

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ECHO HELD A REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2016 AT 4:00 P.M. AT THE OLD VFW HALL, 210 W. BRIDGE, ECHO, OREGON.**

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

**ABSENT:** Richard Winter, Gayle Yoder.

**STAFF/CITY CONTRACTORS PRESENT:** Diane Berry, City Administrator-Recorder. Darin Tuil, Public Works Director. Brett Morris, City Engineer-Anderson Perry and Associates.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Vickie Ranger.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Jeanie Hampton, Council President called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. and lead the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE MINUTES:** Janie Enright moved and Jerry Gaunt seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the September Meeting as amended. Vote: all ayes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**POLICE REPORT:** The September report was reviewed.

**GOLF COURSE:** Darin Tuil reported on the golf course. Everything has been running well. They will be turning off the water soon.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** The new transducer is installed at the Lift Station so they don't have to baby sit it anymore to manually turn on pumps.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** a. **Investments:** No comments. Berry reported that DEQ has asked for comments on a proposed **Confined Animal Permit** application (CAFO). Pat Wood worked next to the Tillamook Plant at Boardman and knows how back that facility smelled. He is concerned that if wind is from right direction, the smell will blow clear to Echo. Other council members thought it was too far away to have an impact. They hope DEQ will monitor it well so that the odor doesn't impact us. **Christmas Party** Dec. 22, Thurs. 6 p.m. **Stanfield Irrigation District** request for comments on new plan--no comment; **Halloween Party:** The city Halloween party will be from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. Jeanie Hampton is organizing the **Win it in a Minute** games again this year. **County Economic Development Grants,** A letter with new criteria was read. Suggested projects: exercise equipment

for hiking trail, hiking Trail. **Small City Meeting:** Diane and Jeanie attended the League of Oregon Cities Small City Meeting in Elgin. Transportation was one of the main topics. Berry asked Brett Morris about “base slurry seal”. He said it works if the road is just starting to show cracks and deterioration. Some cities are Piggybacking on ODOT bids to save mobilization. They asked cities to right ODOT board and request more funds be allocated to the Small City Allotment Program. Janie Enright moved to have us write to the legislature increase Small City allotment Program, We were awarded on of the \$50,000 grant this year for the North Thielsen Project. The council directed Berry to send a letter asking for \$5,000,000. Marijuana tax money was discussed. When it will be allocated is still unknown.

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS: None**

**Wastewater work Session:**

**Executive Session:** Land Sales/SEWER PROJECT WORK SESSION: called 4:35 p.m. Mrs. Ranger left at that time. **See separate restricted minutes for executive session The executive session was adjourned and regular session reopened at 5:15 p.m..**

The Council directed Brett Morris or Ed Hibbard to discuss the possibility of using condemnation to purchase a small piece of the Yunker property and to check on possibility of obtaining a section of Hale/Seibel property from Ag Northwest if it was part of the Hale Farms/Riverpoint Farms sale. They will also discuss the project with the county attorney.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business Karl Jensen moved and Gaunt seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeanie Hampton/Council President

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Diane Berry/City Administrator-Rec.