

Regular Council meeting of Feb. 5, 2013.

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

Meeting called to order by Mayor Spieth. Pledge of Allegiance given. Copies of the Jan. 15th meeting minutes were read and approved.

Closed Record Hearing. Mayor Spieth opened the hearing by stating "Tonight we are holding a Closed Record Hearing on a rezone application. The file identification number is ORO RA 12-2. 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 a zoning map amendment rezoning the property and adjoining rights-of-way from C-2 to R-2 located at 505 Fir Street."

Mayor asked if there were any challenges to the City Council's jurisdiction 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 Naillon stated he would excuse himself.

Mayor then asked if any member of the Council wished 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 received no comments.

Mayor asked if there was 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 received no comments.

Mayor asked Chris Branch to identify the record documents, which included:

- Planning Commission Public Hearing Packet
- Jan. 16, 2013 Letter of Transmittal – Supplemental Staff Report
- Planning Commission Minutes from January 16, 2013
- Letter of Transmittal dated January 17, 2013 with Planning Commission recommendation.
- Draft Ordinance amending the Oroville Official Zoning Map

Mayor Spieth then stated that the proposal was open for discussion among the Council and added that they may also ask staff at this time to clarify any issues of record. Koepke questioned the language "the buildings would need fire service water" from the land use application form. It was explained that the language is typical in any application. It doesn't mean that a sprinkler system would be required a residence.

Mayor called for a decision on the application. Councilmember Roley stated "I move to adopt by reference the Planning Commission's Finding of Facts and Conclusions and approve ORO RA 12-2 as recommended by the Planning Commission and pass Ordinance No. 823." Motion was seconded by Neal. Motion carried. Hearing was closed.

Chris Branch updated the council on Okanogan County's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan update process. Staff has discussed the "vision statement" a couple of times and had agreed that because the city participates in Okanogan County's Plan, the city's

vision would be included in the county's, which addresses wildland fire and flood safety criteria. FEMA has determined each community needs to create its own mission statement. Branch stated he was working on a statement for council's consideration next meeting.

Branch also reported on Okanogan County Tourism Council; commented on all the efforts being taken to promote the entire county; i.e. a few ads on buses, blurbs on TV, attendance at various sportsman's shows, new brochures, etc. It was mentioned that during the staff meeting earlier, it was discussed that the city should have new brochures printed, featuring the Osoyoos Lake Veteran's Memorial Park and Riverside Retreat vacation rental, with special promotions for "off-season" use.

Clerk Jones reported that on her discussions with several other communities about ORV use. Tonasket has not yet adopted anything and from reading the newspaper, one councilmember feels the issue should be tabled until such a time that there are county roads that connect in Tonasket that ORV's would be allowed to use. Other communities that allow ORV's and/or snowmobile use on roadways select a street or two that connect with county or forest service roads that permit ORV's/snowmobile use so that riders can access food and fuel. Like Tonasket, Oroville doesn't have any connecting roads at this time that the county has authorized such use on.

Jones reported that she had notified Chris Allen that she misspoke during the Jan. 15th meeting when she stated an "appeal or grievance" could be filed with the Emergency Aid Board. Jones also reported that a Request for Public Records had been submitted by Allen, and that the city provided all documents/information that was eligible for public release.

Branch and Jones discussed a draft amendment to Chapter 8.32 of the OMC, wherein fees would be assessed for false alarms from private security and fire alarm systems. The city has been experiencing an increase of false fire calls due to sprinkler system alarm "tests" and the owners not repairing their system or failing to notify dispatch when tests are scheduled. The fee would increase per number of calls within the date of the first false alarm. While the fees assessed will not reimburse the city the total costs at first, it will bring the issue to the attention of property owners. Koepke questioned why the Ambulance was not included; why there wouldn't be an assessment per department responding to the false alarm; and requested revisions to the language. A typo in Section 3 (4) was also discovered. Revised draft will be presented at the next meeting.

Arnie Marchand discussed a potential new event for Oroville that will be presented at the Chamber on Thursday, Feb. 7th. Marchand requested the clerk attend for input on location and potential Hotel/Motel tax funds.

Jones reported that the positions up for election this coming fall include Council Position #1 – Jon Neal, Council Position #2 – Tony Koepke, and Mayor Chuck Spieth.

Jones also gave report on the local senior services provided by Okanogan County Transportation and Nutrition. The city provides \$1500 towards these services each year. In 2012, OCTN provided 6,697 meals at the Oroville Senior Center and 1,114 meals were delivered to Oroville homebound seniors. 3,058 transportation rides were provided in the Oroville area on the door-to-door service and 13,817 transportation rides were provided on our Oroville/Omak intercity bus.

Branch reported that there are proposed legislative changes that would end up causing an increase in tipping fees for the Okanogan County Landfill users. Branch will keep council informed.

Jones reported that the payroll submitted for approval tonight includes the "back pay" to Chief Warnstaff as discussed and provided for in the 2013 budget.

Jones also reported that there was an increase in ambulance call revenues of over \$25,000 in 2012; that the new formula for sharing expenses with the Rural EMS worked, and that both agencies will now have more money available for reserves.

Motion by Neal and seconded by Roley that the manual vouchers #14660-14663, \$563.00 be approved; that the Jan. 31st payroll of \$82,112.03, #14664-14717 be approved; that vouchers #14719-14774, \$66,826.59 be paid and that the meeting be adjourned at 7:56 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk