

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ECHO HELD A REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY JULY 21, 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, Janie Enright. Richard Winter, Jeanie Hampton, and Gayle Yoder

**ABSENT:** Karl Jensen

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** no one.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Winter called the meeting to order at 4:08 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 June meeting. Vote: all ayes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** no one.

Gayle Yoder asked what the comment in the minutes meant about Recreational Immunity. Diane Berry explained that a lawsuit was filed in Portland against city employees that ended the long held policy of Recreational Immunity. Until the legislature corrects the problem by closing a loophole, the city is not protected under recreational codes for recreational facility use. Pendleton took out some of their playground equipment as a result of this.

**NUISANCE:** Photos of nuisances such as a lot owned by Alvin Roberts were discussed. The council supported a policy of not actively pursuing solid waste nuisances unless a citizen complaint is received. This doesn't mean Alvin can block the alley behind his house that is also a fire lane. Pat Wood was concerned that fire hazards not be ignored.

**POLICE REPORT:** No Report

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

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Darin Tuil said the VFD on Well 5 is installed and has been adjusted to work well. It is adjusted to 420 gallons per minute instead of 700 to meet Oregon Energy requirements which they estimate will save us \$4000 per year in power costs. Nearly \$6300 will be reimbursed by Oregon Energy Trust for the project.

There have been some problems with grease blocks at the lift station and Hermiston's truck was brought in to break these up. Berry will put a reminder in newsletter about not flushing grease down the toilet or into the sink..

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

**Liquor Licenses.** Renewals for Wheat and Barley and Echo Hills were discussed and no fee will be charged for these licenses.

**AIB Judges:** Judges were very supportive.

**Resolution 436-16/Small City Allotment Grant:** This resolution supporting an application from ODOT for \$50,000 as matching funds for the Thielsen Street North Transportation Enhancement Project was read by title only as it was provided the council and posted. Jeanie Hampton moved and Janie Enright seconded the motion to approve Resolution 436-16. Vote; all ayes.

Gayle Yoder said she went to the state Transportation Commission meeting. Jeanie and Diane attended small cities meeting in Pilot Rock.

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS:** No action was taken on making a donation to the LOC foundation.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business Yoder moved and Wood seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Richard Winter, PhD/Mayor

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Diane Berry/City Administrator-Rec.