

## Regular Council Meeting of March 17, 2015

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Spieth. Pledge of Allegiance given.  
Copies of the March 3<sup>rd</sup> council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Leroy Orr, Okanogan/Ferry County Chapter of the Washington Pilots Association, was present to give a report on the aviation conference he attended in Puyallup. Booth to promote airports in Okanogan and Ferry Counties, in addition to promoting general recreation and other activities in the area. Orr would like to have information on hangar spaces, leases, etc. for Oroville when he attends next year due the inquiries at the conference. Orr would like to thank the City for their support; receives funding from all 7 airport cities.

Arnie Marchand was present give an update on museum operations for 2015. Marchand discussed the tourism region that the museum promotes, the statistics on visitors and the new signage that will be placed. Discussed displays for 2015. Marchand thanked the City for their support.

Public Hearing ~ Zoning Text Amendment. Mayor Spieth stated that this meeting has been advertised to include a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Oroville Zoning Code allowing for alternatives to the maximum lot coverage requirement in the Service Commercial district. Please note that this is a legislative hearing as the proposal applies to all property zoned Service Commercial within the City. Public hearing opened. Chris Branch presented the staff report and related documents for the record. Review of hearing packet. Councilmember Naillon questioned if the amendment would allow 100% lot coverage; Branch stated that it would and explained how storm water would be contained on-site. Naillon also questioned if plans would be required to be engineered if the site required it; Branch stated that it will be at the discretion of staff based on the proposed lot coverage. No further questions or comments. Public hearing closed. Motion by Naillon to adopt by reference the Planning Commission's Finding of Facts and Conclusions and approve the text amendment and pass ordinance #841, second by Hart; motion carried.

Review of draft ordinances for utility rate increases to water and sewer; explanation of changes given by Clerk Denney. If there are no corrections, Denney requested that the ordinances be approved during the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting with an effective date of April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ambulance operations discussion. Before starting the discussion, Mayor Spieth would like to apologize to Lisa Bordwell for his response to her question during the previous meeting, had not intended his response to be rude to Bordwell. Mayor Spieth stated that there would be no ambulance operations discussion due to the potential investigation by the State Auditor's Office to a claim filed against the City of Oroville and their dealings with the Rural EMS District.

Mayor Spieth questioned Attorney Howe on legality of using levy funds to pay for contracting for services with a private ambulance company. Attorney Howe stated that the City would have to show good faith finding that the funds are being spent appropriately and not a gift of public funds. Attorney Howe discussed the transfer of service to a private company if the City were to dissolve the ambulance service; most communities are moving towards services like that being provided by private companies, which would help with the no gifting of public funds issue. Amy Morris, Rural EMS Commissioner, questioned how that transfer would apply to the Rural EMS District; Attorney Howe stated that he represents the City, however, felt it would apply the same to the Rural District.

Mayor Spieth proclaimed April 30<sup>th</sup> as Arbor Day in the City of Oroville.

Review of contract change #6 with Aspect Consulting; Superintendent Noel reminded the council that Dan Haller, Aspect Consulting, is the consultant working on the water right issue. Motion by Neal, second by Koepke to approve contract change #6 with Aspect Consulting; motion carried.

Liquor Control Board ~ comment opportunity. License renewals for Fraternal Order of Eagles, Trino's and the Plaza. No comments.

Chris Allen questioned if his EMT Application, with the 4 letters of support submitted, would be addressed during the meeting. Mayor Spieth stated that all ambulance discussions would be tabled until the investigation issue was clarified.

Possible dates for Retreat needs addressed. Councilmember Roley requested that it be scheduled in June after school is out. Clerk Denney reminded the council that the annual cities conference will be held June 23-26<sup>th</sup> in Wenatchee. Retreat to be scheduled during the next meeting.

Library Board information received with an appointment request from Julie Pitts. Mayor Spieth appointed Julie Pitts to the Library Board; council confirmed.

Notice received regarding the 2015 Chamber Banquet to be held March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Superintendent Noel requested that the South End Park (Prince Bin Lot) be given an official name from the City; Mayor Spieth would like to request that the Prince Family be recognized in the name. Park name to be discussed further at the next meeting.

Motion by Roley and second by Naillon the vouchers #18740-18776, \$40,011.38, be paid, the March 15, 2015 payroll of \$36,149.56, #18725-18739 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

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Clerk