



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES August 21, 2019

Council conducted a Study Session on the 2020 Budget at 6:30 p.m.
Administrator Crago reviewed/discussed the following:

- Mission, values, long-term goals and roles and responsibilities
- Projected revenues
- Expenses and savings program considerations
- Objectives for 2020

City Council of the City of Ephrata, Grant County Washington met in regular session on August 21, 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, 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 City Clerk/Finance Director Leslie Trachsler.

Motion to excuse Council Member Allstot. (m/s Moore/Wanke) 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 at this time.

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

Items on the consent agenda are as follows:

Claims #90587 through #90653 in the amount of \$466,515.08
EFT in the amount of \$22,833.75

Manual Checks 86082019, 87082019, 88082019 and 89082019 in the amount of \$3,341.06

Checks #90584 through #90586 in the amount of \$148.79

VOIDED Check #90559 in the amount of (\$75.82)

Minutes of the August 7, 2019 Council meeting

Approval of Special Event Applications:

- Blue Jean Affair – ERC on September 14, 2019

Discussion Item: Draft Resolution 19-985 – Supporting Grant County Proposition

1: Crago discussed Grant County's proposition to increase the sales and use tax by .3% for public safety. In anticipation of the County making their presentation to Council in September, and asking for Council support, Crago presented a draft Resolution for Council's review and requested input regarding specific questions they would like answered.

Council discussion ensued regarding some of their concerns that they would like to have addressed. Council also expressed concerns regarding the Resolution and would like to see it be more generic and less specific.

Authorize Administration to enter Agreement with Gray & Osborne for Waste Water Permit: Housekeeping item – it is time to renew our Waste Water Discharge Permit which is very technical.

Motion to authorize Administration to enter Agreement with Gray & Osborne to prepare the renewal of the Waste Water Discharge Permit. (m/s Moore/Mora) Motion carried.

City Administrator Report:

2019 Final Construction Report:

- Basin Street Water Line Project – there are still items from the punch list that have yet to be completed
- Basin Street overlay – the State is done
- 8th Avenue NW – project has been completed ahead of schedule

2019 Budget Report: Overall performance is better than normal; revenues are 7.5% below budget; expenses are 10% below. Cash reserves in general fund continue to climb. Sales tax is about 30-40% above previous years comparison.

2019 Splash Zone Report: Attendance is above average. Director Bennett is doing good job especially with special events such as the dive in movies. Attendance has a direct correlation to weather related events.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Bruce Reim, Mayor

ATTEST:

Leslie Trachsler, City Clerk