

Regular Council meeting of June 5, 2012.

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 May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were read and approved.

Mayor Spieth presented Deputy Clerk Karen Monroe a Certificate of Appreciation and thanked her for 30 Years Dedicated Service.

Chris Allen read his written narrative regarding his research into "ambulance ride-along" policies and whether or not it is against the law to continue ride-a-longs after training is completed until EMT cards are received. Chris commented that it came to his attention that other ambulance agencies have a ride-along scheduling which continued after training class has ended. (Chris has just completed the EMT class given by Ambulance Coordinator Debra Donahue). Chris apologized if his research had offended anyone. Allen contacted Mike Lopez, Washington State Dept. of Health, and Chris wrote that Mike stated that he had been misinformed that ride-alongs were not allowed and shared the criteria under which an EMT student or someone who recently completed the EMT training course may be allowed to ride along with EMS providers. Information that Allen supplied to council were: Mike Lopez's written response to Chris regarding student training ride-alongs; RCW 18.71.215 – Medical program Directors – Liability for acts or omissions of others;; RCW 4.24.300, immunity from liability for certain types of medical care; RCW 9.01.110; Oroville Ambulance Standard Operating Procedures 3-2 Scheduling; and a letter from Brad Craig, MD, Okanogan/North Douglas County MPD, giving permission to Chris Allen to ride along with the Oroville EMS in a formal training capacity from 06/02/2012 – 09/12/2012; and Washington State Dept. of Health, EMS and Trauma Contact Information.

Ambulance Coordinator Debra Donahue stated that in all her years of training, she had always been told that during the time from the end of EMT class training until actual EMT Certification Cards are received and a person is approved as a dept member, that ride-alongs were not allowed, as the person was no longer in a training situation yet not authorized to serve on the ambulance. Donahue contacted both Rinita Cook, Training Coordinator, North Central Emergency Care Council, who replied that while there is no RCW or WAC that specifically states yes or no, information provided is the result of Instructional Standards the state has in place. Dane Kessler, Dept. of Health, and Mike Lopez added the following in their response to Rinita Cook when she contacted them for ride along information:

NCECC: There will be NO formalized training for extended ride time approved by the Training Program and submitted to the MPD.

A request for a formal extended ride time for students was not presented with the required approval paperwork required.

Should any student show blanket disregard for Training Program Course Standards, or Instructor Specific Course Standards, said student may be Reported by the Training Program Coordinator to the county MPD who Approved the Initial Course as being insubordinate; and may recommend withholding approval for certification

The City Council does not have the ability to override Initial Course Standards, policies or guidelines set forth by the DOH, MPD, or the Training Program the course was held under.

Donahue stated that Allen had been informed after the EMT course ended that there would no longer be ride-along until certifications were approved and Chris Allen was questioning that policy.

After much more discussion that began to focus into other areas than the "ride-along" issue, Councilmember Roley stated that some of the things being brought up

should stay within the Ambulance Department. Mayor Spieth stated that he stood behind the Ambulance Coordinator's decision; that there may be a gray area of interpretation of the policy, but it has been the policy of the department and that at this time, there is no ride-along training program during the period between when a person completes an EMT course and when a person obtains their certification card and is approved as a member of the department.

Bob Sandefur, Omak, stated that he rents closed hangar #2, and the floor is just dirt, which turns into mud every time it rains, etc., making it difficult for him to move his plane out. He also rents a space in the open hangar and that he, Jim Swanton and William Innes (also open hangar renters) are willing to supply all the labor and the forms to pour concrete pads in the closed hangar and the three open hangars spaces for their planes, if the city will pay the \$1170. needed for 9 yds. of concrete. Bob explained that the open hangars are gravel, and when you start your planes engine, it sucks gravel up into the prop, damaging it. Sandefur stated that they all paid rent and the least the city could do would be to maintain the hangars, like he has asked and asked for the door to be fixed in the closed hangar, the city crew tried to fix but it still doesn't work right. Noel replied that the city didn't build any of the hangars, but have "inherited" them and that most were built poorly and the city would have to spend a lot of money to bring all the "city" owned hangars up to great condition. Clerk Jones reported that the city had not budgeted for building repairs this year and that the city had to find the funds to replace the fuel card lock system (\$14,500). Sandefur replied that the fuel sales can pay for the card system; That the three of them are willing to do the work, will do a professional job, that they pay rent and the city should pay for the concrete. Noel replied that if the city does it for them, then everyone else will expect the same for them. Council to consider.

Clerk Jones reported that she had attended a meeting with Okanogan County Planning Director Perry Huston, Nan Kallunki, County Administrative Services and two representatives from the Public Works Trust Fund to discuss the county's request to modify the terms of the Public Works Trust Fund loan that was used to finance the Eastlake Sewer Extension and a portion of the loan was used by the city to make enhancements to the sewer system to handle the Eastlake extension. Several options were to be presented to the Board at their June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and they approved a 10 extension to the loan. The extension will add around \$77,000 of interest to the city's share will allow an extra 10 years for loan repayment.

Supt. Noel updated council on the overly large elm tree at 1832 Main that is causing damage to the sewer line that serves three homes. Property owner wants to cooperate and is trying to raise the funds necessary to remove the tree. The sewer line itself is not a city line and repairs to the line will have to be discussed.

Supt. Noel stated that Dan Haller, Aspect Consulting, has completed Phase 1, Task 1 - Technical Memo outlining permitting strategy re: City Permit G4-27565P (Veranda Beach) and the city's new water right application G4-29150 of our agreement for water right processing. Phase 1, Task 2 is to facilitate a meeting with Ecology in Yakima, and the meeting has tentatively been scheduled for Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> and that the Mayor, Clerk and he will attend the meeting on their way to AWC Conference in Vancouver. There should be more to report to council at the next meeting.

Ron and Ricky, Revealing Truth Ministries, reported that they were hoping to help youth in the area and will be offering Bible Story Time in Madeline Wells park Saturday afternoons.

First reading of a 2012 Budget Amendment. Clerk explained that the 2<sup>nd</sup> half 2011 Criminal Justice Fees – Prisoner Care bill, coupled with unusually high monthly prisoner medical fees, necessitate a budget amendment. Clerk estimates that an

additional \$30,000 or more may need to be added to the budgeted amount of \$18,500. in order to cover prisoner care and medical fees for the year. At this time, only \$20,000 is available, so another budget amendment may need to be completed later in the year.

Council reviewed the NCWDTF 2012-2013 agreement renewal, with the participation fee remaining at \$1000. On behalf of Chief Warnstaff, who couldn't attend the meeting, Jones stated the recent drug bust on 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave. was spearheaded by the Drug Task Force and that Chief Warnstaff highly recommended approving the agreement renewal. Motion by Roley and seconded by Naillon that Mayor Spieth and Chief Warnstaff both be authorized to sign the agreement and that the participation fee be paid. Motion carried.

Noel reported that the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife requested approval to re-install the fish detector by the Cherry Street Bridge. Council okayed.

Notice has been received from Ecology that the Oroville Wastewater Plant has again received an Outstanding Performance Award for 2011.

Steve Johnston reported the Big World of Flight was again a huge success.

Hart thanked the city crew for sweeping the sidewalk on Central from Ironwood west to Deerpath.

Hart also reported frequent speeders on 16<sup>th</sup> from Main to Cherry, particularly near the Senior Center and hoped for signage. Police to be asked for better monitoring and enforcement additional signage installed.

Motion by Roley and seconded by Neal the May 31<sup>st</sup> payroll of \$75,576.34, #13334-13393 be approved, that vouchers #13394-13436, \$67,234.04 be paid and the meeting be adjourned at 8:32 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk