

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ECHO HELD A REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2015 AT 4:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL, 20 S. BONANZA, ECHO, OREGON.

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

ABSENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Patti & Tyler Cisneros, Stacey Lowrance, Steve Rodutu, Anita Dorn, Melvin Wagner,

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Richard Winter called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. and lead the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Stacey Lowrance appeared to ask permission to keep his son's "project pickup" even though it is not licensed or operable. It had been tagged with a 72 hour tow notice as under the city ordinance vehicles are to be licensed and operable unless they have obtained a permit. The pickup is in his driveway. Karl Jensen made a motion to allow Lowrance to keep the vehicle in his driveway if it is covered appropriately. Pat Wood seconded the motion. All Ayes.

APPROVE MINUTES: Jeanie Hampton moved and Janie Enright seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the May council meeting as amended. Vote: all ayes.

ORDINANCE 371-15: An ordinance regulating Medical Marijuana Facilities. This ordinance having been provided to the council and posted was read by title only. Pat Wood moved and Karl Jensen seconded a motion to move the Marijuana Ordinance 371-15 forward on the agenda. Berry gave an outline of the proposed ordinance

Patti Cisneros said "if you have a licensed grow site you can't find out where they are located." Tyler Cisneros said "I am provider of medicine. Information on my site is not public information." He said the medical HIPPA regulations apply. As of July 1 anyone can grow recreational Marijuana, but it must be out of public view and the number of plants is limited. This proposed code deals with medical marijuana only. Rules for recreational marijuana licensing and sales have not been adopted. Tyler said he should be grandfathered in. The mayor suggested that he should check with his lawyer as he is not in the zones allowing growing, is closer than 1,000 feet to a school and is not contained in a building.

Pat Wood suggested tabling the ordinance. Berry stated, that our moratorium expires today, if we don't pass the ordinance someone could come in tomorrow and apply for a zoning permit for a distribution site anywhere and we would not be able to regulate it.

Jeanie Hampton moved to approve Ordinance 371-15: Karl Jensen seconded the motion. Janie Enright and Pat Wood abstained; Ayes: Hampton, Winter, Gaunt and Jensen. Motion carried.

BUDGET HEARING: The hearing was opened at 4:34 pm. The Budget notice was mailed on June 5. Berry asked for comments on the budget and the proposed use of state revenue sharing. No comments. Wood moved and Hampton seconded the motion to close the hearing. Vote: all ayes.

RESOLUTION 429-15: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET AND SETTING TAXES. This resolution having been provided to the council and posted, was read by title only. Berry explained about tax rates of \$4.2232 per 1,000 and \$13,000 for debt service, which is down from last year by about \$500. A motion was made by Hampton and seconded by Wood to adopt the budget and set the taxes as provided in the resolution. Vote: all ayes.

RESOLUTION 428-15: A RESOLUTION REQUESTING STATE SHARED REVENUES. The resolution was read by title only as it was posted and given to the council. There were no members of the audience with questions or comments. Janie Enright moved and Jerry Gaunt seconded the motion all ayes.

NUISANCES: Reuter: Berry said she had had a good response from most residents who received nuisance notices. The weeds have been cleared at the Reuters. He has evicted his renter and is planning to move in himself. **Cummings:** put up fence toward front to block the view from the street. Anita Dorn said there are still locust seedlings knocking over her fence and weeds in the back. **Gross:** Brad and Tammy Williams will be building a fence along the front of David Gross' place. He is hauling out debris and at least three vehicles so far. He has promised to keep working on this. **Nordquist:** We have talked to Mr. Nordquist who is on the east coast. He says he has paid someone to mow it regularly. We sent him photos to show that is not happening. Berry said there has been substantial improvement on most of the nuisances. Janie asked about Piercy's dirt pile. Berry said she talked to him. He sprayed the weeds growing on it and is supposed to be using the dirt pile in the Power House yard.

POLICE REPORT: No Written Report. Diane will give the council a sheet on thoughts regarding the proposed county dispatch fee before next meeting. Berry went to the meeting. She said Commissioner Elfering said the county would pickup

the cost for the rural area and the cities they contract with. Berry said she reminded them that the people in the towns pay the same tax rate as those outside the incorporated towns and that should be factored in. The county dispatch is not supposed to be charging for 9-1-1 calls as the state pays them for this.

GOLF COURSE: The equipment and course are fine and revenues are up.

PUBLIC WORKS: Darin Tuil reported that things are going well. Mike Walton the sidewalk contractor is working at city hall and is done at the Masonic Hall and Fort Henrietta Park. He and Trevor Morris have been working on weed control and other projects around the town to spruce things up before the judges arrival. Well water levels were checked by Purswell Pumps and Well #4 has dropped. Well #5 is ok. We will continue to monitor through the summer.

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

AIB: The judges were very complimentary again this year and especially so of our flowers.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business Jensen moved and Wood seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. Winter, PhD/Mayor

Attest:

Diane Berry/City Administrator-Rec.