

Regular Council meeting of March 5, 2013.

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

Closed Record Hearing on a zoning conditional use permit ORO CUP 2013-1,
Similkameen Trail Head.

Mayor opened the hearing by stating "Tonight we are holding a Closed Record Hearing on a zoning conditional use permit application. The file identification number is ORO CUP 2013. Please understand that state and local law does not allow for public input during a closed-record land use hearing. An open record hearing has already been conducted before the Planning Commission where verbal testimony was taken. The purpose of this hearing is to consider the Planning Commission's hearing record and recommendation for a final decision by the Council. The application is for miscellaneous improvements to the Similkameen Trailhead property located at 1501 Kernan Street."

Mayor Spieth asked if there were any challenges to the City's Council's jurisdiction in this matter and none were stated.

Mayor asked if any member of the Council wished to excuse themselves for potential conflict of interest or appearance of fairness issues, or to disclose any information that may raise such issues and received no comments.

Mayor asked if any member of the Council wish to disclose any communications they may have had in the community regarding this project that may be seen as affecting their ability to judge this application in a fair and equitable manner and no one responded.

Mayor inquired if there anyone present who wished to challenge any of the Council membership, or himself as Mayor, for conflicts of interest or appearance of fairness issues in conducting this hearing and no one responded.

Mayor asked Planning and Community Development Director Branch to identify the record documents; which include the Planning Commission Public Hearing Packet; the Planning Commission Minutes from February 20, 2013 and the Staff letter of transmittal dated February 21 2013, along with the Planning Commission's recommendation. Branch reminded council that the city obtained the funds to purchase the trailhead property, then transferred the property to the county (to be used as match funding for a development grant application) and that because the trailhead is within the city limits, the city does have a vested interest. But, Okanogan County owns the property and will pay the application fee.

The Mayor then asked for discussion among the council, adding that council could also ask staff to clarify any issues of record.

Koepke questioned city involvement with trailhead development and Roley asked about ongoing maintenance responsibilities. Branch stated that council would decide whether the city will be involved and to what level....should the trailhead become part of the city's park system? Naillon asked about the inclusion of the SEPA document of 2008 vs. today's plan and Branch explained that it has been an on-going process and that the project will still include a parking lot and restroom facilities. Koepke inquired as to the effects of the trail on the Enloe Dam proposal and the effects of the dam on the trail development.

Mayor Spieth then stated he was closing the discussion at this time.

Motion by Koepke and seconded by Roley that the city adopt by reference the Planning Commission's Finding of Facts and Conclusions and to approve the conditional use permit application. Motion carried. Hearing Closed.

Joseph Enzensperger presented information on the Pacific Northwest Trail and remarked how fortunate Oroville is to be right in the middle of the 1200 mile trail, well placed to be the Gateway to the Trail, east or west. The Pacific Northwest Trail is one of the top 4 scenic trails in the US and the newest, so it is anticipated that the number of people walking the trail will be increasing greatly. Local restaurants, motels and retail stores will benefit greatly from the increase of visitors. Only two towns, both in Washington State, will soon be declared as the Gateway. Oroville needs to let the federal legislators know now that we should be declared the Gateway. Joseph requested Council approval that the Oroville Chapter be permitted to use the Library meeting room one night each month, to allow larger attendance, films, and speakers, as it provides a more sizable area. Joseph also requested that council consider joining the PNTA as individuals and to attend monthly meetings; create a small account for the trail within the city budget; to Pass a resolution as the "Gateway to the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail" for the world to see; and to create a summer festival to be ran by local volunteers at Veterans Memorial Park or Deep Bay Park, in celebration of our natural beauty of the area, returning salmon, abundant waters and great hiking trails. The only local need left in the trail system is a foot path linking the Similkameen Trail section to the Whistler Canyon section, perhaps over Driscoll Island.

Branch explained the connection of the Scenic Byway Corridor to the PNT.

Ronel Kee presented written information on his senior project proposal of refinishing the "Welcome to Oroville Est. 1908" signs on Main Street. Refurbishing will include washing the bricks, painting and replacing the letters and replacing the flags. Ronel estimated the costs will be \$325 and he requested City Hall funding assistance, although he is prepared to pay all the expenses, should funding for the project not be approved. Council encouraged Ronel to seek donations for the project. Councilmember Hart stated he actually had some paint and letters for refurbishing the signs that he would share with Ronel and others offered cash donations. Council approved the project, which Ronal hopes to have completed by the end of April.

Council reviewed another draft of Ord. 822; found a small revision that needs to be made and requested Atty. Howe review before final adoption.

Motion by Koepke and seconded by Neal the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the five year lease renewal of the Industrial Park Building with Veranda Beach Partnership, with the rental rate and terms remaining the same. Motion carried.

Supt. Noel and Debra Donahue reported on the committee's recommendation to replace the motor in ambulance 264. A remanufactured long block engine will be purchased through Oroville Auto Supply for \$ 3434.77 plus taxes, including the \$850 for the core deposit, which will be credited back upon the old engine block being returned. Thompson Bees will remove and transfer necessary parts, hoses, cooler lines etc. and will install. Total estimate for the labor and parts is \$3718.72 but will be adjusted down depending upon if all the parts included in the quote aren't needed. Thompson Bees will complete the installation as soon as the engine is received. Another quote from Paul's Service in the amount of \$7571.35, with shop time at least three weeks out, was not considered because the cost was more and the engine needs to be replaced as soon as possible.

Branch reported that he and Mayor Spieth had submitted an application for easement from the DNR for the Champerty Shores water main crossing in order to avoid the need from having to reassign the easement to the city, once the waterline extension has been completed and turned over to the city to maintain.

AWC Quality Communities Scholarship application submitted by Kelsey Stell-Hickman. Council unanimously agreed that the city should sponsor the application and forward it to AWC for consideration.

Letter from Traysha Young to be taken under consideration by Ambulance Comm

Branch requested and received council's authorization to make comments to state legislators regarding a couple of proposed bills that deal with annexations and another bill that deals with solid waste/recycling. Branch also authorized to issue comments about the public agency use of "Alternate Fuels" requirement by 2018.

Council to review draft revisions to both the EMT Tuition Reimbursement Form (clarifying that taking the class doesn't mean automatic membership to the Ambulance Dept.); and to the Ambulance SOP's (better defining membership eligibility).

Donahue reported that she has scheduled the EMR classes to start April 8th, as provided for in the 2013 Budget. City will pay 1/2 tuition fees and workbooks/textbook costs (\$340 per person.

Debra stated that she was requesting elimination of the policy that members would need to live within a 3 1/2 miles of the hall because there are now "on-call" sign ups. She also reported that the National Ambulance Conference was being held in Couer 'd Alene this year; and requested up to \$570 towards meals and lodging in order to attend and stated that the Ambulance would be paying expenses for another member to go too. Council approved provided the funds were available in the budget.

Mayor Spieth requested a 20 minute executive session re: personnel. Meeting temporarily adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:41. No action taken as a result of the executive session.

Motion by Neal and seconded by Hart the February manual checks #14718-14801, \$1032.00 be approved, the February 28th payroll of \$67,393.17, #14828-14884 be approved and that vouchers #14886-14920, \$24,176.07 be paid and that the meeting be adjourned at 8:44 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk