



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 20, 2018

City Council of the City of Ephrata, Grant County Washington met in regular session on June 20, 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 Valli Millard, Justin Kooy, and Tony Mora.

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 was made to excuse Council members Allstot, Moore and Wanke (m/s Millard/Kooy) Motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

No public signed up to speak.

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

Presentations: None.

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

Items on the consent agenda are as follows:

Claims #88623 through #88625 in the amount of \$21,321.52
Claims #88626 through #88680 in the amount of \$149,400.83
Claims #86062018, 87062018, 88062018, and 89062018 in the amount of \$2,450.15
Voided Claims #88540 and 87769 in the amount of \$(26,542.37)
EFT in the amount of \$19,555.42
Minutes of the June 6, 2018 Council meeting
Approval of Special Events Permit:

- Rotary Rim-to-Rim Basketball Tournament July 19-21, 2018, Division & C Street SW

Special Olympics June 27, 2018: Informational. A news release will be published the week of June 25, 2018 regarding the USA Games. The athletes will arrive at Ephrata High School, jog down C Street and into Rock Park for a welcoming ceremony. Gift bags put together by several businesses in town will be available for all athletes and the Mayor will be giving a speech. Max participation is encouraged.

2018 Police Accreditation Report – Chief Mike Warren briefed City Council on the 2018 Ephrata Police Department Accreditation that was managed by Heather Rhoades and Captain Eric Koch. Both Chief and Heather stated that the accreditation creates accountability and staff awareness of policies, procedures and best practices as well as reducing the departments liability by following an approved set of guidelines. Heather stated each and every police file and/or piece of evidence has to show proof of compliance. Results were that 133 standards were met and there were 0 non-compliance issues. Chief presented the 2018 Accreditation Plaque to the Mayor and City Council. There are currently only 2 organizations in Grant County that have received Accreditation: Grant County Sherriff's Department and Ephrata Police Department.

Ordinance 18-12 Amending EMC 6.12 “Litter Control Code”: This update will add rules for the new recycling center, removes a section of code that was repealed by the State in 2003, revises our code to comply with a 1976 Supreme Court ruling and a 2009 9th Circuit Court decision related to handbills and also changes all penalties to civil infractions as opposed to misdemeanors.

Motion to approve and accept Ordinance 18-12 Amending EMC 6.12 Litter Control Code. (m/s Mora/Millard). Council discussion ensued, motion carried.

July 4, 2018 Council Meeting: Motion to cancel City Council meeting on July 4, 2018. (m/s Kooy/Millard) Motion carried.

Policy 3093, Family & Medical Leave Policy: This policy is due to changes in Federal and State law that impact the Family and Medical Leave Act. The goal by staff was to give employees maximum flexibility when choosing to take unpaid/FMLA leave and/or mixing use of their accrued paid leave(s).

Motion to approve Policy 3093 Family & Medical Leave Policy. (m/s Mora/Kooy)
Motion carried.

Fireworks Safety Campaign: Informational. Use of illegal fireworks appear to be declining as fewer citations are issued and fewer calls for service. Additional officers will be on duty during the 4th of July, campaign ads will still be published to support local, legal fireworks.

Accept \$200 Donation for Recreation Scholarships: Motion to accept \$200 Donation for Recreation Programs. (m/s Coe/Millard) Motion carried.

City Administrator Report:

Budget – Expenses are below budget 17% and Revenues are below budget 13%. Cash reserves in the general fund are up around 90,000, which is more than half of what we should have.

Sales tax – March 2018 was the best March in Ephrata history at \$148,800. Sales tax records continue to be broken which is a sign that the local economy is doing very well.

Splashzone – Attendance is at a normal average number but will increase once the warm weather arrives. Rentals are higher than average due to schools outside of our district, such as Warden, utilizing our facilities.

Construction – All projects are moving forward according to plan. Updates are published utilizing Facebook and Grant County Journal. At this point, Granite is finishing up all work south of the overpass before moving North. The overpass will be closed starting the week of June 25th until complete, which is estimated around July 3rd. Contractors are aware of traffic concerns regarding holiday traffic and they do have a plan in place.

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

Bruce Reim, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carrie Lnenicka, Administrative Assistant