

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ECHO HELD A REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2016 AT 4:00 P.M. AT THE OLD VFW HALL, 210 W. BRIDGE, ECHO, OREGON.**

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

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

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Alvin Umphreys.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Council President Jeanie Hampton called the meeting to order at 4: 06 p.m. and lead the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE MINUTES:** Jerry Gaunt moved and Pat Wood seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the October Meeting as amended. Vote: all ayes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**POLICE REPORT:** The October 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: Solar Now.** A proposal from Solar Now to install solar power to city hall and Well #5 was discussed. The council likes the concept. If a grant to cover the upfront costs is available, the council would like to pursue this. Most people use tax credits, but that isn't applicable for the city.

**Executive Session:** (separate minutes not part of the public record) The session based on Land Negotiations and Consultation with Legal Counsel was called to order 4:23 pm motion by Janie Enright and second by Jerry Gaunt. Wood moved and G aunt seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session at 5:12 pm.

**Feasibility study:** Ed Hibbard reported that the Water Resources Department Feasibility Study final report should be completed early next year.

**LAND:** The council discussed the options briefly for land and with the potential for the AGNW Sale to be as much as a year from now before it is final and the projected \$100,000 or more cost to develop that site, Jeanie Hampton said she felt that Echo

people would understand the city's decision to proceed with the Yunker land condemnation. Jerry Gaunt moved to authorize the city attorney and Anderson Perry and Associates to move forward with the condemnation of the needed portion of the Yunker property. Janie Enright seconded the motion. Vote: all ayes. Jeanie Hampton will go with Ed Hibbard to meet with Mike Yunker. Hibbard will let her know when and where they will meet with Yunker

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

**b. Election Results:** Preliminary results for the General Election show: Jeanie Hampton-Mayor; Jerry Gaunt and Robert Harris elected council; Lou Nakapalau for the vacant position with the most write-ins votes. The council has to formally certify acceptance of the election results to the county, but can't do so right now as these are not the certified results from the county. **c. FIRE:** Berry reported on that the power line from the transformer on the pole at the back of the property to the building caught fire and burned up the end of October. Power Pro Electric checked out the wiring and there was no damage within or outside the building. PP & L replaced the power line.

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS: None**

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:29 pm upon motion by Pat Wood and second by Gaunt. Vote: all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeanie Hampton, Council President

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Diane Berry/City Administrator-Rec.