

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ECHO HELD A REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY JUNE 23, 2016 AT 4:00 P.M. AT THE OLD VFW HALL, 310 W. BRIDGE, ECHO, OREGON.**

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**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Pat Wood, Jerry Gaunt, Karl Jensen, Janie Enright.

**ABSENT:** Richard Winter, Jeanie Hampton, and Gayle Yoder

**STAFF/CITY CONTRACTORS PRESENT:** Diane Berry, City Administrator-Recorder. Darin Tuil, Public Works Director (arrived at 5 p.m.)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Anita Dorn.

With the mayor and council president Jeanie Hampton absent the council elected Jerry Gaunt to conduct the meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Jerry Gaunt called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. and lead the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE MINUTES:** Pat Wood moved and Karl Jensen seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the May meeting. Vote: all ayes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** no one.

**BUDGET HEARING:** Jerry called the meeting to order. There were no comments from the public. Diane Berry asked for comments on the proposed use of State Shared Revenues. There being no further business before the budget committee and council, Pat Wood moved and Anita Dorn, seconded the motion. Vote: all ayes.

**Resolution 434-16:** Resolution 434-16 which approves the budget for 2016-17, makes appropriations, sets the tax rate and levies taxes was read by title only as it has been posted and copies provided to the council. Karl Jensen moved to approve Resolution 434-16 and Janie Enright seconded it. Vote: all ayes

**Resolution 433-16:** Resolution 433-16 which declares the city's election to receive State Shared Revenues, was read by title only as it has been posted and copies provided to the council. Wood moved and Enright seconded the motion to adopt the resolution, Vote: all ayes.

**Resolution: 435-16: Water Rates:** Resolution 435-16 which establishes new water rates, was read by title only as it has been posted and copies provided to the council. Wood moved and Enright seconded the motion to adopt the resolution, Vote: all ayes.

**POLICE REPORT:** The written report for April & May was briefly reviewed.

**GOLF COURSE:** The course is doing well.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Darin Tuil was tied up working with floats at the reservoir and well 5 VFD. He reported that the VFD was installed today, so hopefully the adjustments are set correctly so Well 5 works tonight. The pump was pumping 700 gallons per minute and using a lot less power. He and the electrician had to go into the tank to work with the floats. He reported that the Blockhouse has been braced. It was so wobbly that the mower running near by was shaking it. There is a hole in the road by the Café, Darin will check on this. The prison crew will be working at the arboretum.

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

**Art Project:** The new piece of art has been installed.

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS:** The council sent the top priorities to send to the League of Oregon Cities. Discussions included: housing assistance, disaster mapping, need for more mental health care, help for Veterans, water and wastewater funding, restoration of recreational immunity, transportation help for cities.

**RAILROAD:** Jensen asked about the railroad and train whistles. The city doesn't have any control of this and it is left to the discretion of the engineer about how much or how long to blow the whistle as a safety concern. To stop the horns, the city would have to install double gates at both crossings and the city was told a decade ago that this would cost \$1million per crossing.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business Wood moved and Jensen seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jerry Gaunt, Mayor Pro Tem

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Diane Berry/City Administrator-Rec.