

Regular Council Meeting of March 15, 2016

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

Absent: Mayor Spieth and Councilmember Roley.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Pro-Tempore Neal. Pledge of Allegiance given. Copies of the March 1st council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Vicki Eberhart gave an update on the Eco Fiber Mill; discussed: scope of work; two mills are now being proposed, intent is to repurpose the Thorndike Building then build the new facility at the Industrial Park; objective and project outline; explained tasks, goals and solutions; job creation; target market and market opportunity. Katie Haven gave a presentation on the business environment for the Eco Fiber Mill. Council thanked Eberhart and Haven on their presentation.

Ambulance service update given by Chris Branch. County is still discussing options on how to proceed with the City. No response has been received from the Department of Health regarding the letter sent by the City. Branch hopes to have more information for the next meeting.

Road relocation update given by Branch; Michael Guss from the EDD was also present to discuss the grant application. Pre-application has been verbally approved by the Economic Development Administration, the City/EDD can now work on the actual grant application; looking at a May 2016 deadline for the grant application. Branch showed an updated map to the Council in regards to the road relocation; discussion on phases involved. Branch reminded the Council that Oroville Reman & Reload would provide the grant match, which is approximately \$250,000. Discussed the importance of keeping the Railroad line open to Oroville; this development helps with the need for the RR line. Discussion on current and future land use of the area. Brad Scott, representing Golddigger, questioned the proposed road vacation and how to proceed with ensuring that Golddigger would be able to continue using the road if it were to be vacated. Branch explained all of the steps that would be needed for the proposal, if the grant were to be awarded; steps include: annexation of the area would need to be done, the vacation would need to occur and the current Conditional Use Permit for Oroville Reman & Reload would need to be re-opened, which would allow for additional conditions. Branch stated that all of those steps would allow for public input and participation. Clerk Denney questioned the City's involvement in the grant, as it would trigger a Federal Single Audit; Michael Guss explained that the EDD could administer the grant, however, the funds would go through the City. Guss also explained that there would be an administration fee that the City would receive to cover City expenses. Branch is looking for approval from the Council for the grant application to be submitted. Councilman Hart requested another look at the proposed road relocation map; the proposal has changed since initial discussions due to Oroville Reman & Reload purchasing additional property. Further discussion on all of the public notification that will take place as the proposal proceeds. Council preferred the revised route. Motion by Hart, second by McElheran, that Chris Branch, along with Michael Guss, be authorized to prepare the grant application for the road relocation project; motion carried.

Retreat scheduled for Saturday, April 23rd. Clerk Denney stated that she has been unsuccessful in making arrangements to use the activity center at Veranda Beach and would like to suggest the OLVMP Riverside Retreat home; council agreed. Retreat to be held from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Branch stated that Kurt Danison is interested in facilitating the retreat.

Branch updated the Council on Tonasket Creek discussions regarding the County, City and grant applications. Branch has contacted the Governor's office requesting that the Department of Ecology include maintenance on the creek bed with their project that will take place at the mouth of the creek; a staff member from the Governor's office will visit the site and meet with Branch to discuss.

Water application received from John Biele for 1 residential service on the Eastlake Water System; Biele is requesting relief from the sewer connection requirement. Biele proposes to install a 2,100' 8" line to serve his property; two adjacent property owners may also submit applications. Biele is currently hauling water for his home and has an existing septic system. Council felt that Biele should include the installation of one fire hydrant on the new 8" line; Superintendent Noel stated that he has discussed that with Biele and he is willing. Motion by Hart, second by Koepke that the Biele water service be approved with the following conditions: 1 residential service will be approved for Biele's property, fire hydrant will need to be installed and the City Council will make an exception to the sewer connection requirement based on the fact that Biele's water system has failed and his septic system has not failed; for clarification, in the event that Biele's septic system fails, he would then be required to connect to City sewer and if Biele were to subdivide his property, he would also be required to connect to City sewer. Motion carried.

Water application received from ALON, LLC for 1 agricultural service on the North End Water System; applicant is requesting winter water use of approximately 10,000 gallons per month for their commercial cannabis operation. Superintendent Noel stated that the proposed connection is in a restricted water use area, as it is only served by a 2" line. Noel would like to request that the Council table the decision until he can get more information from the applicant. Motion by Hart, second by McElheran that Superintendent Noel get more information from the applicant and table the decision until the next meeting; motion carried.

Notice received from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board regarding a license application for Rancho Grande at 1401 Main Street; Council approved of the application.

Notice received from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board regarding license renewals for the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Trino's and the Pastime Bar and Grill; Council approved of the renewals.

Letter received from the Association of Washington Cities regarding open positions on the AWC Board of Directors.

Superintendent Noel updated the Council on rehab needed on Well #4 due to water loss; quote received from Water Recovery Services, Inc., who rehabbed the well in 2011. Quote is for \$11,140; cost has not increased since 2011. Noel explained the process and that WRS would be available to get the rehab done in the next couple of months. Noel also stated that the Well #1 improvements should be done by June. Council approved the rehab to be done to Well #4.

Arbor Day Proclamation, proclaiming April 28, 2016 as Arbor Day in the City of Oroville, read and approved; Mayor Pro-Tempore Neal to sign proclamation.

Library Board appointment request; Stephanie Hart submitted a letter of interest. Mayor Pro-Tempore Neal appointed Stephanie Hart to the library board; council confirmed.

Councilman Koepke discussed properties in the South end of town that need clean up letters; also discussed property that needs enforcement due to fence violations. Chief Hill stated that he has notified the property owners of the need to clean up their property. Christian Johnson, permit administrator, to be notified of the fence violation.

Letter received from Mayor Spieth requesting a medical leave of absence effective March 11, 2016. Motion by Koepke, second by Hart to approve Mayor Spieth's request for medical leave absence; motion carried.

Steve Johnston reported on activities at the airport; has had requests from the school for field trips.

Chief Hill stated that he is working on revising the work schedule, changing to 12 hour shifts; will have more information for a future meeting.

Michael Guss would like to update the Council on EDD activities; they are expanding their membership area to include Kittitas and Yakima Counties.

Councilman Hart stated that he had been approached about allowing a paintball field at the Prince Heritage Park; idea to consider when use is determined.

Motion by McElheran and second by Koepke the vouchers #20450-20482 and DOR EFT, \$179,347.45, be paid, the March 15, 2016 payroll of \$40,773.24, #20436-20449, direct deposit run and EFT #201605, be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 8:50 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk