

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ECHO HELD A REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, JUNE 27th, 2019 AT 4:00 P.M. AT THE OLD VFW HALL, 210 W. BRIDGE ST., ECHO, OREGON.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Tammie Williams, Janie Enright, Jerry Gaunt, Dick Yoder, Robert Harris(arrived at 4:30 PM)

ABSENT: Chad Ray, Jeanie Hampton

STAFF/CITY CONTRACTORS PRESENT: David Slaght, City Administrator-Recorder; Public Works Director Justin Northern, Public Works II Ken Hendricks (Starts on July 1), Peggy Haines, City Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Pam Reese, Richard Thew, Alvin Umphres, Frank Nelson, Jessie Holben, Mel Wagner, Mike Barzec, Natalie Lapp, James Shelton, Jamie Burleigh

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

Budget Hearing – Council President Jerry Gaunt opened the budget hearing for public comment and questions. David talked a little bit about the budget and thank some of the patrons who pointed out corrections needed before the hearing. No comments recorded
Jerry Closed the budget hearing.

RESOLUTION 457-19 Adopting the 2019-2020 budget, making appropriations and setting levying or imposing the tax levy
Tammie made the motion to approve; Janie seconded; VOTE: All ayes

RESOLUTION 458-19 A resolution electing to receive state shared revenue for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.
Tammie made the motion to approve; Janie seconded: VOTE: All ayes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the May 16th, June 6th, and Budget Committee meeting notes from June 18th was made by Janie; Seconded by Tammie. VOTE: All ayes

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

Brett Moore from Anderson Perry updated the council on the Wastewater Project and explained why the council needed to officially adopt the 2018 amendment to the Wastewater Facilities Plan. David explained some the hurtles in the process as well as Brett.

Tammie asked about the USDA monies and that she was under the impression that the city was approved for those funds. Brett explained that the city is, but in order to get those funds there is a very in-depth process. Between Brett's office and Dave, the process is well underway and is close to completion.

Dave asked Brett if it was possible to spend some of the DEQ funds upfront in order to update the failing sewer pump station. He said yes, as long as we get the USDA finances secured.

Dave asked for public comments: None were recorded

Jerry asked for a motion to adopt the 2018 amendment to Wastewater Plan. Janie moved to approve; Tammie seconded; VOTE: All ayes

POLICE REPORT: The written report was reviewed by the council

ORDINANCE 379-19 To re-establish the golf course reserve fund set to expire and now will expire in 2030.

Tammie moved to approve; Dick seconded; VOTE: All ayes

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Justin introduced himself and Ken Hendricks. Justin talked about his first few weeks and laid out a plan to tackle some of the city operational and grounds needs. He focused on items that need immediate attention such as securing the Block House in the park, failing water meters, plugged valve boxes, sewer leak in pump station, grooming the city right of ways, etc.

The public and council thanked him and is looking forward to seeing some of the things he brought up completed.

Mr. Nelson asked Justin about spraying weeds and applicators licenses. Justin explained that was on the list, but currently we contract that out.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Dave brought up the letter that the Oregon Department of Revenue sent the city in regards to not having the 2018 audit completed and that they will be with holding some funds until it is complete. Dave said he was working on it and is trying to get it done over the coming days.

Tammie explained that we would get our money back, once the audit was complete.

Dave talked about the Kiwanis group wanting to close off 1 block of Bonanza St for the October fest. The council said they thought that was fine, and all they needed to do is fill out a permit for both a street closure and a noise ordinance. Mike from the H & P said they would come into City Hall tomorrow to get those permits.

Robert Harris asked David if there were rules in place about who has spending authority on the city staff and how much can they spend? David said he would look into it and get back to the council.

ADJOURNMENT: At 5:10 PM. There was no further business before the council, Dick moved to adjourn; Tammie seconded. VOTE: All ayes

Respectfully Submitted

Jerry Gaunt, Council President

Attest:

David Slaght/ City Administrator