

Regular Council meeting of April 1, 2014.

Present were: Mayor Spieth, Councilmembers Koepke, Naillon, Neal and Hart.  
Absent: Roley.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Spieth. Pledge of Allegiance given. Copies of the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were read and approved.

Jennifer Korfiatis, North Central Washington Economic Development District Administrator, handed out packets filled with information about the NCWEDD; Economic Fact Sheets for the Okanogan, Douglas and Chelan Counties, including the Colville Confederated Tribes; the NCWEDD 2013-2014 Action Plan; Year in Review Report; Membership list and the Vision and Mission of the NCWEDD. The EDD currently is focusing on entrepreneurship, electric vehicle charging stations and regional tourism, including north of the border. She also commented that she was checking into the legislative proposal of the heavy haul corridor on Hwy 97 (that starts at the Canadian border thru Oroville), being extended to Brewster.

Chris Branch reported that not much has happened since last council meeting regarding the RTPO. Twisp Mayor is setting a meeting for April 14<sup>th</sup> for Okanogan County members prior to the Regional meeting in Wenatchee, which may result in some changes in the revised regional proposed re-organization.

Chris Branch reported that he and Jennifer had traveled to Kelowna today in an effort to confirm data that has been presented to support the extension of the heavy haul corridor. 1. They discovered that a small amount of fruit has been being trucked south to Pateros for packing and that one packing facility in the Winfield area (possibly two) has recently undergone significant expansion, so the future need to truck the fruit to Pateros for packing may no longer be necessary. 2. Whole log trucking doesn't appear to be happening much anymore. 3. Trucking of hog fuel to the Omak Mill may be happening, but additional information is needed in order to evaluate how great the need for extending the heavy haul corridor.

Branch also reported that he and several volunteers have been pruning some of the downtown trees. So far, it has been determined that one tree definitely will need to be removed, others may get by with heavy pruning. The group is definitely reducing limbs and making some signs more visible.

Noel reported on the status of Airport Runway Preservation Project. This year's project is for runway seal coating only, as FAA will not approve any apron or taxiway rehab at this time because neither of them meet FAA regulations. Next year, the city could complete an ALP update that includes maintenance on them in order to preserve them

for use until the runway relocation project and then FAA may consider a maintenance project at that time, otherwise the city would need to perform crack sealing themselves to try to protect them. If they deteriorate too much, they may need to be eliminated from use. An Agreement for design and construction engineering was submitted by J.U.B., along with engineers cost estimates for the runway preservation project. Motion by Neal and seconded by Hart Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement. Motion carried.

Update on status of Central and Cherry Water Main Replacement and Street Overlay Project. Supplemental Agreement #1 with SCJ Alliance to add the construction phase to their agreement for engineering services was read. Preconstruction Conference may be scheduled for later this week or next week, depending upon weather forecast. Motion by Naillon and seconded by Hart the Mayor be authorized to execute the supplement. Motion carried.

Clerk reported that the tentative restart date of the North End Reservoir Project is tentatively set for April 10<sup>th</sup>, depending upon delivery of the tank. The date may need to be postponed for one week if shipment was delayed. Supt. Noel stated he was concerned about the contractor being able to complete the project within the contract time that is left and want to get it started as soon as possible.

Chief Warnstaff announced that Todd Hill was promoted to Sergeant's position, effective today (April 1).

Clerk suggested that the "Retreat" be scheduled after the Mayor and Council choose her replacement, so that they will have the opportunity to sit in, get to know council and be a participant in setting the city's goals for the next 5, 10 and 20 years.

Council authorized negotiations with Earth and Sky for a new website development. More information to follow.

Supt. Noel reported that last year, Army Corps of Engineers contractors gps'd every rock, tree, shrub, fence, etc. that exists on the levee. A new report from the Corps states that the city (the responsible party for maintaining the levee) needs to remove any/all trees with a 4" or more diameter, fences that infringe beyond the toe of the dike, any/all structures that may be on the dike or built into the dike, etc. Further clarification of whether we have a three year period to complete this task will be obtained, as well as an easier to understand statement of what all is required.

Motion by Koepke and seconded by Neal the March manual checks, #16896, 16950-16955 in the total amount of \$1471.00 be approved; that the March 31<sup>st</sup> payroll of

\$78,914.39 #16956-17015 be approved; that the vouchers #17016-17046,  
\$16,042.79 be paid and that the meeting be adjourned at 7:58 p.m. Motion carried.

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

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Mayor

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Clerk