

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ECHO HELD A REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, MAY 16TH, 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, Tammy Williams.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jon Patterson spoke about the Madison re-zoning proposal and said that he had 25 signatures on a petition in support Mr. Madison's proposal. James Shelton ask if we were going to vote on the proposal as it was stated in the news paper and the Mayor said no, we have more work to do as does Mr. Madison.

ABSENT: none

STAFF/CITY CONTRACTORS PRESENT: Diane Berry, (outgoing)City Administrator-Recorder, David Slaght, (New) City Administrator-recorder, Darin Tuil, Public Works Dir.

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Thew, Phil Stenbeck (LCDC), Jon Patterson, Rebecca Patterson, James Shelton, Justin Morris, Natalie Lapp, Paul Lapp

CALL TO ORDER: The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance and the meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes from the March 28th, 2019 meeting was made by Chad Ray, seconded by Tammy Williams.

VOTE: all ayes

A motion was made to approve the May 9th, 2019 public hearing minutes on the Madison re-zoning by Jerry Gaunt, seconded by Robert Harris.

VOTE: all ayes

POLICE REPORT: The written report was review by the council

GULF COURSE: Chad Ray asked about the budget sheet and start dates. Diane clarified the dates and time lines. Other discussions around the budget and contract were had, no decisions or action was taken

RESOLUTION #455-19: The resolution insures that items in City Hall can't be removed unless the heritage commission approves it first. The resolution is broad, but mainly focuses on known historical displays. See resolution for listed items.

Janie Enright moved to approve; Robert Harris seconded. VOTE: all ayes

Ordinance 379-19: Due to a miss communication between then new administer and the outgoing administer this ordinance failed to make it into the council packets. Robert Harris

moved to table any action on this until the June council meeting; Chad Ray seconded.
VOTE: all ayes

RESOLUTION 456-19: This resolution allows the appropriation of funds not previously approved in the 18-19 budget. There was vandalism to one of the irrigation controllers at the gulf course and this money was the city's insurance payout on the damage.
Chad Ray moved that we accept the funds; Dick Yoder seconded. VOTE: all ayes

DISSCUSSION & REVIEW OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MADISON

REZONING: Mayor lead the discussion on this and she proposed that he council table the proposal until Mr. Madison submits all the needed paper work. There are still several points of confusion for both sides of the matter. One is the that the site is designated as a critical water area, another is the sewer and until Mr. Madison commits to annexation, the rezoning doesn't make sense. Several other council members weighed in on the matter, all came to the conclusion the water sourcing and annexation paper work are critical for them to make an informed decision. Robert Harris moved that we table the rezoning vote until further information is supplied; Janie Enright seconded. VOTE: all ayes

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Darin reported that Midco Diving was scheduled to clean our water tank back around Easter weekend. Due to scheduling issues, they haven't set a new date yet. The tank is fine, this just a routine cleaning Darin explained.

*We finished discharging our lagoon back in April and we are good for the year.

*We behind on a lot of stuff due to being on his own.

*Chad thanks Darin for getting the pile at the entrance to the gulf course burned and cleaned up

*A complaint about weeds out on Thielson St. Robert Harris asked if we spray all city street areas. Darin said no, only the trouble spots. Due to a licensing issue we contract out all spraying in town. The spray contractor is behind this year.

*The council started a discussion about having the kids from the school district do the weed eating and pruning in exchange the city would pay towards their fund-raising efforts. Robert Harris indicated that he would like to see the kids come to the council meeting and present their proposals for exchanging. Everyone agreed, however for this year if the kids would be interested in doing the work, then they can come present to the council what they think that is worth.

NEW & OLD BUSINESS: The Mayor and other council members asked where we are in the hiring process for the new Public Works Director. David Slaght said that we have 4 candidates that he recommends that we offer an interview to. The council agreed and the Mayor said she would like to see this process get done ASAP. An idea was floated with the council to appoint a hiring committee to not only interview, but be authorized to make the offer and hire before the next official council meeting on June 27th. The council agreed to this as long as that it was crystal clear that no offer exceed the cap of \$55k/ year. David Slaght agreed to make sure and follow this directive. Robert Harris moved that we appoint a hiring committee made up of two board members (Chad Ray & Dick Yoder), David Slaght & Darin Tuil and they be authorized to interview, make an offer and hire without convening another council meeting before June 27th; Tammy Williams seconded.
VOTE: all ayes

ODOT Deed paper work: Basically, the deed hands over up keep and maintenance of the new sidewalk going up the hill next to Echo Ridge along Thielson. Robert Harris moved that we accept the deed transfer; Jerry Gaunt seconded. VOTE: all ayes

ADJOURNMENT: At 5:02 PM - There is no further business before the council, Robert Harris moved that the council adjourns the meeting; Chad Ray seconded. VOTE: all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Council President Jerry Gaunt

Attest:

David Slaght/City Administrator-Rec.