



## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

### June 05, 2019

City Council of the City of Ephrata, Grant County Washington met in regular session on June 5, 2019. 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, Sarah McDonnell, Tony Mora, and Kathleen Allstot.

**Staff Present:** City Administrator Wes Crago, City Attorney Katherine Kennison/Anna Franz, Community Development Director Daniel Leavitt, Public Works Director Bill Sangster, Community Relations Director Traci Bennett, Police Captain Erik Koch, Fire Chief Jeremy Burns and City Clerk/Finance Director Leslie Trachsler.

Pledge of Allegiance was said. This meeting is not being recorded.

No public signed up to speak.

**Agenda:** Agenda was amended adding Item 4 to Section 7.

**Presentations:** None

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

Items on the consent agenda are as follows:

Claims #90221 through #90228 in the amount of \$3,366.44  
Claims #90249 through #90253 in the amount of \$4,857.90  
Payroll #46202 through #46227 in the amount of \$34,814.86  
Payroll Claims #90229 through #90248 in the amount of \$238,748.24  
Payroll Direct Debit in the amount of \$6,000.00  
Payroll Direct Deposit in the amount of \$188,401.33  
Claims #90254 through #90313 in the amount of \$158,448.71  
Minutes of the May 15, 2019 Council meeting

Special Event Permits:

- Columbia Ridge Bike Rodeo – NE/SE Heights, May 29 and 31, 2019
- Summer Concert Series – Rock Park June 27, July 11 and 25, August 15, 2019
- Ephrata Chamber Car & Toy Show – Courthouse Area, July 20, 2019

**Fireworks Education Campaign 2019:** Crago reported that the City will begin our Fireworks Education Campaign. There will be public service ads in the paper and the police and fire departments will be working together on extra patrols during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

**2018 Annual Report:** The 2018 Annual Financial Report was submitted to the Washington State Auditor’s Office on May 22, 2019. Reports were due May 30, 2019.

**Ordinance 19-03 – Repeal and Replace EMC 8.05 “Animal Control”:** Motion to table. (m/s Moore/Mora) Motion carried.

**Authorize Administration to enter Agreement with Granite Inc. of Moses Lake:**

Crago advised that the approval of this Agreement is the last step in awarding and authorizing Granite Construction, Inc. of Moses Lake the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW Overlay Project.

Motion to authorize Administration to enter Agreement with Granite Inc. of Moses Lake for the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW Overlay Project. (m/s Moore/Allstot) Motion carried.

**Approve Policy 7030 – Bio Solids Drying Protocol:** Crago gave a brief staff report reviewing the history of the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Up until 1998 a spray field was used to aerate clarified sewage which was extremely odiferous. With the modernization of the facility in 1999, 100% of waste water is recycled. Clean, clear water is injected back into the aquifer and the bio solids are hauled away as fertilizer. The plant produces between 350 and 450 tons of bio solids a year. As a cost reduction measure, these bio solids are dried before being shipped to Douglas County where they are used as fertilizer without modification. The drying process, while not completely without odor, is far weaker and much more localized than the previous process.

Since 2002, a total of three formal complaints about odor have been received. Each complaint was addressed and explanation given regarding our process. In 2017, the City paid for an engineering study on odors and researched options from similar type plants. Based on our engineer’s recommendation, the City constructed a large drying pad south of the facility in 2018. This moves the “point of smell” about a half mile south of the plant. There is no solution which will eliminate the odor. However, one complainant recently wrote a formal complaint to the State Department of Ecology. After discussions, DOE asked the City to memorialize our current drying protocol in the form a Council approved policy.

Motion to approve and accept Policy 7030 – Bio Solids Drying Protocol. (m/s Moore/McDonnell) Council discussion, motion carried.

**Authorize Administration to continue Agreement with Farallon Consulting:**

Farallon Consulting is our consulting engineers for the Grant County Landfill clean-up and each year they submit an agreement and cost-estimate. The City is fully reimbursed by our former insurance company for this work.

Motion to authorize Administration to continue Agreement with Farallon Consulting. (m/s Allstot/Mora) Motion carried.

**Authorize Administration to enter Sewer Easement Agreement:** This is an amendment to the sewer easement previously approved for the property south of Hale's. There were some minor changes to the formal release. The City will release the old easement once the new easement has been accepted.

Motion to authorize Administration to enter Sewer Easement Agreement. (m/s Wanke/Millard) Motion carried.

**City Administrator Report:**

2019 Construction Report:

- 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW overlay project – construction to begin mid-summer
- Basin Street - Curbs and ADA ramps are almost done on Basin Street. Grinding has begun. There will be shifting lanes as they progress through town.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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Bruce Reim, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Leslie Trachsler, City Clerk