

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ECHO HELD A REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019 AT 4:00 P.M. AT THE OLD VFW HALL, 210 W. BRIDGE ST., ECHO, OREGON.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Jeanie Hampton, Janie Enright, Jerry Gaunt, Chad Ray, Dick Yoder, Robert Harris.

ABSENT: Tammie Williams (excused ill)

STAFF/CITY CONTRACTORS PRESENT: Diane Berry, City Administrator-Recorder, Darin Tuil, Public Works Dir.

OTHERS PRESENT: Randy Sperr, Alvin Umphres, Brian Cimmyotti, Justin Morris, Kristi Ray, Gayle Yoder, Mel Wagner, Richard Thew.

CALL TO ORDER: The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance and the meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. The sign-in sheet was passed around for those attending to sign-in.

OATH OF OFFICE: Diane Berry administered the oath of office to Mayor Jeanie Hampton, and Council Members Chad Ray, Dick Yoder and Janie Enright.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes of the December meeting as corrected was made by Janie Enright and seconded by Robert Harris. Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

ECHO RED2RED: Brian Cimmiyotti will be organizing this year's annual Red2Red Cross Country Mountain Bike Race. Cimmiyotti said that the race is the first of the racing season and still one of the largest races in the Northwest. He said the racers love coming to Echo. He asked for permission to have the race again this year and to close off portions of Dupont and Bridge Street for race start and ending. Harris moved to authorize the Red 2 Red on March 2 and allow closing South Dupont from Main to Bridge and Bridge St. from Dupont to the Fort Henrietta Park, but leaving access on Dupont for the mail delivery truck. Jerry Gaunt seconded the motion. Vote: all ayes. The city will allow the same vendor procedures as in the past. Berry will get with Brian about the permits for the vendors. There will not be a beer garden.

Annual All City Yard Sale and Flea Market: Brie Van Cleave is organizing the annual All City Yard Sale and Flea Market again this year and is asking for a permit to have it on April 27. It will be the same as last year. They would like to close off Bridge Street from Dupont to Bonanza and Dupont from Main to Bridge,

allowing for mail truck access on Dupont. They would also use the George Park and Chinese House Parking lot. Chad Ray moved and Janie Enright seconded a motion to grant Van Cleave the permit for the Yard Sale/Estate as provided above. Vote all ayes;

RESOLUTION #454-19: This resolution appropriates insurance proceeds from Well #5 pump and motor damage as allowed by state budget law. The resolution having been posted and copies provided the council was read by title only. Gaunt moved and Dick Yoder seconded the motion. Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Post Election Appointments: Berry explained every January after the election the city has to appoint a budget officer and election officer by motion, although the City-Administrator-recorder is supposed to serve that function by Administrator ordinance. Every other year after an election a new council Council President is to be elected and check signers named. Council President: Jerry Gaunt is the current Council President. Robert Harris moved and Janie Enright seconded a motion to keep Jerry Gaunt as Council President. Vote All Ayes, except Gaunt abstained. Election & Budget Officer: Harris moved and Ray seconded a motion to appoint Berry as the election officer and the budget officer. Vote: all ayes. Check Signers: Enright moved and Harris seconded a motion to keep Diane Berry, Jerry Gaunt and Hampton as check signers for the city. Vote: all ayes.

POLICE REPORT: The written report was reviewed.

GOLF COURSE: a. manager's contract: Robert Harris, committee chairman, reported that the committee met twice and the list of recommended changes was presented to the council. The requirement for insurance coverage was raised and per discussion with the city attorney the language was changed to require the insurance coverage to increase when the state tort limits change each year. Fees for credit card or debit card use will be paid by the customers rather than the city paying part of this fee. A change in the contract to run with the season dates of Feb. 28 to March 18 & 19 of the following year rather than by calendar year was made. The mayor asked for a motion to approve the contract with the proposed changes. Having the attorney look at the contract was discussed. Chad Ray said he doesn't think the attorney needs to look at the contract. Ray moved and Enright seconded to approve the contract with Randy Sperr as amended and recommended by the committee. Vote all ayes.

Mower: Purchasing the mower that will be paid for through the Echo Benefit Fund grant was discussed. Randy Sperr and Darin Tuil both recommended not selecting the mowers with the hand steering controls. The bids on the Kubota and John Deere mowers were close with the Kubota slightly more expensive.

The original Kubota bid was for a used one with \$2000 discount as it has a dent and 17 hours use. Tuil recommended going for a new one and not the discounted mower. Harris moved to approve the new Kubota mower from Butter Creek Equipment for \$21,995 rather than the John Deere one based on recommendations from people who have had the same Kubota mower and on previous service problems with John Deere mowers the city has owned. The motion was seconded by Enright. Vote: all ayes.

Public Works: The Well #5 pump is in the ground and running Tuil reported. He presented bids for tank cleaning. The bids were discussed briefly. Ray moved and Yoder seconded the motion to contract with Midco for \$2299 per their quote. Repairs and additional cleaning beyond 3" will be charged at \$375 per hour. Vote: all ayes.

ADMINISTRATOR'S Report: The new Library District Agreement was approved upon motion by Enright and second by Harris. Vote: all ayes.

Audit: Gaunt moved and Yoder seconded the motion to approve the 2016-17 audit. Vote: all ayes.

Work Session The council will hold a work session January 31 at 4 pm to discuss job openings for city administrator and public works II positions. Under Oregon Open Meeting Law, the meeting will have to be open to the public, but the meeting doesn't not have to allow for public comments.

The mayor reminded the council to go thru the **Statement of Needs and Goals** so it can be updated.

Tree City: Berry said the city will celebrate its 30th year as a Tree City USA this spring and suggested that the city do something to commemorate this special anniversary. We will have the Tree Fair with the elementary again. In an email she had some suggestions such as: 1. Honor former mayor Doug Clement as he was the one who got the Tree City USA program going back in 1989; 2. Name trees in the Arboretum after the first 5-10 Mayors and then at the 35th anniversary we could name another group of trees for mayors. She asked the council to think about this and come up with ideas for the next meeting. Berry will still volunteer even if she is retired by then. Echo will be featured in a video the State Urban Forestry Program will be making.

NEW BUSINESS: Chad Ray brought up the debris pile along Golf Course Rd. He and Dick Yoder wanted to know if there was a procedure for approving dump sites. There is not. Tuil said we have been trying to fill the canyon, but have limited dumping to things that are suitable for fill. There had been problems with people trying to dump inappropriate materials. He said the latest debris is from the

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Thielsen Street Project. The trees and limbs are only there temporarily as the Fire Department will burn them on one of their training nights.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the council, Gaunt moved and Harris seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eujeana Hampton/Mayor

Attest:

Diane Berry/City Administrator-Rec.