



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES July 18, 2018

City Council of the City of Ephrata, Grant County Washington met in regular session on July 18, 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 Mark Wanke, Matt Moore, Valli Millard, Justin Kooy, and Tony Mora.

Staff Present: City Clerk/Finance Director Leslie Trachsler, City Attorney Anna Franz, Community Development Director Ron Sell, Public Works Director Bill Sangster, Recreation Supervisor Brian Dubois and Police Chief Mike Warren.

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

Items on the consent agenda are as follows:

- Claims #88707 through #88715 and #88717 through #88812 in the amount of \$731,805.08
- Claim #88716 VOIDED due to printing error
- Manual Claims #86072018, 87072018, 88072018 and 89072018 in the amount of \$3,414.17
- Claims # 88700 through #88703 in the amount of \$4,329.75
- Claim #88706 in the amount of \$160.98
- Minutes of the June 20, 2018 Council meeting

Set Public Hearing for Ratigan Property Annexation for August 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Special Event Applications:

- Thursday Night Concerts Beer Garden – Rock Park/Sun Basin Plaza June 21st; July 12th, 26th; August 9th.
- Tuesday Nights Beer Garden – Rock Park/Sun Basin Plaza July 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st; August 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
- CB Roller Derby Fundraiser Beer Garden – Rock Park/Sun Basin Plaza August 18th
- Back to School Night – Parkway Blvd from 10th Ave SW to C Street SW August 21st

Presentation to Ephrata Public Works Shop Crew Christian Roeder and Brian Hixson: Mayor Reim presented Certificates of Awards to Christian Roeder and Brian Hixson for their exemplary service and commitment to the operations of the City of Ephrata. They have continually performed above and beyond the basic call of duty and have shown selfless willingness to help any department when called upon. Specifically they have performed emergency repairs on our fire trucks which then allowed the fire fighters to get back to the fire within two hours.

Meeting/Hearing Schedule for 2019 Budget: Informational. Study Session is scheduled for August 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. for Council to review and refine the goals and objectives for 2019 Budget. A second study session is tentatively scheduled for September 5th if needed.

Accept Donation from Inland Northwest Bank for \$1000 for SplashZone and BOLD: Motion to accept donation from Inland Northwest Bank for \$1000. (m/s Kooy/Wanke) Council member Millard abstained, motion carried.

Application of RCW 3.62.090 “Public Safety and Education Assessment”: Informational. Public Safety and Education Assessments are additional fees added to our C-Penalties which are issued for Municipal Code violations with the exception of parking violations. This assessment is mandated by RCW.

City Clerk Report:

2018 Budget Report – The second quarter sales tax totals are at a historical high with June’s sales tax dollars being the second highest collected.

Construction Update:

- 1st Avenue NW Sidewalk – Tommer Construction is in the fifth week of a ten-week schedule. They are working on the retaining wall over the canal, installing curbing and sidewalk.
- Basin Street Water Main Replacement – Granite Construction is in the 12th week of a twenty-four-week schedule. They have laid water main up to 5th SW and hope to have the main line installed to the end of 3rd SW by the end of this week. Paving will take place on Friday from 18th Ave SW to 9th or 10th and patch some

of the crossings. Next week we anticipate hooking up side services and installing new meters with additional paving to commence the end of the month.

SplashZone Report – Attendance is slightly lower than average for this time of year but with this warmer weather it's expected to pick in the next few weeks. Swimming lessons are doing great. Overall, operations are running smoothly.

Office of Financial Management Official Population Estimates – The new population estimate for 2018 is 8,130. Over the last 9 years, Ephrata has experienced an average of 1% growth per year.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Bruce Reim, Mayor

ATTEST:

Leslie Trachsler, City Clerk