

Regular Council Meeting of January 6, 2015

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Spieth. Pledge of Allegiance given.
Copies of the December 16th council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Okanogan County Sheriff Deputy Shrable and Deputy Jones were present with K-9 Bosco to discuss the County's K9 Unit program; seeking financial support to help with the program. Explained the program and the benefits to the City. Asking for \$1,000, but would appreciate any support the City was able to give; discussed other fund raising they are involved with County-wide. Demonstration of Bosco's abilities was given. Council would like to support the program; issue tabled to the next meeting to allow time for Chief Hill and Clerk Denney to research possible funding sources and make a recommendation to Council.

Mayor Spieth made the following appointments for 2015:

City Attorney: Mick Howe

City Superintendent: Rodney Noel

Fire Chief: Rodney Noel

Community Development Director: Chris Branch

City Clerk-Treasurer: JoAnn Denney

Police Chief: Todd Hill

Ambulance Coordinator: Debra Donahue

Public Records Clerk: JoAnn Denney

Council confirmed all appointments.

2015 committee appointments were also made by Mayor Spieth.

Water Right Permit Application. Background information given to Council regarding the recommendation from Dan Haller, Aspect Consulting, which initiated the memorandum from staff to Council at the December 16th council meeting. Further explanation given by staff on the water right permit. Naillon stated that he is still concerned about the language in the memorandum. Staff explained how the items were selected from Haller's recommendation to be proposed to council for the application. Staff explained that items proposed are already required for the City to comply with and staff would like to keep the recommendation general. Discussion on the water comp plan and the effects on the City; also discussed the municipal water law and the effects it has on the City. Roley questioned if the proposed utility rate increase is connected to the water right permit; they are separate issues. Discussed the connection between the Veranda Beach development and the water right permit; staff discussed that the City approved serving the Veranda Beach development and discussed funds received from Veranda Beach to help with the water right permit. Noel would like to discuss the Council's concerns with Haller to work through the permit application. If language is needed to address operational limitations, Noel will bring new language before the council. Council agreed.

Utility Rate Discussion. Council reviewed rate increase proposals from staff and discussed reasons behind the increase. Staff discussed importance of small increases over a period of time versus a large increase. Branch would like to see the rate structure reviewed. Naillon stated that he understands that the proposed utility rate increase is separate from the water right permit application, however, the water right permit application could ultimately affect water rates. Council would like to table the issue until further information can be reviewed. Neal stated that he would like to see a small base rate increase, possibly the \$1.00, with bigger increases to the excess charges; council agreed.

Prince Property Lease Agreement; Council discussed support for the project. Motion by Neal, second by Naillon that the Mayor be authorized to sign the Prince Property Lease Agreement; motion carried.

Planning Commission reappointment request received. Judy Dunston's term expired 1/1/15; Mayor Spieth reappointed Dunston to the 3 year term. Arnie Marchand has been serving as an alternate; request that Marchand be appointed to a permanent position. Mayor Spieth appointed Arnie Marchand to position #4, also a 3 year term.

Request received for ambulance stand-by at the Ice Fishing Festival to be held January 17th at Sidley Lake; Council approved request.

Chief Hill reported that the 4 new Tasers have been received.

Motion by Roley and second by Naillon the vouchers #18407-18447, \$55,558.70, be paid, manual checks #18347-18353, \$1,621.49, be paid and the December 31, 2014 payroll of \$80,114.08, #18354-18406 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk