

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ECHO HELD A REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2017 AT 4:00 P.M. AT THE OLD VFW HALL, 210 W. BRIDGE, ECHO, OREGON.**

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**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Jeanie Hampton, Janie Enright, Richard Winter and Jerry Gaunt. New Council Members: Lou Nakapalau and Robert Harris.

**ABSENT:** Karl Jensen and Gayle Yoder.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Cody Seeger, Earl Sineath, Cheryl Sineath, Valerie Cooley, Michel Hampton, Bobbie Sharp, Gina Hampton, Riley Hampton, Dana Hampton, Melvin Wagner, Suzanne Silzel, Patrick Gregg, Mike Yunker, Gene Hampton, Laura & Kent Madison, Alvin Umphres, Alan Abercrombie, Sue Winter, Peggy Haines, Officer Tristan Walker, Richard Hunsaker. City Attorney Bill Kuhn arrived at 5:14 pm.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Richard Winter lead the council in the Pledge of Allegiance and the meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m.

**OATH OF OFFICE:** Diane Berry, City Administrator-Recorder, administered the oath of office to newly elected Mayor Jeanie Hampton and reelected council member Jerry Gaunt, new council members Lou Nakapalau and Robert Harris.

**RECEPTION:** Following the swearing in of officers, a reception was held and outgoing Mayor Richard Winter was given a plaque recognizing and thanking him for his 14 years of service.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the November and December meetings were approved on motion by Gaunt, and second by Nakapalau. Vote: all ayes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Mel Wagner** asked if minutes would be posted on website. Berry said they are sent to our web master to post after approved by the council and not before.

**Kent Madison** stated that has had GSI engineering prepare a study on water and well drilling for North side of town annexation. He has the draft and will forward the final version when completed. He asked to have the annexation discussion on the March Agenda. He would like to have a notice to the public on the annexation discussion in March so he can get public input.

Robert Harris moved to change the order of the agenda and Lou Nakapalau seconded the motion. Vote: all ayes.

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

**GOLF COURSE:** Berry reported that membership renewal bills went out today. There is not much to report as the course has been closed for a couple of months due to snow. The greens mower and gang mower were taken to Portland to be overhauled for the upcoming season.

**Bert's Contract;** Harris moved and Janie Enright seconded the motion to approve the new contract with Bert's Auto Salvage for vehicle towing services. Vote: all ayes.

**Public Works:** Darin Tuil, public works director, reported that he and Trevor Morris have mostly been working on snow and ice removal over the last month.

**Administrator's Report:** a. **Investments.** No Comments. b. **Budget Officer & Elections Officer:** Diane Berry, City Administrator-Recorder stated that even though the city administrator's ordinance and charter specify some of the offices of the city, the state requires the council to formally make appointments after every year for some positions and after the general election for others. Budget and Elections officers are among these. Jerry Gaunt moved to appoint Diane Berry as the City Budget and City Elections officer. Harris seconded the motion. Vote: All ayes. Council President: Janie Enright moved to appoint Jerry Gaunt to serve as Council President and Harris seconded the motion. Vote: all ayes. Berry said the bank requires the appointment of new check signers to be by motion and included within the minutes of the meeting where changes are made. Lou Nakapalau moved to name the Mayor Jeanie Hampton, City Administrator-Recorder Diane Berry, and Council President Jerry Gaunt as approved signors for city checks and financial documents. Harris seconded the motion. Vote: all ayes.

**Tree Fair:** Jeanie will check with the school about a date. We will do it the same as last year. She will help organize it.

**New Business:** none

**Old Business:** none.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION under Oregon Law for Consultation with legal counsel and land negotiations:** The regular session was closed at 5:18 pm on Motion by Harris and second by Nakapalau. Vote: All ayes. Members of the public who are not concerned parties were asked to leave.

**Minutes for the Executive Session are not distributed but retained in separate file.**

**Adjournment** Janie moved to adjourn the executive session and regular session and Nakapalau seconded the motion to adjourn at 6:05 pm. Vote: All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeanne Hampton/Mayor

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Diane Berry/City Administrator-Rec.