

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ECHO HELD A REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY MAY 19, 2016 AT 4:00 P.M. AT THE OLD VFW HALL, 310 W. BRIDGE, ECHO, OREGON.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Richard Winter, Jeanie Hampton (arrived at 4:15 p.m.), Pat Wood, Jerry Gaunt, Karl Jensen, Janie Enright (arrived 4:15 p.m., and Gayle Yoder.

ABSENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ashley Harwood.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Richard Winter called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m. and lead the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES: Jerry Gaunt moved and Gayle Yoder seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the April meeting. Vote: all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: no one

OPEN AIR MARKET: Ashley Harwood made presentation on the Open Air Market on Dupont Street and in the Park on the third Saturday June-Sept. 4-8 p.m, \$12 per vendor per date. Pat Wood moved to do support the market in anyway the council can and to grant permission to use the park and close Dupont Street between the park and Masonic Lodge and Post Office on the 3rd Saturday of June, July, August and September from 4 to 7 pm. Gayle Yoder seconded the motion. Vote: all ayes.

POLICE REPORT: No report.

GOLF COURSE: Darin Tuil reported that Power Pro located a general area on the golf course where a broken wire to one of the controllers is located. Over the last two years that have been a number of trees that have died on the course. Tuil and Morris have been busy pulling or cutting these down. At least 20 new trees will be planted this spring.

PUBLIC WORKS: We have been working with Oregon Energy Trust to get money toward the cost of the VFD. As soon they are done then Dennis from Purswell Pump will move in. Oregon Trust is providing money toward installation of the LEDs for the Main Street lights. The Mayor said that the Railroad needs to place gravel at the crossing again. Sewer: Berry was directed to contact PSU and Ed Tabor with

the State of Oregon to trying to get permission to survey 66 houses not surveyed before. She said the city would have to pay for this extended survey but it would be worth it if we can qualify for a block grant. Berry said she is having the Historic Crary Linden Tree evaluate by a professional. Jerrie Fife believes it is dangerous.

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

b. Walking Path: Berry reported on walking trail plans and grant. A contest to select a name for the trail will start with the June newsletter. Berry submitted a T'Ko/Echo (Echo, Echo) as a name. T'Ko is the Native American name for the Echo area and for the Tules that grew here in abundance. A draft logo features a Tule Teepee with teepees and Tule plants forming a border. **Art Project:** She explained that Kent and Laura Madison have pledged \$500 2x per year for 3 years to put a façade on the Main Street Planters. Doing one with Mosaics was discussed. Janie Enright thought having all of them with mosaics would be too gaudy. Using a plaster coating with designs incorporated like a bas relief was discussed. Berry will promote the Madison match which they hope will garner other pledges and look for Artists. **Car Show:** The ACE Car Show is next Saturday and trophies are displayed around town. **Kiwanis Cleanup.** Berry expressed her gratitude to the Kiwanis. Several of the ladies and Jeannie Hampton helped plant on Main Street and in the Galvanized Garden. Debris was picked up from around town and placed in the drop box the city is paying for. **Fire Hall Sign.** The new fire department sign is installed and Janie Enright thanked the city for donating a fire hydrant that will be installed below it.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business Yoder moved and Jensen seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. Winter, PhD, Mayor

Attest:

Diane Berry/City Administrator-Rec.