

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ECHO HELD A REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2018 AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE OLD VFW HALL, 210 W. BRIDGE ST., ECHO, OREGON.**

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

**ABSENT:** Tammie Williams (excused ill)

**STAFF/CITY CONTRACTORS PRESENT:** Diane Berry, City Administrator-Recorder, Peggy Haines,

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Randy Sperr, Alvin Umphres, Dick Yoder, Stacey Lee, SPARK coordinator for Umatilla County Health.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance and the meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. The sign-in sheet was passed around for those attending to sign-in.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion to approve the minutes of the November meeting was made by Gayle Yoder and seconded by Karl Jensen. Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Stacy Lee, SPARKS Coordinator for Umatilla County Health Department introduced himself and talked about the county's anti-smoking and anti-vaping campaign and answered council questions about their programs.

**RESOLUTION #453-18:** This resolution appropriating grant funds, having been posted and copies provided the council, was read by title only. Yoder moved and Janie Enright seconded the motion. Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

**ELECTION RESULTS:** The council was provided a copy of the written election results from Umatilla County. The results were Jeanne Hampton Mayor; Council persons: Dick Yoder, Chad Ray, Janie Enright and Tammie Williams. Jerry Gaunt moved and Enright seconded the motion to accept the results as provided by Umatilla County. Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

**POLICE REPORT:** The written report was reviewed.

**GOLF COURSE:** Manager's contract: Robert Harris, Committee chairman, reported that the committee had not been able to meet to review the changes in the contract they had discussed at their first meeting. Harris moved to table the contract until the January meeting. Randy Sperr said he had agreed to remove reimbursement of the credit card fees from the agreement. He said he had

discussed passing the fees on to the credit card holders to some members and they were not happy but he will probably come up with some increased fees for use of credit cards.

Berry said the Echo Benefit Plan awarded a grant to the city to purchase a new golf course mower for up to \$22,093. The three mowers that the city received bids on were discussed. Sperr said they didn't want the Big Boy mower or any that didn't use a steering wheel for steering. The Kubota mower was favored, but final action was deferred until next month. Enright said the cemetery board had bought a Kubota mower and were very pleased with it. Karl Jensen said Pioneer Seed also had one and they really liked it. Dan Huxoll, who repairs our mowers, told Sperr they were good mowers. There was concern about not only the cost of the Jacobsen mower, but the distance since RMT is based out of Portland or Boise.

Sperr said Tuil will be taking the golf course mowers to Portland for service this winter. Every other year they go to the man who can sharpen and repair the reels.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S Report:** The new Library District Agreement was provided the council. Berry suggested they read through it and it could be discussed at the January meeting. The new League of Oregon Cities (LOC) program that provides up to 15 hours of free legal services for small cities was discussed and approved upon motion by Jerry Gaunt and second by Enright. Vote: all ayes.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The problems with the pump and motor for Well #5 was discussed. The motor is 2 years old and pump three years old. Purswell pump believes that between their company and the manufacturer they will cover their repairs/replacements. The electrical safeguards we installed to protect the pump and motor didn't work so that is why they are covering this. However the wire is old and patched so they recommend replacing this. Berry is waiting to see how much the insurance will cover as the wire is about \$18,000 and our reserve fund hasn't recovered from the problems/expenditures on this well two year ago. Since it is winter Well #4 can handle the demand until we hear from the insurance company.

Berry asked the council about changing the city codes to allow people to keep animals, except probably pigs, as 4H animals. One sample required checking with neighbors before getting a permit from the city and failure to keep odors, flies and feces under control could void your permit. The council was interested in pursuing this.

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**OLD BUSINESS:** Berry asked for comments on her job description. There were none. The Council will meet Jan. 31 at 4 p.m. to discuss filling Berry's position and Public Works II. This will be a work session, but has to be open to the public, but as a work session, the council doesn't have to provide time for public comments or open discussion to the public.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business before the council Harris moved and Yoder seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Eujeana Hampton/Mayor

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Diane Berry/City Administrator-Rec.