

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ECHO HELD A REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2018 AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE CITY HALL, 20 S. BONANZA, ECHO, OREGON.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Jeanie Hampton, Janie Enright, Jerry Gaunt. Karl Jensen, Tammie Williams, Robert Harris,

ABSENT: Gayle Yoder,

STAFF/CITY CONTRACTORS PRESENT: Diane Berry, City Administrator-Recorder, Darin Tuil, Public Works Director, Peggy Haines, City Clerk. Brett Moore, Anderson Perry & Ass.

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Thew, Vera Burres, Don Reese, Pamela Reese, Jessie Holben, Glenn; Jamie Nasario, J.D. Tovey and Susan Johnson from CTUIR/KayYak

CALL TO ORDER: The Mayor lead the Pledge of Allegiance and the meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. The sign-in sheet was passed around for those attending to sign.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jerry Gaunt moved and Robert Harris seconded a motion to adopt the council minutes as corrected. Vote: all ayes.

Public Comments: Richard Thew said he had a question on response to the 7th grade class presentation on school traffic. Berry said she and Darin Tuil, Public Works Director and Chief Bryon Zumwalt had looked at the area and discussed the traffic situation. She also contacted Supt. Raymon Smith to discuss the entries to the school grounds that will remain after construction is completed. Based on that and comments from the survey the 7th grade completed, she was recommending to the council that they wait until construction is done to look the situation over and decide on the best solution.

Vera Burres stated that at the end of Bridge Street people are dumping debris. The city has some gravel and rock stock piled there. Rick Denning told the city he will watch to see if he can tell who is doing the dumping. Tuil will check out what is dumped there.

KAYAK: The Kayak representatives went over to the Café, so the council will go back to that agenda item when they come in.

Resolution.447-18: This resolution which sets new dog control fees was read by title only as it has been posted for two months and copies provided to the council.

Jerry Gaunt moved and Robert Harris seconded a motion to adopt the resolution.
Vote: all ayes.

Kayak: JD Tovey said the Kayak Transportation System is interested in doing a trial run through Echo beginning in July. He explained the program, which has been operating 15 years and provides 80,000 rides a year. Currently Echo and Ukiah are the only cities not served in Umatilla County. They will probably be getting some of the payroll tax the county may get to fund this addition. It is expected to be low cost as they will just be swinging through Echo and back out on their normal run from Pendleton. The survey shows a need for more medical and mid-day shopping, but no commuter riders. This will probably be an extension of the Hermiston Hopper run for a 6 month trial. They will internalize the cost for now. Survey results were what they expected. County funds go to Hermiston to pay for the Hermiston run. Tovey estimates the costs for the Echo run would be between \$3000 and 4000 for two runs to Echo per day for a year. Ideally it wouldn't cost the city a dime.

They have 12 buses in the fleet and two back up and one on order. Where to stop/pick up people remains a question, they will not cross the tracks. Medical door step pickup was discussed. They do not do that, but Good Shepherds Care Van can provide home to medical facility transport. Tovey provided handouts. They will provide a sign by July 1. They will work with the city administrator to get this set up.

ONE STOP/SEWER PROJECT FUNDING: Brett Moore, Anderson-Perry Engineering, reported on possible funding packages and the One Stop Meeting: Business Oregon, Rural Development, DEQ put together a number of scenarios for funding the wastewater improvements. At that meeting they listed Rural Development as the least expensive option. The revisions LaDonn from Rural Development and Moore came up with will give more grant funding and require less in loans. The cost would be about \$71 per month per customer to cover loan repayment and system operations and maintenance. In the end we may be able to get some DEQ loan forgiveness. They can't commit to loan forgiveness in advance as they might not have funds left and they don't hold the funds for projects. Money goes to first qualifying projects. Moore's recommendation is to seek DEQ interim financing and Rural Development for final funding and try to get the best option. Rural Development doesn't provide interim financing and they do have requirements for reserve funds to be established.

Applications and an environmental assessment are needed. DEQ will cover costs as a reimbursement. The city cannot take funds from other funds to cover the cost of engineering and environment and cultural assessments except via loans. Anderson

Perry will do the applications and do the environmental studies. DEQ has been ok with extensions, Moore said, as long as we are making progress. Brett will provide oagreements for the council to approve.

Brett Moore and Karl Jensen left the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Golf Report: Darin reported things are going well. There have been a few irrigation issues that are now resolved.

Public Works: Tuil reported the pump (pumps effluent to the river) at the lagoons is now working. However they are done pumping to the river for the year. Sterilent has been applied along some roads and spray other than sterilent has been applied in areas where sterilent can't be used. Tuil reminded the council that city staff can no longer spray roadsides.

The school parking, particularly along Gerone St. was discussed. Robert Harris asked about having parallel parking vs. diagonal along the football field. There was concern that this would limit parking and be hard to do because of the slope along the football field. The council concurred with Berry and Tuil's recommendation to review the school parking situation after the construction is done, when normal traffic can be monitored.

Tuil was asked to repaint diagonal parking lines on north Bonanza. They are faded and some people are parking parallel and taking up several spaces. Darin said he can do that.

ADMINISTRATOR'S Report:

Budget: Berry said she is working on the budget.

Noise Permit: Two people contacted city hall to oppose giving a season long permit for noise at commercial/industrial businesses after 10 p.m. Berry suggested to the one man who had the most problems with the noise to that he come to the council meeting and tell the council his concerns. He was not present. He made threatening comments about coming to Berry's house if the noise bothers him. Berry said she did not receive any specific comments or complaints after Prom or the Fish Feed. The council will leave giving a permit for outside noise until 11 p.m as a special request.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the council Janie Enright moved and Tammie Williams seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eujeana Hampton/Mayor

Attest:

Diane Berry/City Administrator-Rec.