



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

August 01, 2018

City Council of the City of Ephrata, Grant County Washington met in regular session on August 01, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Bruce Reim and adjourned to executive session to discuss litigation or potential litigation, RCW 42.30.110(1)i, for approximately thirty minutes. Executive session adjourned, no decisions were made or action taken. Meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

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 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 City Clerk/Finance Director Leslie Trachsler.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

No public signed up to speak. This meeting is not being recorded.

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

Presentations: None

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

Items on the consent agenda are as follows:

Claims #88837 through #88882 in the amount of \$82,175.24
Electronic Fund Transfer in the amount of \$24,825.48
Check #88813, 88833 through 88836 in the amount of \$8,827.62
Payroll #45757 through #45836 in the amount of \$63,913.07
Payroll Claims #88681 through #88699 in the amount of \$232,519.16
Payroll Direct Debit in the amount of \$6,000.00

Payroll Direct Deposit in the amount of \$176,881.97
Payroll #45837 in the amount of \$55.07
Payroll Claims #88704 and #88705 in the amount of \$10.09
Payroll #45838 through #45913 in the amount of \$80,862.11
Payroll Claims #88814 through #88832 in the amount of \$233,987.11
Payroll Direct Debit in the amount of \$6,000.00
Payroll Direct Deposits in the amount of \$174,517.88
Minutes of the July 18, 2018 Council meeting

Public Hearing – 2019 Budget Goals and Objectives: Mayor opened public hearing at 7:01 p.m. on the 2019 Budget Goals and Objectives. Crago gave a brief review. Mayor closed hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Ratigan Property Annexation Request: Staff has received an annexation request from Michael and Diane Ratigan for property located North of Ephrata on Highway 28. The proposed site is Lot 2 of the Ratigan Short Plat. Crago reviewed the process and procedures of an annexation hearing. Director Sell gave a brief staff report. The property owners are interested in development and want to hook this property up to city water. This piece is not in the flood plain. Due to legal requirements for publication September 5, 2018 would be the recommended hearing date.

Council member Millard disclosure that her daughter is married to the Ratigans grandson.

Motion to set public hearing for September 5, 2018 and directed staff to publish per Ephrata Municipal Code. (m/s Moore/Kooy) Motion carried.

September 5, 2018 Council meeting at Ephrata Library: Crago advised that the new Director for North Central Regional Library would like to meet Council and to showcase some of the improvements at the library. An informal tour of the facility will take place at 6:30 before the Council meeting. Motion to set the September 5, 2018 City Council meeting at the Ephrata Library. (m/s Moore/Kooy) Motion carried.

Authorize Administration to enter Agreement with Live Nation: This Agreement allows our officers to work events at the Gorge Amphitheater. Motion to authorize Administration to enter Agreement with Live Nation. (m/s Moore/Allstot) Motion carried.

State Building Code Council Permit Fee increase: Informational – The State has increased their fee on all building permits as of July 1, 2018. For residential units the increase goes from \$4.50 to \$6.50 plus a surcharge of \$2 for each additional residential unit after the first unit. They added a \$25 fee for commercial building permits plus an additional surcharge of \$2 for each unit after the first unit.

City Administrator Report:

Construction Update:

- Basin Street Water Main – They will be hooking up to Nat Washington Way and finish up tie-in's before they jump to 3rd NW. Contractor is pretty much on schedule and will be north of town by the time school starts.
- 1st Avenue Sidewalk – Concrete is in, the wall is to be re-built. Contractor is slightly behind schedule.

Splash Zone Report: We've had two consecutive record weeks for attendance which is not surprising due to the warm weather. All things considered, everything is going well at the pool.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Bruce Reim, Mayor

ATTEST:

Leslie Trachsler, City Clerk