

Regular Council Meeting of January 5, 2016

Present were: Councilmembers Koepke, McElheran, Neal and Roley.

Absent: Mayor Spieth and Councilmember Hart.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Councilmember Neal. Pledge of Allegiance given. Copies of the December 15th council meeting minutes were read and approved.

2016 Department Head Appointments and 2016 Committee Appointments tabled until the next meeting due to the absence of Mayor Spieth.

Marcus Alden, representing the 2016 Ice Fishing Festival, was present to update the Council on activities planned. Ice Fishing Festival will be held Saturday, January 16th.

Robert Fuchs was present to request permission to use Osoyoos Lake Veteran's Memorial Park for Saturday Night Movies. Fuchs stated that he would like the movie nights to be held in July, August and a portion of September; all movies will be family rated and will be free to the public, however, they would accept donations to be applied towards the costs involved. Fuchs received a quote for a 16' screen with outdoor speakers and audiovisual console; has been working on getting local support for funding. Council supportive of Fuchs request. Superintendent Noel suggested potential for need of security.

Jon Neal, representing the Oroville C.A.R.E.S. Coalition, was present to request funding towards billboard advertising for drug prevention in Oroville. Motion by Koepke, second by Roley to contribute \$750.00 towards the Oroville C.A.R.E.S. Coalition; motion carried.

North American Wool Co-operative; Chris Branch stated that he is continuing negotiations for location at the Industrial Park.

Chris Branch and Michael Guss, Executive Director of the North Central Washington Economic Development District (NCWEDD), were present to discuss their funding request towards a County Wide plan for Fire Economic Recovery Strategy. Guss gave a brief history on the NCWEDD. NCWEDD has received a grant for \$85,875 and will be hiring a consultant, Community Attributes, Inc. of Seattle, to develop the recovery strategy. Council requested that Clerk Denney make a recommendation at the next meeting on a potential contribution amount.

Chris Branch would like to request the use of the City Council Chambers for a Small City Connector Meeting to be held May 11th, which would be organized by the Association of Washington Cities; Council supported the request.

Chris Branch updated the Council on the Tonasket Creek issue; Branch has submitted a grant pre-application for short and long term solutions to the issue.

Review of the 2016 Maintenance Agreement with Vision Municipal Solutions; Clerk Denney requested authorization to sign the agreement. Motion by Koepke, second by Roley authorizing Clerk Denney to sign the 2016 Maintenance Agreement with Vision Municipal Solutions; motion carried.

Civil Service memo received requesting approval to hold a Sergeant Exam and request for reappointment of Civil Service Commissioner Mike Sibley. Council confirmed that approval has been given regarding the Sergeant Exam. Reappointment of Commissioner Sibley tabled until the next meeting due to the absence of Mayor Spieth.

Marcus Alden questioned if the City of Oroville has filed a complaint regarding the sale of the Old Border Patrol building; stated that he will be challenging the sale, as the procedures were not followed correctly. As the City has not filed a complaint, Alden will follow through with his challenge.

Councilmember Koepke would like to commend the City Crew for a job well done with the snow removal; council and public in attendance agreed.

Motion by Koepke and second by Roley the vouchers #20151-20175, \$66,850.29, be paid, manual checks #20042, 20095-20102, \$8,469.40, be paid, the December 31, 2015 payroll of \$79,125.54, #20103-20150 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk