

Regular Council meeting of July 17, 2012.

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 July 3rd meeting minutes were read and approved.

Rick Braman announced that the Friends of the Library have scrapped their plans to build a new Library and are now pursuing a remodel of the existing structure, staying within the existing footprint. Rick is spearheading the project as a result of a discussion with his wife, Ellie Braman, the day before her death. She had decided that it was time to change the focus from a rebuild to a remodel and make the most of the situation. Rick has formed a committee to oversee the planning of this remodel, and they have begun the process of working with others to develop plans and funding ideas. Rick will be keeping the city updated as progress is made.

Arnie Marchand introduced Joaquin Buestamante of the Colville Tribal Recycling. Joaquin discussed the program that was started a result of too many dumps and trash accumulations across the reservation. Recycling project started in 2008 and has expanded to include E-cycling; household hazardous waste; Freon abatement (refrigerators free to tribal members, \$40 to non-tribal members). He said that each of the last two years has brought in about 500 tons of tires. He hopes to expand the operations as it becomes more of a money generating operation and stated that they are looking into sensitive fiber shredding, office newspaper recycling and are using reclaimed asphalt. Mayor Spieth asked if the tribes were considering expanding into nearby communities and Joaquin replied they are always looking at ways and places to expand. The current program is being operated with just three people and is located in Nespelem. Joaquin then reported on the most recent "Earth Day" the Tribes held this year and invited everyone to attend next year's event.

Chief Warnstaff discussed Medical Marijuana Moratorium, which expires in Sept. It was agreed that the city should take Atty. Howe's recommendation and pass an ordinance to not allow for Medical Marijuana Collective Gardens.

Jones updated council on the mosquito spray issue. At this time, it does not look like the Omak-Okanogan areas, along with Oroville will be able to have the mosquito spray application done because the substitute pilot that Gravel Flat Crop dusting had been working with to complete the contract backed out at the last minute. The rivers and lake are still high and the mosquito season is well over half-way through. Starting a new search for someone to apply the spray could take weeks; therefore Omak and Okanogan have decided to save their money until next year.

Council reviewed Resolution 519, which provides for the submission to the qualified electors of the City at an election to be held within the city on Nov. 6, 2012 of a proposition authorizing the levy of a property tax in the sum of \$.25 per \$1000 assessed valuation for each year for six (6) consecutive years beginning in 2013 for the provision of emergency medical services as provided in RCW 84.52.069. Motion by Koepke and seconded by Hart the 6 year special levy be set at 25¢ per thousand and that Resolution 519 passed as read and filed with the County Auditor's office. Motion carried.

Councilmember Roley presented information the "Youth Alliance" program. This was the first year at the AWC Conference that a "Youth Alliance" day was held and Neysa took her daughter to participate in that program. Throughout the conference, there was some interaction with those that had registered for the program. Neysa shared sample resolutions from Sequim and Sultan that would permit a youth to participate in some capacity with council and city government. Council to consider.

Letter of resignation from the Library Board received from Amy Hefker.

Letter of interest to serve on the Library Board in the vacancy left by Hefker received from LaVonne Hammelman. Mayor Spieth appointed LaVonne Hammelman to the Board.

Clerk gave chronological order re: PWTF loan discussion starting in May 15th through today, including Perry Huston's e-mail indicating that the city could participate with the 10 year extension in exchange for the city committing to enacting a special assessment in the "Eastlake" sewer area in order to assist the county in meeting their financial obligations. Even though Jones had been contacting the county about new payment schedule, no new invoice was received and since it's too late to craft an agreement regarding participating in the loan extension, she prepared the payment under the original amortization schedule. Council stated that they felt the last minute "notice" by the Planning Dept. was an ultimatum and not acceptable.

When Steve Quick, Oroville School District Supt., went to apply for a building permit to build a new "press box" at the football field, it was discovered that the press box area, most of the bleachers and the sw section of the football field and the baseball field's outfield were actually on city owned land. Quick submitted a draft agreement for use of the property for the new press box but Clerk to notify Quick that the hold harmless, etc. agreement needs to deal with all actions on the property.

Alpine Brewery submitted written request to have live music in their patio/beer garden area during the summer months and inside the brewery during the winter months. The music will be on Saturdays from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. and will be mostly acoustic instruments. Council authorized the music.

Letter received from Winthrop Mayor Dave Acheson reporting on the re-activation of the Okanogan County Transit Authority and an upcoming meeting July 24th to discuss whether to place on the ballot a county-wide a sales tax increase to establish permanent funding for public transportation in Okanogan County. Councilman Naillon will be unable to attend so Mayor Spieth will attend the meeting.

Steve Johnston reminded everyone of the Airport Fly-in and breakfast Saturday the 21st. Other activities around town on the weekend include Oroville Heritage Days, tractor races and the CanAm Hydroplane races.

Walt reported that the agreement with the International Joint Committee regarding Zosel Dam and lake levels expires this year. A public meeting will be held July 24th in the High School Commons to discuss the new draft agreement. Concerns are that lake levels be maintained status quo.

Clerk shared an article on the city of Gold Bar either needing to declare bankruptcy, face disincorporation or placing on the ballot a special tax assessment to cover outrageous public records requests and litigation costs brought on by two new attorneys in regards to a former mayor.

Motion by Koepke and seconded by Roley that the July 15th payroll of \$44,207.51, #13646-13673 be approved, that vouchers #13674-13716, \$195,440.85 be paid and the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____
Mayor

Clerk