



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 01, 2019

City Council of the City of Ephrata, Grant County Washington met in regular session on May 1, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Bruce.

Members Present: Mayor Bruce Reim, Mayor Pro Tem William Coe, Council members Mark Wanke, Matt Moore, Sarah McDonnell, Tony Mora, and Kathleen Allstot.

Staff Present: City Administrator Wes Crago, City Attorney Anna Franz, Community Development Director Daniel Leavitt, Public Works Director Bill Sangster, Community Relations Director Traci Bennett, Police Chief Mike Warren, and City Clerk/Finance Director Leslie Trachsler.

Motion to excuse Council member Millard. (m/s Allstot/Mora) 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 – Wreaths Across America: Representatives from the Columbia Basin Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol United States Air Force Auxiliary of Ephrata, Washington address Council explaining the “Wreaths Across America” program and showed a short video. This program, through the help of many volunteers, ensures that all veterans laid to rest in Ephrata Cemetery, as well as cemeteries all across America, are honored with the placement of a live, balsam fir wreath on their headstone the second Saturday in December.

They are requesting support from Council in the form of a Proclamation declaring the second Saturday in December as “Wreaths Across America Day”; a police escort from the Ephrata Civil Air Patrol building to the Ephrata Cemetery the morning of the event; and attendance, participation and support from City officials at the ceremony and wreath laying event.

C/TSgt J. Jesus Zepeda-Salas read a brief statement.

Council discussion, Mayor advised there would not be a problem with providing a proclamation or escort.

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

Items on the consent agenda are as follows:

- Claims #90113 through #90153 in the amount of \$68,867.34
- Claims #90087 through #90090 in the amount of \$4,283.14
- Claims #90112 in the amount of \$100.00
- Payroll Checks #46184 through #46201 in the amount of \$32,054.29
- Payroll Claims #90091 through #90111 in the amount of \$227,276.37
- Direct Debit in the amount of \$6,000.00
- Direct Deposits in the amount of \$173,662.49
- Minutes of the April 17, 2019 Council meeting
- Special Event Applications:
 - Columbia Ridge Field Day Run – Port Area, June 11, 2019
- Fireworks Stand Permit:
 - Soap Lake School District/TNT Fireworks – Walmart Parking lot

Authorize Administration to enter Agreement with Port of Ephrata for EVOC

Course: This agreement is for the use of a non-active runway at the Port of Ephrata for an Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) training.

Motion to authorize Administration to enter Agreement with Port of Ephrata for EVOC Course. (m/s Moore/McDonnell) Motion carried.

Request for Sewer Connection Exemption: Crago reported that staff has received a request from Jason and Brandi Johnson for sewer connection exemption for their property at 1884 Basin Street SW due to there being 464 feet from the property line to the nearest sewer main line. This is well outside the required 200 foot limit. According to Ephrata Municipal Code 13.08.070 C, such an exemption is granted by Council action.

Motion to authorize request for sewer connection exemption to Jason and Brandi Johnson for property known as 1884 Basin Street SW. (m/s Moore/Wanke) Council discussion ensued, motion carried.

City Administrator Report:

2019 Construction Report: There are several major projects:

- City – Completion of the Basin Street Water line project
- State DOT – handicap ramp construction along Basin Street
- State DOT – digging out the sub-base on Basin Street from McDonald’s to Safeway. Traffic will be detoured around this work zone. Scheduled to begin Monday, May 13th.

- State DOT – construction of a Roundabout at the intersection of Dodson Road and SR-282. Traffic will be diverted around this work zone. Scheduled to begin Monday, May 6th and will take approximately one week.
- City – Work on 8th Avenue NW overlay will begin early August

Ephrata High School EScore Program: Students at Ephrata High School now earn an Employability Score (EScore) each semester. EScores are a tool to communicate a student's history and habits regarding attendance, punctuality, and ability to work well with others. Employers can request EScores as an accompaniment to an employment application. City has incorporated this into our summer job applications.

2019 Reservoir Inspection Report: The city water reservoirs were inspected/cleaned by certified divers. They clean and vacuum any scale, inspect the structural integrity and provide a video record of the interior. All reservoirs were noted to be in good shape.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Bruce Reim, Mayor

ATTEST:

Leslie Trachsler, City Clerk