



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

September 05, 2018

This meeting is being conducted at the Ephrata Public Library, 45 Alder Street NW, Ephrata, WA.

Aaron Loeffelbein, Ephrata Librarian, gave Council a tour of the Ephrata Public Library at 6:30 p.m.

City Council of the City of Ephrata, Grant County Washington met in regular session on September 05, 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 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 Mora. (m/s Millard/Moore) Motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

No public signed up to speak. This meeting is being recorded.

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

Mayor Reim asked for a moment of silence in honor of retired Chief of Police Floyd Hansen who passed away August 18, 2018.

Presentations: Barbara Walters, Executive Director for North Central Regional Library (NCRL) addressed Council. She presented the NCRL 2017 Annual Report. The library serves five counties, has an extensive outreach program and is the only library district that has a mail order service. Their goal is to work with the community and local government.

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

Items on the consent agenda are as follows:

- Claims #88992 through #89011 in the amount of \$12,754.38
- Claims #88987 through #88991 in the amount of \$1,196.24
- Payroll #45914 through #45988 in the amount of \$81,730.24
- Payroll Claims #88968 through #88986 in the amount of \$228,315.15
- Payroll Direct Debit in the amount of \$5,875.00
- Payroll Direct Deposits in the amount of \$167,717.50
- VOID (Lost) Payroll #45644 and 45668 in the amount of \$(368.72)
- Reissued Payroll #45898 and 45990 in the amount of \$368.72
- Minutes of the August 22, 2018 Council meeting
- Set Public Hearing for McCreary Annexation for September 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
- Special Event Applications:
 - Ephrata Library Summer Reading Event – September 01, 2018 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Library Parking Lot

Public Hearing – Ratigan Property Annexation Request: Mayor Reim opened public hearing at 7:04 p.m. Crago gave a brief staff report. Request was received from Mike and Diane Ratigan to annex a 10.9 acre lot that sits north of DK's and is adjacent to SR-28. This public hearing is to consider three items:

- Accept, reject or modify the proposed annexation boundary
- Require the adoption of Commercial-2 zoning
- Require the property assume all City taxes and other indebtedness

There being no public comments, Mayor Reim closed public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Council consensus was to direct staff to prepare an Annexation Ordinance for Council consideration as presented.

Public Hearing – 2019 Budget Goals & Objectives: Mayor Reim opened public hearing at 7:06 p.m. Crago gave a brief staff report and advised that following the study session from August 22nd staff presents the following Goals and Objectives as directed by Council.

1. Continue to Improve Public Safety
2. Improve Prevention of, and Response to, Roadway Damage
3. Maintain Financial Stability and Accountability
4. Attract, Develop and Retain Quality Employees
5. Continue to Reward and Promote Efficiency

There being no public comments, Mayor Reim closed public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Frank Ross from the Beezley Hill Book Club and “Paying it Forward”: Mr. Ross was unable to attend, item will be reschedule for another meeting.

Authorize Mayor to enter Agreement with United States Bureau of Reclamation:

The Trails Committee has received the final easement agreement in order to move forward on the Canal Trail. Councilman Wanke reported that the trail committee has been in existence since 1996 with some very dedicated members who have stuck with it since the beginning. Phase I is 1.7 miles of trail that begins at the Episcopal Church on the west side of the canal heading south.

Motion to authorize Mayor to execute Easement Agreement with the United States Bureau of Reclamation. (m/s Kooy/Wanke) Motion carried.

City Administrator Report:

Construction Update:

- 1st Avenue NW Sidewalk – Project is substantially complete.
- Basin Street Water Main – Installing main line at the North end of town. Service connections are taking place all along Basin Street.

Splashzone Report: Preliminary figures show attendance was average. The Paws in the Pool event was a success and a lot of fun was had by all.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Bruce Reim, Mayor

ATTEST:

Leslie Trachsler, City Clerk