



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 19, 2019

City Council of the City of Ephrata, Grant County Washington met in regular session on June 19, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem William Coe.

Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem William Coe, Council members Matt Moore, Valli Millard, Sarah McDonnell, and Tony Mora.

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, Fire Chief Jeremy Burns and Administrative Assistant Carrie Lnenicka.

Motion to excuse Mayor Reim and Council members Allstot and Wanke. (m/s Mora/Moore). Motion carried.

Council and staff observed a moment of silence in remembrance of former Mayor Leslie Parr. Pledge of Allegiance was said. This meeting is not being recorded.

No public signed up to speak.

Agenda: There were no changes 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 # 90317 through # 90379 in the amount of \$126,283.22
- Claims #86062019, 87062019, 88062019, 89062019 in the amount of \$2808.35
- Claims #90315 and 90316 in the amount of \$4,000.00
- EFT in the amount of \$22,897.29
- Minutes of the June 5, 2019 Council meeting

Special Event Permits:

- Music in Rock Park – Rock Park – June 27, July 11, July 25 and August 15, 2019
- Class of 1989 Reunion – Rock Park – July 12-13, 2019
- Car Seat Checkup – City Hall – August 10, 2019

Opening on Parks Commission: With the resignation of Commissioner Sarah Morford, applications for Parks Commission will be taken at City Hall until Friday, June 21, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

2019 Waste Water Treatment Plant Audit: Crago advised that the Waste Water Treatment Plant's Annual Audit, once again, had no deficiencies.

Ephrata Off-Leash Dog Park: Contractors have broken ground on the new park located at the north end of the sports complex. Construction is expected to take 4-6 weeks. The park will be equipped with a double entrance, 5-foot-tall fence, a watering station for dogs, waste bags and receptacles and benches located in the shade for patrons.

July 3, 2019 Council Meeting: Historically this meeting is cancelled due to the holiday, lack of agenda items and absences. Staff recommends cancelling this year.

Motion to cancel the July 3, 2019 Council Meeting. (m/s Moore/McDonnell) Motion carried.

Selection of General Engineering Firm: The City published Request for Qualifications for general engineering in May, which is done about every 5 years. Two firms, TD&H and Gray and Osborne, Inc., submitted qualifications and were evaluated. Staff recommendation is to stay with Gray and Osborne.

Motion to approve Gray and Osborne Inc for Engineering services. (m/s Mora/Moore) Motion carried.

Authorize Administration to continue Agreement with Grant County Economic Development Council: This is a housekeeping item. The City enters into a contract annually with the EDC for advertisement, economic development and business data services.

Motion to authorize Administration to continue Agreement with Grant County Economic Development Council. (m/s Millard/McDonnell) Motion carried.

Authorize Administration to enter Supplementary Agreement with Transportation Improvement Board for 8th Avenue Project: This is a housekeeping item. The supplementary agreement with TIB is an adjustment agreement for engineering the 8th Avenue overlay project. Pre-construction meeting for the project is June 25, 2019 with construction set to begin July 8, 2019.

Motion to authorize Administration to enter Supplementary Agreement with Transportation Improvement Board for 8th Avenue Project. (m/s Moore/McDonnell) Motion carried.

Accept Donation from Uggie Boo's for Summer Movie Series Sponsorship: The city's Summer Movie Series will play Psycho and Uggie Boo's has donated \$400 to cover the cost of the movie rental.

Motion to Accept Donation from Uggie Boo's for Summer Movie Series Sponsorship. (m/s Mora/Millard) Motion carried.

Accept donation from First Interstate Bank for Summer Movie Series Sponsorship: The city's Summer Movie Series will play Kung Fu Panda and First Interstate Bank has donated \$400 to cover the cost of the movie rental.

Motion to Accept Donation from First Interstate Bank for Summer Movie Series Sponsorship. (m/s McDonnell/Moore). Council member Millard disclosed that she works for First Interstate Bank and receives no benefit from this sponsorship. Motion carried.

City Administrator Report:

2019 Construction Report:

- 8th Avenue NW overlay project – Pre-construction meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2019 with work expected to begin July 8, 2019.
- Basin Street – The state is currently paving at night, working from the north end of town toward the sound end of town.

2019 Budget Report

- Sales Tax received in May for March 2019 is the highest recorded sales tax in our history.

2019 Splashzone Report

- The 2019 season is starting off strong due to the hot weather.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

William Coe, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Carrie Lnenicka, Administrative Assistant