

**SPECIAL SESSION OF
ENTIAT CITY COUNCIL CONVENED
MAYOR ALT, PRESIDING
ENTIAT FIRE STATION
JANUARY 24, 2019**

ROLL CALL: Mayor John Alt, Councilmember David Swearingen, Councilmember Marie Stenberg, Councilmember Paul Moore, Councilmember Lalla Przespolewski, and Councilmember Michael Chambers.

STAFF PRESENT: Community Development Director RJ Lott, Public Works Director Michael Herdt, Field Supervisor/Code Enforcer Jim Brooks, Deputy Clerk Debbie de la Mora.

VISITORS:

Kelly Krueger	Entiat Resident	Annette Alt	Entiat Resident
Richard Crump	Entiat Resident	Miles Caples	Entiat Schools Superintendent
Cathy Montgomery	Entiat Grange & Entiat Community Services Representative		
Norman Stenberg	Entiat Resident & Entiat Chamber of Commerce President		

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Alt called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and established a quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Director Lott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Consideration of Minutes: Regular Session Minutes, January 10, 2019.

Council Action: Councilmember Swearingen moved to approve the minutes as presented, second by Councilmember Moore. The motion carried 5-0.

B. Consideration of Payroll/Payables

Payables Warrant Numbers: Check Numbers 22175-22194	Total \$63,691.42
Payroll Warrants and Direct Deposits:	Total \$31,947.62
Electronic Payments:	Total \$36,232.98

Council Action: Councilmember Chambers moved to approve the payables as presented, second by Councilmember Swearingen.

Councilmember Stenberg had a question on the reimbursement check to Mayor Alt, specifically the cell phone expenses since it is his personal phone. Mayor Alt explained that although it is his personal phone, he has a separate phone line connected for all City business, which allows him to carry one phone. Mayor Alt stated he has checked into liability issues and has no concerns. Councilmember Stenberg expressed concern regarding the City's 2015 audit. During the audit, City cell phone expenses came into question. Mayor Alt stated that the issue on the audit was because the previous Mayor could not differentiate between personal calls and City calls, because he used only one phone number.

Council Amending Action: Councilmember Stenberg moved to amend Councilmember Chambers motion to hold the check for Mayor Alt so more information could be provided, second by Council Member Przespolewski. The motion failed with 2-3 vote. (Councilmember Stenberg and Przespolewski in Aye, Councilmembers Chambers, Swearingen, and Moore voted Nay.)

Final Council Action: Councilmember Chambers moved to approve the original motion to accept the payables as presented, second by Councilmember Swearingen. The motion carried 3-2. (Councilmember Chambers, Swearingen, and Moore voted Aye, Councilmember Stenberg and Przespolewski voted Nay.)

CITIZEN COMMENTS/CARRY-IN ITEMS:

No public comment.

DEPARTMENT/BOARD REPORTS:

A) Community Development:

Director Lott stated he attended his first Housing Authority Board meeting. Currently the Government shut down has not affected the Housing Authority but the subsidies will run out at the end of February. They are working hard to contact all Landlords and ask them not to evict any tenants for non-payment.

B) Public Works/Maintenance:

Director Herdt has been working on a plan for the cities compost site and will be presenting the information at the February 14th council meeting for approval. Director Herdt, with the help of Councilmember Przespolewski have secured another bin for newspaper recycling. Councilmember Chambers asked if we could shred the newspaper and make soil. Director Herdt stated it is possible and he would look into it. Mayor Alt stated he had asked Director Herdt to work on the City's asset inventory with CIAW (the cities insurance company) The results of the update reduced the City's annual insurance premiums by \$8,600.00. The refund to the City should be issued soon.

C) Code Enforcement:

Code Enforcer Brooks stated he has been working on a lot of parking code violations, habitation violations, and two vacant homes that need to get cleaned up. The two homes are both in foreclosure and will be lengthy because the banks are out of state. He also set up a First Aid and CPR class for city staff on February 7th and 8th. The council was invited and needs to email him if they would like to attend. He has been working on updates to the county wide Hazard Mitigation Plan as well and the semi-annual reports that are due to the Department of Ecology for wastewater.

D) Finance & Administration:

Mayor Alt stated he has a candidate for a possible part-time position.

E) Council Reports:

Councilmember Przespolewski stated the county is still working on construction for the new medium waste facility and will find out a finish date at the meeting on February 4th.

Councilmember Swearingen stated he and Councilmember Moore attended the Entiat School Board meeting and the board now has a new Chair person as well as two new board members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A) Economic Advisory Board:

Councilmember Moore stated some of the board members as well as some city staff attended a training for Revize for the new city website, and the site has now been released for us to start adding content.

B) Planning Commission:

Director Lott stated the Planning Commission may go over the definition to Foster Care Facilities and will be bringing a modified definition using the RCW for councils review at the February 12th council workshop. Director Lott and the Planning Commission have been working to update the Comprehensive Plan, which is still on track for a June completion date. Director Lott has been in contact with the state and they are happy with the progress. The Commission has been in contact

with the Entiat School District and while Entiat has seen a steady increase in residential development, the enrollment for the school has slowly declined over the last 20 years. Mr. Caples stated the enrollment for classes go up and down all the time, so it makes it harder to plan. Mr. Caples also reported that currently the school has 10 full-time and 8 part-time running start students. This means, the money the school receives from the state flows through the school, and is paid to the College.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

2019 Tree Board Goals

Council briefly discussed the goals.

Council Action: Councilmember Swearingen made a motion to accept the 2019 Tree Board Goals, second by Councilmember Stenberg. The motion carried 5-0.

Time Change to February 14th Council Meeting

Council discussed changing the time of the meeting from 7:00pm to 1:30pm.

Council Action: Councilmember Moore made a motion to change the time of the February 14, 2019 meeting from 7:00pm to 1:30pm, second by Councilmember Stenberg. The motion carried 3-2. (Councilmember Moore, Stenberg and Przespolewski voted Aye, Councilmember Chambers and Swearingen voted Nay.)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Councilmember Moore made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56pm, second by Councilmember Chambers. The motion carried 5-0.

NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME:

The next scheduled City Council meeting is being held at the Entiat Fire Station on February 14, 2019 at 1:30pm.

Minutes prepared by Debbie de la Mora

Approved this 14th day of February, 2019.



Deputy Clerk – Debbie de la Mora



Mayor – John R Alt II

