

Regular council meeting of Nov. 5, 2013.

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

Meeting called to order by Mayor Spieth. Pledge of Allegiance given. Copies of the Oct. 15th meeting minutes were read and approved with one typo correction.

Kody Knowlton requested council's approval to "shadow a police officer" for his senior project. Kody is a Tonasket High School senior who hopes to become a Law Enforcement Officer. He has the approval of the officer he'd like to shadow – his uncle, Oroville Officer Todd Hill and the approval of Chief Warnstaff. Oroville PD SOP's state ride-a-longs are limited to 4 hours weekly; Kody requested a waiver to allow 5 hours per weekend. Total project is scheduled for 40 hours and he hopes to complete 20 hours per month. Council approved, with the understanding that if Officer Hill needs to respond to a serious situation, Knowlton will be dropped off at the first convenient safe location and will not be accompanying Hill to the scene.

Public hearing on the setting of Ad Valorem taxes for collection in 2014. Clerk Jones presented Ord. 831, which provides for the allowable 1% increase in property taxes to be collected in 2014. The increase amounts to an additional \$2541 in regular property taxes and is exclusive of additional revenue from new construction, improvements to property, etc. Motion by Koepke and seconded by Roley Ord. #831 be adopted as read; a summary be published as required by law and copies be forwarded to Okanogan County. Motion carried.

Jones then presented Ord. #832, allowing a 1% increase in the city's special EMS levy, which amounts to an additional \$238, which is exclusive of any additional revenue from new construction, improvements, etc. Motion by Naillon and seconded by Neal Ord. #832 be adopted as read; a summary be published as required by law and copies be forwarded to Okanogan County. Motion carried.

Traci Neal described an issue that has caused excessive utility delinquent penalties on property her father had that her brother was in charge of. Her brother has since passed away and it has recently discovered that no one has been paying the utility bill for several years and that the city has filed a lien on the property. Her brother had no will, her father is now incapacitated and the property will probably go to her step-mother. Traci is wanting to take care of this for her family and inquired as to whether they could receive some relief from the penalty portion of the bill. Mayor Spieth recommended that the request be taken under advisement and that a committee will make recommendation.

Supt. Noel gave update on NorthEnd Reservoir project: tank is scheduled to be delivered Dec. 2nd and all other work has been completed. Depending on the weather, there may need to be a winter shut-down.

Scenic Byways Sign Project participation agreement reviewed. Motion by Naillon and seconded by Koepke the Mayor be authorized to sign the agreement, in which Oroville agrees to participate \$2000. towards the purchase and installation of the Scenic Byways signs just south of the Canadian Border and south of Pateros. Motion carried.

Council then reviewed report submitted by Chris Branch with updates on: Scenic Byways; Mosquito District Formation update, including the "Open House" that will be held at the Planning Commission meeting Nov. 6th, where a map of the proposed Oroville district area will be discussed; a Similkameen Trailhead project update; Community Airports and State Aviation and Marijuana Regulations updates. All topics will have more information at a later date.

Chief Warnstaff then reported that the U.S. Dept. of Justice allows a 1000' radius from school property, public parks, and possibly day cares, as a "retail sales prohibition zone". Using that criteria, there are only a couple of areas in town zoned for retail sales where a shop could be established. Warnstaff also stated that

medical marijuana will definitely be dealt with differently, with more stringent rules now.

Letter of resignation from the Planning Commission received from Steve Shimmel, effective after the last Planning Commission meeting in December. New member that lives within city limits will need to be appointed.

Ambulance Coordinator Debra Donahue presented a revised EMR Tuition Reimbursement Agreement for council's approval. EMR tuition fees for the class are estimated to be \$585, with the city paying all but \$100 and the \$65. testing fee following completion of the class. The agreement clarifies that taking the class does not mean automatic membership on the Oroville Ambulance The \$165 would be reimbursed to the student after completion of two years of service on the ambulance. The student would be responsible for repayment of the full amount if they don't complete the class. Motion by Koepke and seconded by Hart the Revised Tuition Reimbursement Agreement be approved for use. Motion carried.

Donahue also presented an AEMT Tuition Reimbursement Agreement. Tonasket will be conducting an AEMT class and it is her hopes that three members of the Oroville Ambulance will be able to take the class. Tuition is \$1000 per student. Donahue was just sharing information at this time, as she needs to check the budget to make sure that funds are available and that the three would be able to participate in the class. The \$1000 Tuition paid by the city would require a 3 year participation agreement.

Arnie Marchand announced that the Annual Membership dinner for the Old Depot Historical Society would be held Tuesday, Nov. 12th.

Jackie Daniels reported the application for a \$1000 grant to continue the Child Passenger Safety grant had been approved.

Jones thanked the council for the computer upgrades and reporting that other than getting used to the new software, the hardware was operating great. The upgrade was making things operate so much more efficiently and quickly.

Warnstaff reported that County Sheriff Shane Jones' drug dog had died and Clay was asking the city to donate \$500 towards Deputy Jones's acquisition of a new dog. Clerk to check on whether funds would be available. The county would need to send out drug dog support fee invoices in order for Oroville to help with the dog that is used in our area.

Motion by Koepke and seconded by Roley that October manual checks #16153-16154, 16156-16160 in the amount of \$1425 be approved; that the October 31st payroll of \$77,357.89, #16161-16223 be approved; that checks #16225-16249 be voided; that vouchers #16250-16291, \$47,050.38 be paid and the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes Approved: _____

Mayor

Clerk