

## Regular Council Meeting of September 1, 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 August 18, 2015 council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Outstanding Performance Award presented to Ted Williams by Mayor Spieth from the Department of Ecology; Williams congratulated on performance at the wastewater treatment plant.

AWC Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership Award presented to Neysa Roley by Mayor Spieth; Roley congratulated on achieving 60 or more credits through a variety of workshops and community service.

Draft Litter Ordinance #845 reviewed; Branch addressed the changes made to the previous version. Motion by Naillon, second by Neal, to approve Litter Ordinance #845; motion carried.

Draft Animal Ordinance update from Branch; copies of the draft were distributed to the Council for their review for the next meeting.

Franchise Agreement for Sewer Line received from Okanogan County Department of Public Works. Branch expressed concern regarding the language in the agreement; agreement implies that the City has ownership of the sewer line, which has not taken place. Agreement tabled to the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting; Branch to contact Attorney Howe and Verlene Hughes.

Letter of Transmittal from staff regarding the Treasures from Mexico (Four Seasons Thrift) Sidewalk Use Permit Application. Council questioned the application process, felt that staff could approve sidewalk use permit applications. Branch stated that due to the type of use of the sidewalk, the council would need to approve. Discussed need for clarification on clear vision, handicap space, etc. Council agreed that a temporary approval should be issued to address the special sale to be held in September, however, they would like further clarification from staff. Motion by Naillon, second by Koepke, to temporarily approve the sidewalk use permit application; motion carried. Branch to discuss the application with Permit Administrator Johnson.

Rental Agreement received from the Department of Ecology for the ambient air monitoring equipment located at 29 Kernan Street; extension of current agreement. Council asked Superintendent Noel if there were any issues of concern regarding the equipment; none reported. Motion by Roley, second by Koepke, to authorize Mayor Spieth to sign the rental agreement; motion carried.

Clerk Denney reported that the State Auditor's Office is conducting a single audit on the federal funds received for the Central & Cherry Project and the Airport Improvement Project funded in 2014.

Branch updated the Council on a Disaster Recovery meeting he attended; groups are being created due to the Okanogan Complex Fire. Branch explained what they hope to accomplish and they are in the stages of developing leadership. Discussion on evacuation plans, shelters, etc.; local meetings need to be held. Discussion on economic impact; Superintendent Noel reported that Osoyoos Lake Veteran's Memorial Park has definitely been affected by the fire. Branch to work on getting a local meeting set up. Arnie Marchand discussed that the Visitor Information Center has also been affected; discussed numbers of visitors compared to last year. Marchand very supportive of creating a local plan.

Chief Hill and Richard Werner, Civil Service Chairman, would like to recommend that the City change the patrolman testing to the Public Safety Testing process for the written and physical portions of patrolman exams; Civil Service would like to continue with the oral board portion. Discussed benefits of the Public Safety Testing; annual fee of \$400.00 to participate in the Public Safety Testing. Motion by Koepke, second by Hart, Mayor Spieth be authorized to sign the contract for Public Safety Testing; motion carried.

Branch updated the Council on his discussions regarding the airport grant; grant offer has been received from the FAA. Discussed that the grant offer is for less than the amount applied for. Further discussion on the Independent Fee Estimate and the scope of work for J-U-B.

Motion by Neal and second by Roley the vouchers #19591-19614, \$12,648.50, be paid, manual checks #19498, 19532-19539, \$1,146.00, be paid, the August 31, 2015 payroll of \$80,337.97, #19540-19590 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 pm; motion carried.

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

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Mayor

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Clerk