

Regular meeting of Oct. 16, 2012.

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

Meeting called to order by Mayor Spieth. Pledge of Allegiance given. Copies of the Sept. 18 meeting and the Sept. 27th Budget Workshop minutes were read and approved.

Kristin Sarmiento, Oroville High School Principal, presented information on the "Race to the Top" district grant that the Oroville School District wants to apply for, along with other selected schools within the North Central Educational Service District. The grant focuses on the development and support of highly effective teachers through a virtual/online professional learning community; development of a new model for personalized student learning and development of a Virtual Career Academy. Participating parties include Southwest Alaska Education Cooperative, Southwest Arkansas Education Cooperative, Regional Education Service Agency II, West Virginia and the North Central ESD #171, Washington State and four small education areas in New Mexico. North Central Washington School Districts that are participating include Pateros, Brewster, Oroville, Entiat, Cashmere, Moses Lake, Quincy, Soap Lake, Lake Chelan, Warden and Nespalem. Mayors from each community are requested to sign applications, indicating support from the community. Council authorized the Mayor to sign Oroville's page, indicating the community's support of such a grant program.

Clerk reported that the funds for the CBP water connection, reservoir project had been received, Noel reported that the physical connection was being worked on and that Varela and Associates had been requested to submit Scope of Work for completion of the reservoir and transmission line.

Chief Warnstaff updated council on the marijuana collective garden grow moratorium that recently expired and that he and Chris Branch have discussed options. Branch stated that the city of Yakima has adopted an ordinance that simply states "illegal uses are prohibited" as marijuana grows and use are still against federal law. Mayor and Council directed Branch to proceed with the process.

Letter from Perry Huston received, along with draft Airport Public Safety District Zoning Ordinance. Branch showed map indicating proposed zoning designations around the Oroville Airport. Planning Commission reviewing and will make recommendation to Council, Council also to review draft and to provide comments to Branch.

Letter from Vivian Harper discussed. Letter issued concerns about fear created by the sounding of the fire alarm during the procession to the cemetery, in honor of Howard Cumbo and his 34 years of service as a member of the Oroville Fire Dept. Chief Noel said he and the department apologize for causing any alarm or fear to community members during the sound of the alarm during the procession; that this is the first ever complaint received about this issue; and that the Fire Dept. has traditionally sounded the alarm following the funeral of a former member in honor of their service to the community. Council all agreed that they were proud of how the Fire Dept. honors their former members; agreed that it was tradition and that they were not going to put a stop to it.

Notice of Special Occasion Liquor License application by North Valley Community Schools for an event to be held December 1, 2012 at 1413 Main Street discussed. Council stated no objections.

Council approved the 2012 City Hall Holiday Schedule request submitted by the City Hall staff.

Council approved the application for funding of Car Seat Training, to be performed by Jackie Daniels, CPS technician but recommended several changes to the application letter.

Councilmember Hart discussed the stop sign at Central and Cherry Intersection, asking if those driving south on Cherry could make a right turn onto Central without stopping. Both Chief Warnstaff and Supt. Noel expressed some concerns, including that if those cars didn't yield to other cars, accidents could be caused. Hart also discussed the number of speeding cars that use 16th from Main to Cherry, not slowing down in the Senior Center area. Someone suggested establishing a 4 way stop at Golden and 16th. Supt. Noel to check Traffic Manual to see if there is another solution.

Clerk announced that the Oct.23rd Budget Workshop is cancelled but the one scheduled for Oct. 30th would still be held.

Sightings of a cougar in town, killing deer in the south end, was discussed. It was agreed that Fish and Wildlife Officials needed to be contacted to remove the animal.

Meeting temporarily adjourned at 7:51 to allow for a 15 min. executive session regarding personnel as requested by Mayor Spieth.

Meeting reconvened at 8:08 p.m.

Clerk Jones was directed to ask Attorney Howe to make changes to the Employee Work Policy regarding sick leave eligibility, clarifications of "immediate family" and to expand the shared leave program to include serious illness or injury of an immediate family member. Council will formally adopt said changes at the next meeting.

Motion by Koepke and seconded by Naillon the Sept. 30th payroll of \$81,010.81, #14056-14116; the October 15th payroll of \$40,711.62, #14118-14142 both be approved, that vouchers #14143-14205 be paid and the meeting be adjourned at 8:11 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____
Mayor

Clerk