

Regular Council meeting of December 6, 2011.

Present were: Mayor Spieth, Councilmembers Koepke, Naillon, Neal Hart and Roley.
Absent: none.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Spieth. Copies of the Nov. 15th meeting minutes were read and approved.

Public Hearing on the 2012 Budget. Clerk Jones stated that the final 2012 draft was up around \$243,000 from the preliminary budget due to notice received of the need to carry-over the Main Street Sidewalk Project closeout of \$120,000; the notice of award of TIB grant in the amount of \$81,011; and other minor miscellaneous increases in revenues. Final Budget total is \$6,519,580. and the adopting ordinance will be presented at the next council meeting.

Update on Border Patrol Station WAF/SDC's. Noel stated that the report prepared by Varela & Associates regarding fire flows to the BP property had been forwarded to the Corps of Engineers but the city has not received any responses yet.

Chief Warnstaff and Jones reported that it appears that disposing of surplus property by sealed bid would be the least costly, as listings on the state's website requires a 9% fee, minimum of \$200, maximum \$900 and several of the items the city is disposing of may not bring much more than the \$200. It was agreed to wait until after the holidays and winter weather to start the advertising via the Nickel, Chronicle, Gazette and the city's website.

Chris Branch gave update on the "interim" critical areas ordinance that has been being "extended" since 2007. Finalization is near, with the SEPA Determination just completed, and the 60 day review starting. Public comment periods, etc. should get the final to Council by mid February.

Branch updated the council on the Okanogan County Shoreline Master Program, which has been forwarded to Ecology for review. Branch recommended the city not adopt our SMP until we see what happens with the county's, as sections are integrated into the city's plan to address future annexations and to provide some uniformity between the two plans.

Branch informed Council that he had talked to Okanogan County Tourism Council and they agreed to take over the Scenic Byway management. They then requested Branch to fill the north area position on the Board. Council approved.

Jones reported that to date, \$5670 had been received in donations for the Buy a Light Campaign and that some of the money would have to go towards extension of the electrical outlets on the new street light poles. LED bulbs to be considered in the future.

Okanogan Public Transit Feasibility Study explained by Branch.

Branch presented info on the AWC Small Cities Advisory Committee; that they meet twice a year (expenses paid) at the AWC Legislative Conference and the annual AWC Conference, (both usually attended by Branch) plus a couple of telephone conferences. Branch has been invited to serve a two year term on the Board. After Mayor Spieth inquired if Branch had the time and if it would cost the city any additional expense, Mayor and Council approved Branch to serve on the board.

Jones announced that the City had been awarded an \$81,011 TIB grant to overlay Ironwood Street from 12th south to 1st and Fir Street from 17th to 18th and 18th to Golden. The city match is \$4264. Motion by Naillon and seconded by Koepke the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the grant agreement. Motion carried.

Letter read from Atty. Howe stating that he is willing to continue to represent Oroville on a year-to-year basis, with a reduction in retainer fees, calculated on the city's needs the last few years. Motion by Neal and seconded by Koepke the Mayor and clerk be authorized to sign the Addendum to Professional Services agreement. Motion carried.

Mayor Spieth reappointed Richard Werner to a six year term on the Civil Service Board. Council confirmed the appointment.

A Notice of Intent to Commence Annexation Proceedings received from Simon and Dorothy Thiessen, property located at #5 and #9 Balmes Road. Council set the meeting of January 16, 2012 as the date to meet with applicants.

2012 Washington State Purchasing Cooperative Program Renewal Agreement reviewed. Motion by Neal and seconded by Koepke the Mayor be authorized to sign the agreement. Motion carried.

Meeting temporarily adjourned at 7:43 p.m. for a 10-15 min executive session re: property negotiations as requested by Mayor Spieth.

Meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m. No action to be taken re: executive session.

Motion by Koepke and seconded by Naillon that vouchers #12448-12496, \$30,199.01 be paid, the Nov. 30th payroll of \$12387-12447, \$68421.24 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____
Mayor _____

Clerk