

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ECHO HELD A REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2017 AT 4:00 P.M. AT THE OLD VFW HALL, 210 W. BRIDGE, ECHO, OREGON.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Jeanie Hampton, Janie Enright, Jerry Gaunt, Lou Nakapalau, Karl Jensen.

ABSENT: Gayle Yoder. Robert Harris

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Bill Kuhn, Mike Schultz, Kent Madison attorney; Aaron Madison, Alvin Umphres, John Gantz, JUB engineering, Vicki Ranger, Claire Sponseller, OSU Extension Service; Monica Todd, Nookies Brewery/Kiwanis Octoberfest; Kim Bales, Echo Ridge Cellars; Don Reese, Mike Yunker, Brandi Shaw, Connie Ramsay, Rendezvous Antiques; Dana and Pam Reese, Butter Creek Coffeehouse; Bink Ramos, Brandi George, Echo Station; Mike Duffy.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Jeanie Hampton lead the council in the Pledge of Allegiance and the meeting was called to order at 4:07p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Lou Nakapalau moved and Jerry Gaunt seconded a motion to approve all of the minutes as corrected (change July 20 minutes time to p.m. not a.m.). Vote: all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The Mayor asked to have comments limited to 5 minutes. Mike Schultz, attorney for Kent Madison, commented on the proposed agreement with the City of Stanfield to take wastewater effluent from the City of Echo. He commented that he has appreciated working with Bill Kuhn, Echo City Attorney. Schultz said Madison's position is not whether the city should or shouldn't enter the proposed agreement. He is concerned that if Echo wishes to grow, the council should not make decisions that might have an adverse impact on the growth. Madison, Schultz and Madison's engineers will be meeting with the city next week and he suggested the council wait until after that meeting before make the decision to contract with the City of Stanfield. Madison's interested in developing the area north of town and to do so in a cost effective way.

Business owners Dana Reese, Brandi Shaw and Connie Ramsay were concerned about the recent burglaries at the Butter Creek Coffeehouse and His Design Thrift Store. They said they are forming a merchants association. Reese is concerned with not having police feedback. Some of the Business owners are looking at alarm systems. They wanted to know what the city will do. The Mayor suggested that they put together a proposal and the council could put it on the agenda. George asked

when the police patrolled downtown and how many hours. Berry said the city contracts for 112 hours per month, but exactly where and when patrol hours occur is not something the city monitors. She said if Stanfield PD put in more than 112 hours, they do not charge the city more, nor do they reduce patrol hours the next month. George later said she did not want to suggest a plan, but that the city should make a proposal to the businesses.

Kim Bales said she wants to indicate her support of the Madison annexation and feels it will help with her business. She said she doesn't understand why it's not a good thing. Vicki Ranger said her concern is about the Union Pacific Railroad and the train horns. Berry said there is really nothing the city can do about this. Railroads are governed the Federal Transportation Department.

Mike Duffy and Monica Todd appeared to talk about permission to hold the 2nd annual Kiwanis Oktoberfest downtown on Dupont Street. The Kiwanis would obtain an OLCC permit for the Beer Garden and provide insurance. Proposed would be to close off South Dupont from Main to Bridge for the Beer Garden, Food and other activities. They also want to add a street dance this year. Noise and complaints if the Street Dance Music goes past 10 pm were discussed. There is to be enough security to insure that not only no minors have access to alcohol, but that no one takes beer outside the Beer Garden or walks around the streets or in the park with alcohol. Lou Nakapalau moved to close street Dupont Street from Main to Bridge Street for the Oktoberfest and Street Dance until 10 pm. Karl Jensen seconded the motion. Vote: all ayes;

Bink Ramos apologized for being late, but said he was appearing to indicate support of the proposed Umatilla County Extension Service District for the OSU Research Extension Service. Ramos said the Extension Service is "very important to rural agriculture. The extension service is hoping to have the district and funding for it on the ballot in May 2018.

Aaron Madison also spoke in support of the proposed Extension Service District as a Madison Farms representative. He said the agriculture research and 4H are very important.

Claire Sponseller, OSU extension representative from the Pendleton Office made a presentation on the proposed district and provided the council with support documentation and a sample resolution. The council needs to support the district, along with Umatilla County to allow Echo voters to vote on the proposed district and tax base. Proposed is \$.35 per \$1,000 assessed value.

She said that the Extension Service is now required to have a local funding source and this will also allow them to have more dependable and reliable. She gave statistics on volunteers and how many people are serviced. She said \$500 million is

brought into the area through agriculture research, weed and pest control, etc. The extension service also provides youth and after school programs and 4H. There are 5 clubs in the Echo area. Another program is Master Gardeners. "We hope you will consider a resolution to join the district." The cities have to agree to join the district to get it on the ballot in their community. The resolution is needed by October. Aaron Madison said he is on Soil Conservation District Board. He said their budget is basic and anything special is funded by grants and other sources of funding, which are becoming harder to get and more competitive.

POLICE REPORT: The written report was reviewed. Berry said that a couple of people in their surveys asked for the police report to be in the newsletter. She said she will put a summary in it, but that she had talked to Chief Zumwalt and he showed her a link on the Stanfield website to activity with a map. Berry will put this link in the newsletter and she also had the link added to the city's webpage.

Contract: The city is currently operating on the contract that expired June 30, but the new one was provided to the council that will go from July 2017 to June 30, 2019. Nakapalau moved to adopt the new agreement and Jensen seconded the motion. Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

GOLF COURSE: Darin Tuil, Public Works Director, reported that there have been some equipment breakdowns but otherwise things are going ok.

PUBLIC WORKS: He reported that PP &L feels there is a problem with the meter for Well 5 and they met with them and Purswell Pump about this, but from our perspective everything is running well.

Wastewater Agreement: Berry said the proposed agreement with Stanfield is the final version. The cost figures are very favorable with 6700 a year estimated based on our estimate of the amount of effluent left over after evaporation with the aeration fountains. Less testing will be required. Nakapalau asked about using the upper ditch. Berry suggested we set up a reserve fund in the event Stanfield incurs more regulatory requirements that are passed on to us. Karl Jensen moved to approve the Agreement with the City of Stanfield for Wastewater Disposal. Lou Nakapalau seconded the motion. Vote: all ayes; Motion Carried.

New Business: Lou Nakapalau submitted a proposal for Semi-Parking that would amend our current ordinances. He said that the Thielsen Street signs prohibit trucks, but our code only prohibits through trucks. This was discussed, but there was no consensus. It will be discussed again at the September meeting. Alvin Roberts appears to be violating the city noise code by coming down Main Street using his truck horn. Berry will ask the chief about this. Some of the council feel if the city prohibits semi-truck parking on the streets that we should provide a designated parking area. Most trucking companies provide parking for their drivers and they use their own vehicles to drive to and from those facilities.

Adjournment: Jensen moved and Nakapalau seconded the motion to adjourn.
Vote: All ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m. Vote: all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Eujeana Hampton/Mayor

Attest:

Diane Berry/City Administrator-Rec.