



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 17, 2019

City Council of the City of Ephrata, Grant County Washington met in regular session on July 17, 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, 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, Fire Chief Jeremy Burns and City Clerk/Finance Director Leslie Trachsler.

Motion to excuse Council member Sarah McDonnell. (m/s Allstot/Millard) 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.

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:

Payroll Checks #46228 through #46305 in the amount of \$62,290.83
Payroll Claims #90382 through #90401 in the amount of \$234,316.39
Payroll Direct Debit in the amount of \$5,875.00
Payroll Direct Deposit in the amount of \$175,616.58
Manual Check #86072019, 87072019, 88072019 and 89072019 in the amount of \$3,776.89
Claims #90380 and #90381 in the amount of \$236.33

Claims #90402 through #90408 in the amount of \$74,372.80

EFT in the amount of \$25,190.72

Claims #90409 through #90510 in the amount of \$422,504.71

Minutes of the June 19, 2019 Council meeting

Approval of Special Event Applications:

- Parkway Back-to-School Night – Parkway Boulevard, August 26, 2019

2019 Independence Day Holiday Fire Reports: There were nine firework calls reported and two citations issued. Overall it was relatively quiet.

Report on Off-Leash Dog Park: Crago informed Council that the fencing and watering station has been completed. Director Bennet reported that we are waiting for signs, waste stations, garbage cans and picnic tables to complete the project. A grand opening is being planned for the end of next week.

Public Hearing – Ordinance 19-04: Cryptocurrency High-Intensity Computer Operations: Mayor Reim opened public hearing at 7:04 p.m. Crago gave a brief staff report. This ordinance would ban 24/7 computer operations, such as cryptocurrency and graphic rendering/animation from residential zones. These types of operations would be permitted in the appropriate industrial zones. Council action on this ordinance will not take place until the August meeting.

No public comment, Mayor Reim closed public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

2020 Budget Schedule: Crago presented the 2020 Budget Schedule. A Study Session to discuss objectives for 2020 and review the 10-year plan is tentatively scheduled for August 21st before the Council meeting.

Authorize Administration to enter Personal Services Agreement with Tony Preston for Splash Zone Training: Mr. Preston provides Red Cross Training to the Splash Zone staff.

Motion to authorize Administration to enter Personal Service Agreement with Tony Preston for Splash Zone training. (m/s Mora/Moore) Motion carried.

Accept Donation to Ephrata Police Department from Ephrata Inn: Motion to accept donation to the Ephrata Police Department from Ephrata Inn. (m/s Moore/Allstot) Motion carried.

Appointment of Patty Ferguson to Ephrata Parks & Recreation Commission: Motion to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Patty Ferguson to the Ephrata Parks and Recreation Commission. (m/s Millard/Mora) Motion carried.

Authorize Administration to enter Professional Services Agreement with Gray & Osborne: At the last meeting Council approved the selection of Gray & Osborne (G&O)

as the City's Engineer for general engineering services. This Agreement defines the relationship between the City and G&O.

Motion to authorize Administration to enter Professional Services Agreement with Gray & Osborne. (m/s Wanke/Coe) Motion carried.

Accept Prairie Bluff Phase III A Major Plat as complete: Crago reported that this new development has been completed and certified that all infrastructure has been installed to City standards. There are two minor items that need to be addressed but essentially is ready for Council acceptance.

Director Leavitt advised that we are still waiting the final approval from the Department of Commerce. Plat has been sent to all the applicable agencies for comments. The comment period closes July 26, 2019. The application is deemed complete once final approval is received from Department of Commerce.

Motion to accept Prairie Bluff Phase III A Major Plat as complete upon final approval from Department of Commerce. (m/s Moore/Millard) Motion carried.

City Administrator Report:

2019 Construction Report:

- 8th Avenue NW overlay project moving forward
- Basin Street is wrapping up, they are 90% complete, estimate to be done by mid-August

2019 Budget Report:

- Budget Projections overall is better than normal. Revenue is slightly below projected and expenses are 10% below. Cash reserves in current expense is up slightly. The goal of cash reserves of \$950,000 by the end of December is looking more attainable.
- Sales tax has increased considerably. Part of this is due to the construction projects going on. The local economy at present is in high gear.

2019 Splash Zone Report:

- Attendance is solidly average.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Bruce Reim, Mayor

ATTEST:

Leslie Trachsler, City Clerk