

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ECHO HELD A REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2018 AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE OLD VFW HALL, 210 W. BRIDGE ST., ECHO, OREGON.

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

ABSENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Alvin Umphres, Michael, Dana, Gina & Bobbie Hampton. Kim Bales, James Shelton, Vera Burres. Dick Yoder.

CALL TO ORDER: The Mayor lead the Pledge of Allegiance and the meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. The sign-in sheet was passed around for those attending to sign.

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

Public Comments: James Shelton who lives in Echo Heights, asked that more information be included on the council agendas such as a description of the proposed discussion topic. He also addressed the proposed noise permit extension for Echo Ridge Winery. He feels it is in violation of the city's comprehensive plan regarding noise to give the special noise permit and that it violates the nuisance code. Berry explained that the city's noise code had been amended to allow for seasonal noise permits to 10 p.m. in Commercial zones. However any permit request which asks permission to extend after 10 p.m. must be approved by the council on a case by case basis. Shelton wants the council to poll neighbors before granting such permits.

Vera Burres complained that "Echo is being trashed." She specifically spoke about "garbage" at the Fort Henrietta Park and a cracked sidewalk going to the school (Buckley St. ?).

Alvin Umphres is concerned that the people can't tell what the golf course sign says, because of damaged lettering.

Resolution.448-18: This resolution which appropriates grant funds and makes budget transfers has been posted and copies were provided to the council so it was read by title only.

Tammie Williams moved and Karl Jensen seconded a motion to approve Resolution 448-18. Vote: all ayes.

Public Works: The Thielsen St. North sidewalk/bike project has started and the project was discussed.

Seasonal Noise Permits: Kim Bales, Echo Ridge Cellars Winery and Event Center, asked for extensions to her noise permit until 11 p.m. for three July events: Echo School Reunion in July 7; Weddings July 14 & 23. She hopes to have the noise/music done at 10 pm or soon after, but if it does go beyond 10 p.m. she wants some cushion. Normally they close at 8 pm. The events and noise issue was discussed at length. Berry explained that before the code was amended someone could file a complaint if the noise could be heard outside the building within so many feet of it at any time. Bales also has two events in September, but will deal with those later. Robert Harris doesn't want to extend the time. He made comments and suggestions regarding the Bales' contracts with those using her facility. Tammie Williams feels it is a good idea to give her longer for these events. Williams moved to extend the Season Noise Permit for Echo Ridge to 11 p.m. on July 7, 14 & 23. Jerry Gaunt seconded the motion. Mike Spurlock lives nearby in Fox Hollow, and is one of the closest residents to the facility. He was asked if he can hear the music. He said he can hear the music, but it doesn't bother" him. Vote: all ayes.

Karl Jensen said he was opposed to any door to door polling of residents about this issue. If there is a problem, the residents need to directly initiate the complaint. The mayor said no one should be doing door to door solicit input on this issue.

Police Report: reviewed.

PUBLIC WORKS: Janie Enright said she wanted to thank Darin Tuil and Trevor Morris for painting parking lines by the church. There is limited parking space and the space lines were faded. As a result some people were parking parallel instead of diagonally.

Jensen asked if painting a center stripe at Halstead and Bonanza would keep people from cutting the corner which is breaking up the asphalt. Tuil said while he is painting other lines, he will add a center stripe to see if it helps.

ADMINISTRATOR'S Report:

Temporary Use Permits: Berry explained that the council can allow Temporary Uses for use of an RV as a residence for six months and at the end of

that period it can be extended another six months with council approval. Michael Spurlock is asking for a hardship based temporary use permit to allow his 90 year old father, who has lost his home in Echo, to use an RV at Spurlock's home/lot in Fox Hollow as a bedroom. Spurlock has a 3 bedroom home, but has children at home, so there is not a bedroom for his father. Gaunt moved and Enright seconded the motion to allow the Spurlocks a 6 month temporary use on their lot as a hardship for his father to use an RV as a bedroom and to allow construction of "mother-in-law quarters" as an accessory use and not require a separate water and sewer connection for it if done to public works specifications. Vote: all ayes.

Hampton Temporary Use: Michael and Dana Hampton are removing an old single wide from their lot on the corner of Perry and Hiestand Street and are building a stick built home on the lot. They are asking for a Temporary Use Permit to allow them to live in a RV on the lot while the new house is being built. Their home has sold and they must move. Jensen moved and Enright seconded the motion to provide the Temporary Use Permit to the Hamptons. Vote all ayes, but Jeanie Hampton-abstain.

GOLF COURSE: Gayle Yoder is concerned about a tree on the golf course across from her house that may be dying. The city crew will check on it. There have been some problems with the rough mower and the greens mower is old and will have to be replaced soon. The city usually buys new equipment on a three or 4 year lease purchase.

Salaries: The salaries of city staff as proposed in the budget were discussed. The council sets salaries and raises. Berry had proposed not giving her position a raise, but a 3% for everyone else. Jensen was concerned about giving annual raises. Williams moved to give a 3 % raise across the board. The motion was seconded by Robert Harris. Vote: All ayes. Jensen was concerned about the drop in hours for the part-time librarian. He feels that she should not lose money. Berry explained that it is a part-time hourly position and library use is down and the funding from the library district dropped two years ago and has not increased in the interim. Also in this fiscal year while the city administrator was on extended sick leave she had extra hours which made her annual salary higher than normal. The library will not still be open the same hours and both Berry and Peggy Haines also act as librarians, so library services will not suffer. Berry has acted as a librarian for over 30 years. The library is open 43.5 hours per week and they cover it when for at least 20 hours a week while Nelsen is not working and while she is at story time each Friday. This will be discussed further in January.

Budget Hearing will be Monday May 25 at 4 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the council Harris moved and Jensen seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eujeana Hampton/Mayor

Attest:

Diane Berry/City Administrator-Rec.