



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES October 02, 2019

City Council of the City of Ephrata, Grant County Washington met in regular session on October 02, 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 Mark Wanke, Matt Moore, Valli Millard, Sarah McDonnell, Tony Mora, and Kathleen Allstot.

Staff Present: City Administrator Wes Crago, Community Development Director Daniel Leavitt, Public Works Director Bill Sangster, Police Chief Mike Warren, Fire Chief Jeremy Burns and City Clerk/Finance Director Leslie Trachsler.

Mayor Reim was noted absent.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

No public signed up to speak. This meeting is being recorded (the first 5 minutes and 40 seconds there is no sound on the recording).

Agenda: Agenda was amended adding item 2 to Section VI – Ordinances & Resolutions.

Presentations: None

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

Items on the consent agenda are as follows:

Claims #90815 through #90846 in the amount of \$28,812.51
Payroll #46456 through #46529 in the amount of \$48,327.78
Payroll Claims #90789 through #90808 in the amount of \$229,009.47
Payroll Direct Debit in the amount of \$5,875.00
Payroll Direct Deposit in the amount of \$171,258.99
Claims #90809 through #90814 in the amount of \$3,036.70
EFT in the amount of \$27,354.15asAS

Minutes of the September 18, 2019 Council meeting

Flu Shot Clinic – October 17, 2019: Crago advised there will be a flu shot clinic at City Hall for all employees and their families on October 17, 2019. City will cover Council members and spouses.

Public Hearing on Resolution 19-983 – Support for Grant County Sheriff’s Office Sales Tax Proposition One: Mayor Pro Tem Coe opened public hearing at 7:02 p.m. Crago reviewed the proposed proposition, a three-tenths of one percent sales tax increase for criminal justice funding. Ephrata has already enacted a one-tenth of one percent sales tax for public safety. If this proposition passes, Ephrata residents will only see an increase of an additional two-tenths of one percent in the sales tax rate.

Don Guillemette asked Council if the Sheriff’s office answered their questions.

Council responded:

- key elements were answered
- Sheriff is committed to making funds work and will not be going back to voters for more money
- Important for facility to remain in Ephrata, which the Sheriff assured Council that it would
- Support law enforcement but not a fan of the mechanism

There being no further public comment, Mayor Pro Tem closed public hearing at 7:12p.m.

Resolution 19-983 – Support for Grant County Sheriff’s Office Sales Tax Proposition One: Motion to approve and accept Resolution 19-983 Support for Grant County Sheriff’s Office Sales Tax Proposition One. (m/s Wanke/Millard) McDonnel voted nay, motion carried.

Ordinance 19-05 – Adopting Regulations Pertaining to Data Centers, Server Farms and Clusters; and Repealing Ordinance Nos 18-13 and 18-28: Crago gave a brief staff report. This Ordinance repeals Ordinances 18-13 and 18-28 which put in place a temporary moratorium on high-intensity computer operations and establishes code for such high-intensity processes in the industrial areas. Planning Commission conducted a public hearing and approved Resolution 19-001 recommending approval.

Motion to approve and accept Ordinance 19-05 Adopting Regulations Pertaining to Data Centers, Server Farms and Clusters; and Repealing Ordinance Nos 18-13 and 18-28. (m/s Allstot/Mora) Council discussion ensued, this ordinance includes light and heavy industrial zones. Motion carried.

Chamber-City efforts regarding Downtown Parking: Informational. Crago reported meeting with Chamber at an informal meeting to discuss parking in the downtown corridor for retail customers. The perception is that there is a lack of parking when in

actuality there is ample parking. Some of the parking is taken up by employees of downtown businesses, especially Grant County, PUD and Bureau. Voluntary compliance, education and communication are the preferred method of addressing the issue and the most effective.

Surplus of Fire Department 1975 Jeep CJ-6, 2006 Ford Crown Victoria, 2007 Chevrolet Impala, and 2008 Ford Crown Victoria: Staff is recommending the surplus of the following vehicles:

- 1975 Jeep CJ-6
- 2006 Ford Crown Victoria
- 2007 Chevrolet Impala
- 2008 Ford Crown Victoria

All vehicles will be sold at auction or intergovernmental sale.

Motion to surplus 1975 Jeep CJ-6, 2006 Ford Crown Victoria, 2007 Chevrolet Impala and 2008 Ford Crown Victoria. (m/s Millard/Mora) Motion carried.

Authorize Administration to renew Agreement with Quincy-Columbia Basin Irrigation District for Road Building Materials: Crago advised that the City has had a long-standing agreement with Quincy-Columbia Basin Irrigation District for the removal of sand and gravel from the Adco site. Agreement allows for the removal of up to 500 cubic yards of material per year for the next 5 years.

Motion to authorize Administration to renew Agreement with Quincy-Columbia Basin Irrigation District for removal of road building materials. (m/s Allstot/Moore) Council discussion ensued, motion carried.

City Administrator Report: None

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

William Coe, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Leslie Trachsler, City Clerk