #5, **Discussion Ensues** and includes Northwest Medstar.

School District- **Ron Sell** asks **Jo Maedke** if she may have more accurate numbers for the School District, **Jo Maedke** will look into this and get back to **Ron Sell** prior to next scheduled meeting.

Transportation Element – There are not many changes up to page 10, just grammar and street name corrections. **Page 11** updates to match the current street construction standards.

Tom Moncrief asks if the tax passes will that need to be added to the Transportation Element section. **Ron Sell** stats that will probably go into the 6 year street improvement plan. Discussion Ensues. After the vote on April 24, 2018 the tax outcome and information will be added.

Page 17 – Number updates to match the state numbers.

Joe Dennis questions the traffic accident statistics. **Discussion Ensues.** **Ron Sell** will verify numbers with Bill Sangster and the Ephrata Police Department to verify.

Joe Dennis questions the wording for the Multi Modal Facility. **Discussion Ensues.** Wording will be changed in the Railway Service section.

Jo Maedke has questions on the Trail system, **Discussion Ensues.**

Jo Maedke opens discussion page 22 Policy B.3 **Discussion Ensues,** regarding the City helping homeowners with the cost of installing sidewalks.

Joe Dennis asks when transportation goals and policies were developed. **Discussion Ensues.**

Page 47-48 6 Year Street Plan – the intention was to have the document accepted by council, **Discussion Ensues** regarding Funding for the 6 year street plan.

Next meeting April 26, 2018 will start at Capital Facilities Element.

Jo Maedke will not be at the first meeting in May.

Next Scheduled Meeting will be April 26, 2018_____.

Meeting on April 12, 2018 adjourns at 7:18_____ p.m.

Joe Dennis, Planning Commission Chairman

Attest: _____
Stacy Hooper, Secretary