

Regular Council meeting of August 21, 2012.

Present Were: Mayor Spieth, Councilmembers Koepke, Naillon, Neal and Hart.
Absent: Roley.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Spieth. Pledge of Allegiance given. Copies of the August 7th meeting minutes were read and approved.

Public Hearing on re; Interim Critical Areas Ordinance Extension. Mayor Spieth opened the hearing; Chris Branch reported on progress made in drafting Critical Areas Ordinance for Oroville and explained that comments from the Washington State Dept. of Ecology suggesting revisions to the draft Critical Areas Ordinance for which additional time is needed to incorporate for final adoption and integration into our shoreline master plan currently being updated. Planning Commission has recommended adoption of the final draft, which council should soon be receiving copies to review. Motion by Neal that Ordinance 817, an ordinance of the City of Oroville extending an adopted interim official control regulating development and other activity within those critical areas requiring protection under the Washington state growth management act and providing for moratoria and interim official control and establishing an effective date, be adopted as read. Motion seconded by Hart and motion carried. Hearing closed.

Spence Higbey complained about a Clean-up Notice that he had received regarding one of his properties on Main Street. His complaint wasn't that he had received it but that there were many properties around town, including some owned by city officials that were as bad, if not worse than his property and that if the city has adopted regulations, they should be enforced regularly. He stated that the Police Dept. would be doing good public relations if they had public meetings to make the community aware of the "no bicycles, skateboards on the sidewalks, parking, etc." that we have signs up around the downtown area and should enforce those rules too. He also stated that no where on the city's website could he find the referenced ordinances quoted in the letter, so the letter should state the section of the code instead. By not enforcing or selectively enforcing city ordinances, the city encourages disrespect and non-compliance. All ordinances should be enforced to make sure our community looks like the community we all want it to be. Mayor Spieth thanked Spence for his input.

Revised agreement for the school district's use of city property adjacent to the track/football field area, known as parcel 9940272802, reviewed. The revision added all uses and activities of the property, not just the construction of the press box. Council and staff pointed out a couple of changes that should be made to the draft. Motion by Koepke and seconded by Neal the Mayor be authorized to execute the agreement provided the changes are made to the final agreement. Motion carried.

Branch reported that the Thiessen Notice of Intent to Annex that the city received earlier this year has hit a stalemate. Adjacent property owners are not interested joining the annexation at this time, and if the city annexed the Thiessen property at this time, it would create an "island". Branch reported that city staff agreed that they were not in favor of the annexation at this time.

It was reported to council that the agreement regarding water services at the new Customs and Border Protection facility on the NorthEnd should be forthcoming any day.

Mayor Spieth told Steve Johnston that the city would be submitting membership application to the Washington Airport Managers Association.

Supt. Noel reported that the airport runway crack sealing project had been completed.

Noel also reported that the Ironwood Street (12th to south city limits) and Fir (17th to 18th) overlay project was underway.

Rod also discussed that Oroville Golf Club and Mike Bourn property at 3514 Loomis Road were going to petition Rural Fire Dist. #1 for inclusion of their properties into the fire district. Noel questioned whether or not the city would need to participate in the Golf Club's petition, since the city owns a lot of the golf course property. It was agreed that the city should participate in the petition to be included in the local fire district.

Supt. Noel shared weed spray documents to show council the city's efforts on weed control.

Letter from Osoyoos Mayor Stu Wells regarding the level of Lake Osoyoos to be discussed at the next meeting.

Jones reported that the Martin Morris Agency in Okanogan has been serving as the city's agent in the Cities Insurance Association of Washington pool for quite a number of years. The agency acts as a "third" party rep through Canfield & Associates. Jim Clarkson has been Oroville's local agent and has worked with Canfield programs since 1989. The two other people in the Okanogan office also have worked with the Canfield programs around 20 years each. The Martin Morris head office is 2 1/2 hours away from Okanogan and because of the logistics, VIP Insurance of Oroville has now acquired the Okanogan office of Martin Morris, and all three Martin Morris employees will remain at the office, continuing as service agents to the Cities Insurance Association of Washington. The clerk recommended that council approve the signing of a year to year Professional Service Contract with VIP Insurance Agency, Okanogan. Mayor Spieth voiced his concerns about the potential eventual termination of the Martin Morris employees, as most local insurance agents simply do not have the expertise or knowledge of municipal, district or school districts needs. After more discussion, motion by Koepke and seconded by Hart that the Mayor be authorized to execute the one year contract and the status of the Okanogan office employees (who the city has dealt with for so long) will be monitored. Motion carried. In the event those employees would be terminated, the city could always go through the Martin Morris Agency in Ephrata.

Motion by Koepke and seconded by Neal the August 15th payroll of \$43,374.93, #13829-13858 be approved, that vouchers #13863-13890, \$33,871.54 be paid and the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____
Mayor

Clerk