

Regular Council meeting of Tuesday, October 4, 2011.

Present were: Mayor Spieth, Councilmembers Koepke, Neal and Roley. Absent: Hart and Naillon (medical leave).

Meeting called to order by Mayor Spieth. Pledge of Allegiance given. Copies of the Sept. 20th meeting minutes read and approved.

Mayor Spieth presented JoAnn Denney with a Certificate of Appreciation for 20 years of dedicated service with the City.

Scott Eisen stated he had been hearing about the "No Wake Zone" on the Okanogan River and having business that rents jet skis, he feels that better posting of the zone needs to be installed, as there is only one sign at this time at the entrance to the river and jet ski renters aren't aware of the regulation. It was explained that the city limits now included the river from the mouth to just south of the Cherry Street Bridge and that Okanogan County had always designated the area as a no wake zone and that there are plans for additional signage.

Eisen then questioned the potential purchase of the zodiac boat and the cost of insurance coverage and other expenses involved with owning and operating the boat. As a former certified diver, he is aware of how much it could cost to operate the boat and doesn't feel Oroville need the boat.

Koepke voiced his objections to the Police Dept. of having any involvement with the boat at all. The application states that only two firemen and two police officers will receive the training for operating the boat; that he thinks it's a total waste of city money and time for ordinances to be drawn up to regulate no wake on the river and to purchase a boat for a mile or less of water control and again, does not want to fund any police operations involving the boat. It was stated that the council has only given approval of the grant application being submitted at this time.

Supt. Noel reported that he had talked with Taylor Maldonado about the need to submit more detailed information about his senior project re: sign for Henry Kniss Park and that he also discussed that the city would prefer stained or sealed wood instead of painted wood on the picnic tables.

Noel also reported that the roll-up door for the fire hall has been ordered; that he still hadn't heard from Omak about the equipment staying with the ladder truck; and that plans were still proceeding with the acquisition of the truck.

Clerk reported that the conditional approval of USKH's supplemental agreement needs to wait for DOT's email of approval before signing, as additional funds are being sought to cover the increase in the engineer's contract.

Marcy Hunt asked about the ASCAP license and related information.

Hunt also gave update on the Sept. 17th meeting regarding recycling. The Oroville 3R Coalition (reduce, reuse and recycle). Marcy added that the next meeting would be held the first week in November, again at the library. Work on trying to get recycling started again in Oroville will continue.

Mayor Spieth announced that the October 18th City Council meeting would be cancelled due to the attendance at training/workshops by several.

Koepke gave update on the ambulance repairs. Noel said he would contact insurance rep about the length of time for repair and commented that about three weeks ago when he checked on the status of the repairs, he was given the same story that Tony had just received.

Gary DeVon thanked the city for space at the park for the BMW riders. He added that everyone commented on how nice the park looks.

Clerk Jones reminded Council of the Oct. 11th and 25th Budget workshops, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Koepke and seconded by Neal the vouchers #12308-12071, \$30,783.56 be paid, the September 30th payroll of \$77,902.79 #12073-12129 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:41 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____
Mayor

Clerk