



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES August 07, 2019

City Council of the City of Ephrata, Grant County Washington met in regular session on August 07, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Bruce Reim and adjourned to executive session to discuss planning or adopting strategy for negotiations (RCW 42.30.140(4)b) for approximately thirty minutes. Executive session adjourned at 6:18 p.m. no decisions were made or action taken.

Council and the Ephrata Parks Commission conducted a Grand Opening of the new Off-Leash Dog Park at 780 A Street SE at 6:45 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 6:50 p.m. at 780 A Street SE, the new Off-Leash Dog Park.

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

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

Motion to excuse Council member Wanke. (m/s Allstot/McDonnell) 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: None

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

Items on the consent agenda are as follows:

Claims #90531 through #90534 in the amount of \$796.55
Claims #90535 through #90583 in the amount of \$66,593.42

Payroll #46306 through #46381 in the amount of \$88,727.04
Payroll Claims #90511 through #90530 in the amount of \$238,996.66
Payroll Direct Debit in the amount of \$5,875.00
Payroll Direct Deposit in the amount of \$172,645.80
Minutes of the July 17, 2019 Council meeting
Approval of Special Event Applications

- Clear Risk Solutions Company Picnic – Patrick Park, August 8, 2019

Report on New Dog Park: The new Dog Park is officially opened. Signage, waste stations, garbage cans and picnic tables have all been installed.

2020 Budget Process and Agendas: Crago presented to Council the 2020 Budget Schedule including a Study Session Agenda for the next Council meeting on August 21st.

Authorize Administration to enter 2020-2025 Labor Agreement with AFL-CIO Local 846-E: Crago gave a brief staff report noting major changes to this contract. It is a five year contract with a flat 3% increase per year; longevity increase of \$4; revised definition of “hazardous conditions”; included mandatory language for sick leave and the new Washington State Paid Family and Medical Leave. Crago advised that this was a very smooth negotiation process and was a win-win for both parties.

Motion to authorize Administration to enter 2020-2025 Labor Agreement with AFL-CIO Local 846-E. (m/s Mora/Moore) Motion carried.

Authorize Administration to enter Design Agreement with Gray & Osborne for 2020 Division Street Resurface Project: Housekeeping item – Crago reported that this is our standard agreement for engineering and design work on the 2020 resurfacing of Division Street East.

Motion to authorize Administration to enter Design Agreement with Gray & Osborne for 2020 Division Street Resurface Project. (m/s Moore/Mora) Council discussion, the project is slated to begin at D Street NE and go to the Port. Motion carried.

Authorize Administration to enter Design Agreement with Gray & Osborne for 2020 C Street Sidewalk Project: Housekeeping item – Crago reported that this is our standard agreement for engineering and design work on the 2020 C Street Sidewalk Project from Ephrata High School to Parkway.

Motion to authorize Administration to enter Design Agreement with Gray & Osborne for 2020 C Street Sidewalk Project. (m/s Coe/McDonnell) Motion carried.

Acceptance and Approval of Final Plat for Prairie Bluff IIIA Development: Housekeeping item - This development is a 26 lot residential subdivision located East of Ivy Street NW and North of 3rd Avenue NE. Utilities and infrastructure was accepted on July 17, 2019. The approval of the final plat will allow the filing of the plat with the

County Auditor completing the division of the property into residential lots. Plat has been reviewed by local and State agencies and is ready for final approval.

Director Leavitt advised that street lights have yet to be installed but are on the scheduled to be done with Grant County PUD.

Motion to accept and approve the Final Plat for Prairie Bluff IIIA Development. (m/s Moore/McDonnell) Motion carried.

Authorize Administration to enter Agreement with US Department of Justice Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) for reimbursement of hours worked: This agreement allows the City to be reimbursed for INET overtime hours spent working with DOJ drug enforcement.

Motion to authorize Administration to enter Agreement with US Department of Justice Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force for reimbursement of hours worked. (m/s Millard/Moore) Motion carried.

Accept donation from Cheryl Kono of Farmers Insurance for Dive-In Movie sponsorship: Recreation department received sponsorship of the last Dive-In Movie, *Aquaman*.

Motion to accept donation from Cheryl Kono for Dive-In Movie sponsorship. (m/s Allstot/Mora) Motion carried.

Authorize Administration to renew Agreement with Rec-1 for Recreation Registration Services: Rec-1 is the software used for registration of recreation programs. They are modifying their billing procedures from a percentage of sales to a flat fee.

Motion to authorize Administration to renew Agreement with Rec-1 for Recreation Registration Services. (m/s Coe/Moore) Motion carried.

City Administrator Report:

2019 Construction Report: Basin Street and 8th Avenue NW are almost done. Both projects are getting the final touches and should be completed in the next couple of weeks.

2019 Splash Zone Report: Attendance has been average and is totally weather dependent. Fair starts next week and we could see a drop then. The last day the pool is open is Labor Day for “Paws in the Pool”.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Bruce Reim, Mayor

ATTEST:

Leslie Trachsler, City Clerk