

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ECHO HELD A REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018 AT 5:18 P.M. AT THE CITY HALL, 20 S. BONANZA, ECHO, OREGON.**

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

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Patty Cisneros, Garrett Wiggins, Tammie Williams, Jessie & Wendy Holben, Daniel Thomas, Robert Lowrance, Kent & Laura Madison, Ben DeCarew (sp?), Pioneer Humane Society; Dick Yoder, Marcia Flemmer, Frank Nelsen, Kim Bales, Brook VanderVeen, Echo School; Natalee Sherbahn, Kiana Morrison, Logan Butler, Robert Lowrance, Colby Baker, Marlee Brundage.

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance and the meeting was called to order at 4:20 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Karl Jensen moved and Gayle Yoder seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting as corrected. Vote: all ayes.

**Public Comments none**

**HUMANE SOCIETY:** Ben DeCarew from Pioneer Humane Society made a presentation on the Humane Society and what they do. They are asking the council to allow them to be on the ballot for a proposed new tax district for Animal Control. Pioneer Humane Society takes in over 5000 animals a year. They operate a Spay/neuter program and provide several other animal related services. The proposed tax base would be 10 cents per 1000 dollars tax valuation.

**SPARCS:** The mayor asked Berry if she had received an application for park use from SPARCS. She hadn't. Garrett Wiggins with SPARCS said they want to have a festival with music and food from other cultures and support diversity. They have contacted representatives of various cultures and asked them to become involved. PFAG will have a booth. They plan to have a voter registration booth and they understand they must be neutral. They want to have it on April 28. They want to piggyback on the Echo Yard Sale, but they aren't sure of the location yet. They will finalize plans soon.

Madison Annexation: Kent Madison said they have turned in a draft application for annexation. He said there seems to be an interest in adding housing to the North-gate project and it might be possible to change zoning on some of the land near Bowman Road to allow for housing. He is interested in having a Town Hall meeting to get a feel for what people want. The mayor explained that the city cannot sponsor the meeting as we cannot show preferential treatment. Madison said possibly the Echo group will sponsor it. He said a proposed hotel might serve as an anchor.

**Golf Report:** Memberships are due by March 31. They seem to be coming in like normal.

**Public Works:** Darin Tuil reported they are still pumping effluent to the river. Everything is going well.

**Wastewater Plan amendment:** Jerry Gaunt moved and Janie Enright seconded the motion to approve the Wastewater Plan amendment. Vote: all ayes.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S Report:** Berry said she had not received the paperwork back from Stephanie Meyers for the Red 2Red regarding street closures for the event. She did get an email prior to sending her the permit application and based on that Berry recommended council approval of closing Dupont from Main to Bridge, but with an area left open for the mail truck to pull in and temporarily closing Bridge to Water Street and Water Street (Fort Henrietta Park) during the race start. Janie Enright moved to approve the road closures as outlined and Karl Jensen seconded the motion. Vote: all ayes.

Berry reported the One Stop meeting on funding for the sewer project will be April 25.

**FAA Presentation:** Gayle Yoder moved and Janie Enright seconded a motion to bring the FAA presentation forward on the agenda. They have to do 5 public presentations to prepare for their presentation at the state convention. The presentation was a Mock Court trying the Portland Urban Growth Boundary extending further and further out to engulf farm land.

**One Stop meeting** April 25th, but has moved to Pendleton.

**Proposed Resolutions:** Berry presented draft resolutions on Annexation fees and dog license and impoundment fees. These will be on the agenda for the April Meeting.

**Council Vacancy:** Robert Harris made a motion that the filling of the council vacancy be filled by going through applicants by name and then having the council members vote yea or nay on each applicant. The one with the most yeas would be appointed. The motion was seconded by Karl Jensen. Vote All ayes

Chad Ray: yea-2 Mel Wagner: yea-2, Carol Neely: Tammie Williams: 4-yea. Harris moved to appoint Tammie Williams to fill the council opening that will expire Dec. 31, 2018. Janie Enright seconded the motion. Vote: Gayle Yoder-nay, Yeas: Harris, Gaunt, Jensen, Enright; Abstain: Hampton.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Kayak:** If there is enough interest to warrant the Kayak transportation system coming into Echo, they would try to get an ODOT grant to support the stop. The city might have to apply for it. They will give the city a shelter, but the city would have to find a location on the east side of the railroad and pour the slab. The means of gathering the ridership surveys was discussed. Madison proposed having the ECHO group gather them, but the council preferred using the newsletter and Facebook. Harris moved to let the ECHO group carry the surveys. His motion was amended to have the survey go in the newsletter and having extra copies at city hall. Vote: all ayes. Berry will post on Facebook that people who don't get the newsletter or who live outside of town can pick up the survey at city hall. Options for placement of the bus stop were discussed.

Enright proposed having kiosks where people could drop food for the food pantry. There was concern of vandalism. Jerry Gaunt said he would be willing to let people in to the Masonic Lodge.

**Yard Sale/Flea Market:** The ODOT regulations regarding use of a state highway for an event like this were discussed. Berry said Brie Van Cleave will be organizing the Echo Yard Sale/Flea Market at the end of April. She and Berry have discussed having it in the park and on Bridge and S. Dupont. Berry asked the council to approve such a street closure and the yard sale/flea market as outlined. Enright moved and Harris seconded the motion to approve the Flea Market/Yard Sale in the park and on Bridge and Dupont Streets on April 28. Berry will work with Van Cleave on the permit.

**Car Show:** Berry said that the annual Car Show will take place. The Kiwanis will run it with the school. Mike Duffy has already met with Tom Lapp of ODOT to get permits. Harris moved and Gaunt seconded a motion to allow the Car Show to take place on downtown streets under the city's regulation. Vote: All Ayes.

plan from the Stanfield Irrigation District regarding conservation was provided to the city with a letter requesting feedback. The council had no comments on the plan.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Harris moved and Jensen seconded a motion to adjourn. Vote: All ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m. Vote: all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Eujeana Hampton/Mayor

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Diane Berry/City Administrator-Rec.