

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ECHO HELD A REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015 AT 4:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL, 20 S. BONANZA, ECHO, OREGON.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Jeanie Hampton, Pat Wood, Jerry Gaunt, Janie Enright, Gayle Yoder and Karl Jensen. Janie Enright (arrived at 4:10 pm).

ABSENT: Richard Winter.

STAFF/CITY CONTRACTORS PRESENT: Diane Berry, City Administrator-Recorder;

OTHERS PRESENT: Melvin Wagner.

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Jeanie Hampton called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. and lead the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none.

APPROVE MINUTES: Pat Wood moved and Jerry Gaunt seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the last council meeting as corrected. Vote: all ayes.

NUISANCES: None

POLICE REPORT: No Written Report. Shelley Elkins asked to have permission to close off Bonanza Street in front of her house for a memorial service for her son who was recently killed in a car accident. Pat Wood moved to allow her to close the street between Garden and Sprague, but leaving the intersections open from 1 pm until 7 pm on October 3. She is to provide adequate blockage/barricades to safely block the streets, no loud music and no alcohol on the street Right of Way. Jerry Gaunt seconded the motion. Vote: all ayes.

GOLF COURSE Golf revenues are back up this month.

PUBLIC WORKS: Darin Tuil is on vacation. The Council discussed a proposal to solicit a consultant to do the income survey to see if we qualify as low income for a block grant. The council approved an informal solicitation of the three consultants suggested by Oregon EDD. Gaunt moved and Karl Jensen seconded the motion. Vote: all ayes. The consultants will be given two weeks to submit a proposal and we will try to have them complete the survey by the end of November.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: a. Investments: No comments. **b. Public Art:** The proposal for Doug Gisi to create public art for the downtown was discussed. The council decided to allocate \$23,000, including the installation costs, to create the 4

sided tree and a piece using farm equipment or wheels similar to his sketch. Janie Enright moved and Gayle Yoder seconded the motion. Vote was all ayes.

Possible sites for a walking/hiking path were discussed as well as deadlines and costs.

New Business: Jeanie Hampton brought up possible uses for the VFW Hall. One suggestion was for the Headstart. She suggested maybe the city could be the interim owner. Problems with the block house at the Fort Henrietta Park were discussed. Gayle's son-in-law builds log cabins. She will discuss it with him. Pat Wood said the water on it probably had nothing to do with the rotting logs. He said it looks like white fir and it rots quickly. Gayle asked about mowing the Smith Drive cul-de-sac below her property. Berry said the property owners are responsible for maintaining the ROW adjacent to their homes.

OLD BUSINESS: Berry reported that so far there was only one person in favor of Medical Marijuana, none for Recreational and 14 for banning marijuana sales.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business Jensen moved and Yoder seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanie Hampton, Council President.

Attest:

Diane Berry/City Administrator-Rec.