

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ECHO HELD A SPECIAL MEETING ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2017 AT 4:30 P.M. AT THE OLD VFW HALL, 210 W. BRIDGE, ECHO, OREGON.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Lou Nakapalau, Jeanie Hampton, Gayle Yoder. Robert Harris, Janie Enright, Jerry Gaunt, Karl Jensen, Gayle Yoder

STAFF/CITY CONTRACTORS PRESENT: Diane Berry, City Administrator-Recorder.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Corp & Phil Hamm, OSU Extension service; Antonia Cobarubias, Brett Moore, Anderson Perry, Kent, Aaron & Laura Madison, Vanessa Anderson and Michael Schultz, Madison attorneys; Amalie Harris. Bink Ramos, Mel Wagner. At 4:40 Pam & Dana Reese entered.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Jeanie Hampton lead the council in the Pledge of Allegiance and the meeting was called to order at 4:32p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Vote: all ayes. Lou, Janie

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mike Schultze, Madison's attorney, said that according to the attorney general's office any approval of ordinances or resolutions by the council at the meeting would not be legal as the notice was posted on bulletin boards which he said was not proper notification. Kent Madison said they had toured the new Love's Truck Stop sewer facility and he was disappointed none of the council attended. He stated in the future he would like to receive copies of all council agendas. Madison also gave his support to the Resolution allowing the OSU Extension Service District to be on the ballot in Echo. Aaron Madison and Bink Ramos also added their support to the resolution,.

Merchants: Berry said she didn't have much to report except for increased downtown patrols and an inquiry on the Oregon City Manager's List Serve asking for information on cameras used in other cities in their downtowns.

Resolution 442-17 Umatilla County Extension Service District: Mary Corp, and Phil Hamm, representing the Extension Service, reported on the impact of compression. Most Echo tax districts will have only a minute amount of lost tax revenue. Janie Enright questioned this as the Hermiston/Stanfield Fire District calculated a substantial loss. They reported that the County Commissioners will oversee the property tax and budget. The district is a permanent thing. It is not just agriculture, Bink Ramos informed the council. It helps with health, education and a variety of other areas to help with rural residents. They don't fund FFA, but partner with them and provide professors through the college to help with FFA

projects. Robert Harris moved and Lou Nakapalau seconded the motion to approve resolution. Vote all ayes.

Annexation code. This code is not ready for adoption, but just for council review and discussion of whether or not they want to consider code for annexation. The council felt this gave a plan for how to precede with future applications. The application form is a sample developed from the City of Hermiston's and the code from LaGrande's. They will be adopted separately. discuss

System Development Charges. System Development Charges were started in the early 90s to allocate the cost of developing original systems tax payers and residents have already paid to develop. A cost is then calculated for the value of those improvements. Then anyone buying in has to pay their fair share. If for example a 100 new homes came in to the city, they would reimburse the city for costs already incurred and pay for developing new/additional services for new growth and development. The code is not done yet, but the council discussed the concept.

Noise Code: Berry explained that there had been a problem during the Echo Ridge grand opening with a resident complaining before 7:30 at night about the music they had outside. She provided copies of a League of Oregon Cities model noise code. Our code is very similar, but had no provision for permitting outdoor entertainment or special events. The council favored drafting an amendment that would allow such permits, probably seasonal for the wineries but would still require the noise to end by 10 pm.

Adjournment: Harris moved and Gaunt seconded the motion to adjourn. Vote: All ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m. Vote: all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Eujeana Hampton/Mayor

Attest:

Diane Berry/City Administrator-Rec.