

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ECHO HELD A REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY APRIL 21, 2016 AT 4:00 P.M. AT THE OLD VFW HALL, 310 W. BRIDGE, ECHO, OREGON.

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

ABSENT: no one

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathleen Cathey, Senator Wyden's Field Representative.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Richard Winter called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. and lead the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Kathleen Cathey provided two boxes of Audio Books from the Library Congress Surplus Books Program donated by Senator Wyden. She asked about other library needs.

Arbor Day: Arbor Day and the Tree Fair was Wednesday and went well. The Proclamation was signed by the mayor.

POLICE REPORT: February and March reports were reviewed.

CITY CODE 373-16 TREE: The ordinance was read by title only as it has been posted and a copy provided to the council. Typos were corrected on the amended code which reduces the requirements for insurance and bonding. Jeanie Hampton moved and seconded by Janie Enright seconded the motion to adopt the code as amended. Vote: All ayes.

GOLF COURSE: Darin Tuil reported that everything is fine. They have been removing dead trees and fixing problems with the irrigation system. There is a broken wire between stations that they are trying to find.

PUBLIC WORKS: Trevor Morris passed his water certification which is his last certification he needed. Berry said the council had authorized previously a \$1.25 per hour increase for each certification completed and this is the last certification. He now has wastewater collection, treatment and water certifications.

Well 5: Diane explained funding for the VFD. She has found most of the funding by doing a loan from sewer reserve to water and the Oregon Energy Trust (amount unknown). A rate increase will be needed to pay back the fund. Pat asked if the pump was pumping sand. Yes it pumps a little sand. The State average water rate would not apply for this project. Rate increase would be effective in July. Income Survey for sewer project: We didn't meet the low income requirements for the block grants so we will have to reassess the funding sources to try to fund the project.

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

b. Walking Path: Berry will meet with the Echo Benefit Board on May 3 to discuss funding for the Walking Path/North Thielsen project. **c. Audit Letter:** Berry presented a letter proposal for the 15-16 audit. Hampton moved and Enright seconded a motion to give audit to Rebecca Price. Vote: all ayes; **d. Budget Resolution/Loan Res. #432-16:** Pat wood moved to approve resolution 432-16 as amended to remove interest rate requirement for the Sewer Loan. Karl Jensen seconded the motion. The resolution provides funding for the installation of the VFD for Well 5. The council consensus was to get a hold of Purswell do it ASAP as an emergency. **AIB:** The judges will be here July 7 & 8 and the judges reception will be on Thursday. Berry proposed celebrating city hall's 100th anniversary and dedicating the Tree Art at the same time.

New: A complaint a mess on Dupont Street from the Wheat and Barley Pub owners was discussed. Discussed was wood and BBQ debris, piles of wood, axes left unattended on the sidewalk, garbage etc. from Wheat and Barley, a motorcycle with Washington plates left on the sidewalk, etc. The council asked that a letter be sent to the Dotsons saying they can keep the BBQ there if they clean up all wood debris and weeks at least once per month, remove all dangerous objects such as axes. Remove the motorcycle and other objects blocking parts of the sidewalk. Jerry Gaunt moved and Pat Wood seconded a motion authorizing the above language and requirement in a letter.

Ice House: Gaunt moved and Hampton seconded a motion to approve the Piercy/Peeco concept for a façade/gate for the area behind the Ice House on Dupont Street. Vote: all ayes.

Dogs: Some of the council asked if there was a limit on the number dogs you can keep. There isn't. There was a concern on the number of dogs Shockman's have and barking. They need to keep droppings picked up.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business Jensen moved and Hampton seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. Winter, PhD, Mayor

Attest:

Diane Berry/City Administrator-Rec.