

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ECHO HELD A REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016 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, Janie Enright, and Karl Jensen

ABSENT: Gayle Yoder

STAFF/CITY CONTRACTORS PRESENT: Diane Berry, City Administrator-Recorder & Darin Tuil.

OTHERS PRESENT: Peggy Haines, Lou Nakapalau, Trevor Morris, Justin Morris, Shayne Myers & Son, Mike Taylor & Jake Madison.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Richard Winter called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. and lead the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES: Jerry Gaunt moved and Janie Enright seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the December meetings. Vote: all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mike Taylor and Jake Madison, representing the Echo Quarterback said they wanted to start working toward building a community building big enough to hold the semi-annual fish feed. Forming a Committee was discussed that would look into how to fund the building, the cost and where to build.

The Mayor told them that the council likes the idea. Gaunt said he talked with Raymon Smith about building something like this on school grounds. Maybe it could be attached to a second gym. The concern if it is on school property is being allowed to use alcohol.

Shayne Myers said the Red2Red is set for March 5 & 6. They will not have a beer garden this year. The alcohol will be served through established businesses. The council continues to support the event. Pat Wood moved to authorize the Red2Red and street closures. Karl Jensen seconded the motion. Vote: All ayes.

POLICE REPORT: Lou Nakapalau, Peggy Haines, Trevor Morris and Justin Morris attended to show support for the Stanfield Police. Morris said that he wants to let people know that the allegations against Lt. Toombs and Chief Zumwalt were unfounded and there was a witch hunt against them.

PUBLIC WORKS: Jeanie Hampton moved and Gaunt seconded the motion to approve the amended engineering agreement with Anderson Perry and associates to perform the engineering work listed as part of the Water Resources Grant the city

has received for the Wastewater system improvements. Vote: all ayes. Berry reported that if the city purchases land for the evaporative ponds before we apply for a block grant, we do not have to meet all of the Housing and Urban Development requirements. The city does have funding in the budget between the Sewer Construction Fund and the Sewer Reserve Fund. Jensen moved and Gaunt seconded the motion to allow Anderson Perry to begin negotiating land purchases for up to \$50,000 for the proposed land for the evaporative ponds. Vote: all ayes.

Portland State University will send out the income surveys in February. The city will put notices in the newsletter.

Pump/Motor Well #5: Darin Tuil discussed status of Well #5 kicking off. Berry has been talking with PP & L manager Bill Clement about the power outages in town and the problems with the supply to Well #5. Echo is at the end of the line and the Well at the very end of the line servicing Echo. This was a problems around 2002-04. Berry found copies of correspondence from that time. Clement has been consulting with his engineer. PP & L brought out a monitor to see what is going on in town and then moved it to the city shop. After the electrical outage in November damaged the pump, a device was installed that shuts off the pump if power coming in on the three legs varies too much. Over the last 3 weeks power into town hasn't kicked out, but problems at Well #5 have continued. At least one leg has been much lower than the other two, so the Well will not run, Dennis with Purswell pump has had to turn the device down to allow 10 point difference between the legs. The town needs to be a looped system. Several council members commented that it would be nice if UEC had taken us over. The mayor asked for an outline of what is going on with PP & L and Well 5 and he will contact Senator Bill Hansell.

Karl Jensen left at 4:40 pm

AUDIT: Berry will double check the Library listing of revenues and expenditures as it seems to be wrong. The usual comments on separation of duties were listed and could only be **resolved if we had a third person in the office. Most small entities have this write up. Berry had to write a letter to the state regarding this.**

EXECUTIVE Session: An executive session to discuss Land issues was called at 4:45 p.m. Everyone but the council, Berry and Tuil left. After a brief discussion the regular session was resumed at 4:48 p.m.

Conclusion: The council believes we have a prescriptive easement on the existing sewer force main between town and the lagoons and chooses to take no action on Terry Fife's request to take action regarding his property.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: a. Investments: No comments. **VFW Hall:** Berry said a number of improvements have been made and the possibility of holding

future council meetings there was discussed. Berry will seek grant funds to make some of the major improvements needed. **Christmas Lights:** The council supported the proposed suggestions for new Christmas lights suggested by Berry. A \$2100 grant from the Echo Community Benefit Plan is the primary source of funding. The council selected DeJulio Displays as the vendor as it is an Oregon company and there will be lower shipping rates as a result. The council wants to support an Oregon business. Jeannie Hampton moved to approve buying Christmas lights from DeJulio Displays, Enright seconded the motion. Vote all ayes. **Masonic Lodge:** Berry reported that Masonic Lodge improvements are almost done and the building looks great.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business Hampton moved and Wood seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. Winter, PhD, Mayor

Attest:

Diane Berry/City Administrator-Rec.