

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ECHO HELD A REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2015 AT 4:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL, 20 S. BONANZA, ECHO, OREGON.**

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**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Gayle Yoder, Jeanie Hampton, Pat Wood, Jerry Gaunt, Janie Enright and Karl Jensen. Yoder arrived at 4:14 pm.

**ABSENT:** Richard Winter.

**STAFF/CITY CONTRACTORS PRESENT:** Diane Berry, City Administrator-Recorder; Darin Tuil, Public Works Director.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Patti & Tyler Cisneros, Tammie Williams, Steve Rodutu,

**CALL TO ORDER:** Council President Jeanie Hampton called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. and lead the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE MINUTES:** Karl Jensen moved and Jerry Gaunt seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the March council meeting. Vote: all ayes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Tyler Cisneros passed out copies of the state law about medical marijuana and spoke to the benefits of medical marijuana. Tammie Williams, who is a nurse and is on the Umatilla County Medical Marijuana committee, commented that she did not endorse recreational marijuana, but medical marijuana is needed. She said she feels there are so many bad risks to organs for taking opiates and similar drugs but marijuana doesn't do this. She said there are hallucinogenic properties that the researchers are trying to take out. She provided copies of some studies on marijuana. Steve Rodutu said he has Grow Bright nursery in Hermiston near Elmer's Irrigation. He said that if a medical marijuana facility is ran right, there are many benefits. Patti Cisneros also commented in favor of medical marijuana. Berry explained that the issue today is not banning marijuana dispensaries and growers, but giving the council more time to try and sort out the best code for regulating medical marijuana. She said odor was a problem last year. City Hall received numerous complaints about the skunk weed.

**RESOLUTION 426-15 GRANTS AND INSURANCE:** This resolution appropriating insurance proceeds and specific purpose grants per state code, having been posted and a copy provided to the council, was read by title only. Jerry Gaunt moved to approve Resolution 426-15 and Pat Wood seconded the motion. Vote: all ayes.

**ORDINANCE 426-15:** This ordinance providing a moratorium on marijuana facilities having been posted and a copy provided to the council, was read by title only. The council will deal with recreational marijuana separately. Pat Wood moved to adopt ordinance 426-15 with an amendment to end the moratorium on June 28, instead of 7 months. Janie Enright seconded the motion. Vote: Enright, Wood, Gaunt, Jensen, Hampton yes; Yoder Abstain as she is not familiar enough with the issue.

Berry has provided copies of legal opinions and sample ordinances to the council over the last few months and said she needs some direction on what route the council wants to take. Limiting the code to 1000 feet from a school in a commercial zone and requiring enclosed grow facilities seemed to be agreeable.

**POLICE REPORT:** No Written Report. Karl Jensen asked to have police check out vehicles parked at the Southeast corner of Kennedy and Bonanza to see if all are licensed and operable. At his last count there were 9 vehicles parked around this house.

A new police contract that would extend the contract to two years, instead of one, and with a 4% increase per year was discussed. Enright moved and Jensen seconded the motion to enter into a two year contract. Vote: all ayes. 15-16: \$56,710.24 16-17: \$58,978.65;

**GOLF COURSE:** Darin Tuil reported that they had been doing some special projects at the golf course this spring such as trimming and removing damaged trees and building a new sand trap. We have not hauled in sand for sand traps for several years, so will be hauling it in for the new trap and to top off old ones. Another sand trap has been filled in and will have sod laid over it. Katie Lompa, eastern Oregon Urban Forester stopped by with Tree City awards and said she was very impressed with the quality of the tree trimming she saw in the parks.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Darin Tuil reported on the various public works projects and efforts to get weeds under control early. Berry reported on the Sewer Project One Stop meeting. They were told that the state is accepting income surveys again and it will be very important to qualify for the Block Grant Program grants, that we qualify as low/moderate income. The city will have to send a letter asking for permission to do an income survey. Wood moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of request for the income survey. Jensen seconded the motion. Vote:

**SIDEWALK/CONCRETE:** Mike Walton Construction was the low bidder on the Call for Bids to do Sidewalk and concrete work around town. The council agreed to accept his bid:

**Bid Item 1, Option 2a & b-City Hall sidewalk.** Remove brick and reinstall flush with new sidewalk. Cost \$16,340.

**Bid Item 2 a & b. all as advertised.** \$3,050 Fort Henrietta Park ADA sidewalk between skatepark/road slab and picnic shelter and a new concrete slap, brass dump valve and splash area.

**Bid Item 3 Masonic Lodge Option 2 a** only \$5,990.00, 104 feet in front of building connecting to Downtown Project just south of Post Office.

**Bid Item 4. Masonry.** Repair Thielsen Street Planters and place faux stone around picnic shelter pillars. \$5301.

Total cost with \$1000 mobilization \$30,681.

Jensen moved and Wood seconded the motion to accept the Mike Walton Construction 2015 Concrete/Sidewalk Project Bid as outlined above for \$30,681. Funding will come from Echo Benefit Fund Grant \$8000 (Community Reserve) Park Project \$5050; and Street/Downtown \$17,631.

**AUDIT:** Berry reported that Rebecca Price, our auditor has provided an Engagement Letter to do this year's (2014-15) audit for \$6,700. We are required to have an agreement with Price as well as the engagement letter. Enright moved and Wood moved to contract with Rebecca Price, CPA for 14-15 the audit for \$6,700. all ayes;

The city received a letter from the Secretary of State's Office regarding the 13-14 audit. Most of the items were minor auditor procedural changes that would be implemented next year. The first item is in regard to the Debt Service Fund, which was created to State Budget Law requirements, which is different than audit standards, even though the city has been doing it the same way for 20 plus years. The proposed change would be made by the auditor when she deals with the switch from Cash Basis section to the Accrual Basis in the audit. Gaunt moved and Jensen seconded the motion to approve the letter to the Secretary of State's office regarding their review of the 13-14 audit. Vote: all ayes.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: a. Investments:** No comments.

**Tree Fair;** Berry reported that the Tree Fair went very well and Jeanie Hampton said the kids really enjoyed it. **AIB:** Berry reported that the judges will be here on June 18 and 19 and she plans on having a dedication of the Dorn Tree and park donation board as part of the reception. She has been invited to go to the conference in Holland, MI and talk about our floral displays. Having the school classes do a project such as a planting area, to get them involved in AIB was discussed again.

**Car Show:** The ACE car show is May 23 and the Fitch ceremony and giving Frank Harkenrider a key to the city will be that date at 12:15 at the booth on the corner of Dupont and Main.

**Council meeting:** Move to June 25, council instead of June 18.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business Jensen moved and Yoder seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeanie Hampton, Council President

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Diane Berry/City Administrator-Rec.