

Regular Council Meeting of May 17, 2016

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

Absent: Roley.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Pro-Tempore Neal. Pledge of Allegiance given. Copies of the May 3rd council meeting minutes were read; Councilman McElheran had one correction ~ the financial workshop he informed the Council about is not being sponsored by the Border Patrol, it is being organized by off-duty Border Patrol agents. Motion by McElheran to approve the minutes as corrected, second by Koepke; motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Neal announced that Mayor Spieth passed away Monday, May 16th; not only was Mayor Spieth a great community leader, he will be greatly missed as a friend. Moment of silence was observed in honor of Mayor Spieth.

EMS Services discussion; Commissioner Jim DeTro and Director Perry Huston were present to discuss options for entering into agreements with LifeLine Ambulance to continue providing the service. Director Huston proposed that the two entities enter into separate contracts with LifeLine, using the levy split (currently 81%/19%) to calculate the fees. Discussion on need for Interlocal Agreement between the County and City to continue working together on shared assets; Huston stated that he had talked with Wayne Walker and LifeLine would be agreeable to the separate contracts. City Council agreed with the proposal. Beth Sutton, Rural EMS Secretary, questioned Huston on applying all levy dollars to the contract and expressed concern about reduction in levy dollars over the next few years; Huston stated that they may need to use some of the reserve funds if the levy were to decrease in the future. Chris Allen questioned Huston on language in the draft contract; Huston responded to Allen's questions. Director Huston and Community Development Director Chris Branch to work on contracts. City Council thanked DeTro and Huston for attending the meeting.

Scheduled appearance for Janet Burts, OPETS – Okanogan Pet Shelter; Burts was not in attendance.

Vicki Hinze was present to give an update on the Rally at the Border Blues Festival scheduled for May 20th & 21st. Hinze offered her condolences on the passing of Mayor Spieth. Hinze ran through the schedule of events. Jeff Bunnell had a few concerns that he would like to discuss. Bunnell is concerned about the speed that trucks travel through town with all of the pedestrians that will be out; questioned if he could be allowed to place cones at each end of town to make traffic aware that something is going on in town. Bunnell also questioned what time the City would like 14th Avenue opened back up, Bunnell questioned if 8:00 pm would be allowed; Council felt that the street needed to be opened back up before dark, so 8:00 pm should be ok. Discussion on possibly placing signage at each end of town, in addition to the cones. Council encouraged the placement of signage.

Salley Bull was present to discuss the Library Remodel project; plans were submitted as well as a complete packet of information. Bull explained packet that was put together and is anxious for the project to begin. Superintendent Noel discussed that the Small Works Roster process will be used; brief explanation given on the process. Noel would like the City to recognize the amount of work put into the remodel by Bull; Council thanked Bull for all that she has accomplished for the library.

John Tafolla was present with a Life Jacket station proposal to be installed by the Oroville Border Patrol Explorers; requesting that they be allowed to put in the stations at both Veteran's Memorial and Deep Bay Park. Superintendent Noel questioned monitoring of the Life Jackets, concerned about jackets not being returned. Clerk Denney stated that the insurance agent had stated that jackets must meet the boater safety guidelines for the State of Washington. Tafolla stated that the Explorers would

be responsible for maintaining the Life Jacket stations and ensuring that the Life Jackets are maintained in a safe manner. Motion by McElheran, second by Hart that the Oroville Border Patrol Explorers be allowed to place Life Jacket stations at both Veteran's Memorial and Deep Bay Park; motion carried. Tafolla to work with Superintendent Noel for actual placement of the stations.

Vacant Mayor position discussion; Mayor Pro-Tempore Neal stated that he would be willing to serve as Mayor. Motion by Koepke, second by Hart that Jon Neal be appointed to the Mayor position; motion carried. Clerk Denney to advertise for the vacant Council position.

First reading of proposed Budget Amendment Ordinance #850, increasing the Ambulance Services portion of the 2016 budget due to the continued interim contract for ambulance services with LifeLine Ambulance. The proposed amendment reflects the County's portion of the reimbursement to LifeLine.

Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board notification for liquor license renewal applications for Alpine Brewing Company and Akins Foods; no comments.

Review of proposed Resolution #548, supporting the Okanogan County Juvenile Detention Facility remaining in Okanogan County. Councilman McElheran expressed support; Councilman Hart was not in support. Discussed that more information is needed and Council would like to request that a presentation be given to the Council so they can make an informed decision. Clerk Denney to request presentation at a future meeting.

Information received regarding Life Flight Membership for City Employees and Councilmembers; Council had expressed an interest during the budget workshops to share the cost with employees at a 50/50 split. Council requested Clerk Denney to prepare a resolution to amend the personnel policy to allow participation.

Superintendent Noel updated the Council on the water right application; application has been approved and a permit will be issued after the appeal period has expired. A copy of the Report of Examination was given to the Council for their review.

Contract Change #7 received from Aspect Consulting requesting an increase of \$1,500 to the contract for water rights processing. Motion by Hart, second by Koepke to approve the contract change #7 and authorize Mayor Neal to sign the contract change; motion carried.

Superintendent Noel stated that an updated Okanogan County Mutual Aid Agreement for Fire Districts has been received; updated agreement will replace the 1998 agreement and the only change made to the agreement is to update the names of the representatives from each entity. Motion by McElheran, second by Koepke that Mayor Neal be authorized to sign the 2016 Okanogan County Mutual Aid Agreement; motion carried.

Clerk Denney stated that a step had been missed in the appointment of Neal to the Mayor Position; Oath of Office taken by Mayor Neal.

15 minute executive session called by Mayor Neal, 42.30.110 (f) at 7:55 pm; meeting reconvened at 8:10 pm. No action taken.

Community Development Director Branch reported on the interest to create an Airport Port District; Branch would like to recommend that a committee be formed to look into the feasibility of creating an Airport Port District.

Branch reported on the Economic Development District grant received for the long term recovery from the 2015 fire; meeting to be held in Tonasket on June 8th. Discussion on those who should be invited to attend.

Councilman Hart would like to discuss the excessive speeds on Main Street by County Officers, as well as a City Officer, that he observed over the weekend. Councilman Koepke would also like to discuss the patrolling that is taking place outside the city limits by City Officers. Chief Hill stated that he will address both issues with his officers.

Gary DeVon stated that he will be having lunch with representatives Short and Kretz and wondered if there were any comments the City would like to send with him. Branch would like to attend the lunch with DeVon.

Motion by Koepke and second by McElheran the vouchers #20730-20763, \$74,193.46, be paid, the May 15, 2016 payroll of \$40,329.39, #20713-20729, Direct Deposit Run and EFT #201609 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk