

Regular Council meeting of March 4, 2014.

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

There were no scheduled appearances.

Clerk reported that the Central and Cherry Street Project received 4 bids; the apparent low bidder was Versatile Industries, Ione, WA, with a bid of \$551,557.60. The high bidder was Granite Construction, with a bid of \$692,091.60. Bid Packets are under review by Dave Allen, the city's engineer for the project. After verification of the bid totals and reference checks, Dave will forward the information to Greg Boatright with the Dept. of Transportation for his review and approval to award the contract. The city should be able to make award during the March 18th meeting.

Discussion on meeting held with the Library Renovation Committee and Spieth, Roley, Naillon, Noel and Jones. During the meeting a proposed floor plan prepared by the Renovation committee was reviewed and discussion included: changes that may be needed in order to meet codes or items simply not able to be completed structurally; actual needs vs. the wish list and how the total funds available will affect what renovations can be made; etc. Jones reported that the Building Inspector and Supt. Noel had already inspected the structure of the Library (attic to basement); that the Bldg. Official Johnson would prepare final floor plan and bid specs and estimated cost projection. Noel reported on the inspection and that opening the walls between the two buildings appeared to be doable by adding a support beam. More information will be shared as the project develops.

Chris Branch reported on the RTPO proposed governance revisions; voting member changes and meeting location change. After discussion with Council, Branch to convey the city's concern on proposed changes.

Branch then discussed the status of the Similkameen Trailhead Project and the fact that the county will complete the project but is not willing to take over maintenance, etc. Discussion on whether to extend water and sewer or to install vault toilets. Branch to check on grant application details; city to consider possible ownership of the trailhead; Annual maintenance costs to be analyzed and clerk to check what funds might be available.

Branch then gave updates on the activities of both the Okanogan County Tourism Council and the Economic Alliance.

Chief Warnstaff discussed police car acquisition with Stone Garden Funds. He's working on purchase through the Federal or State surplus and requested that he be able to at least "hold" a vehicle on the Police Committee's authorization. Council agreed.

Mayor announced that there were be no changes to the 2014 Committee appointments. Council selected Walt Hart to continue to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore.

Council to review the updates to the Okanogan County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and adoption resolution and Clerk to inquired if Scott Miller, Okanogan County Emergency Management, could attend April 1st meeting to discuss.

Mayor Spieth proclaimed the last Thursday in April (April 24th) as Arbor Day.

Clerk reported that Rosa Snyder had inquired as to whether she could again operate Concession Stand at Osoyoos Lake Veteran's Memorial Park. Council authorized Jones to forward the Lease agreement to Rosa.

Bud Clark Ballfields Park Use application submitted for the North Okanogan Valley US vs CA Slowpitch Tourney being organized by Veranda Beach staff. Council approved the park use agreement but the "Beer Garden" etc. needs to have proper permits and certificate of insured before that activity is okayed.

Clerk presented Utility Rate Comparison chart. Rates from various communities were included and it appears Oroville still has the lowest rates for water, sewer and garbage.

Hart stated he had been approached by Victoria Hinze about what type of funds might be available from the city to help the new "Rally at the Border" event. Hotel/motel dollars could be considered towards the advertising of the event.

Hart requested the council consider imposing a use fee at Deep Bay Park for everyone that does not have a permanent address of 98844. Council to consider.

Supt. Noel reported that the Little League are considering presenting a project to install a batting cage at Bud Clark Fields.

Motion by Naillon and seconded by Neal that the February manual checks #16739-16745 and 16801 in the total amounts of \$1716.60 be approved; the Feb. 28th payroll of \$74,849.82, #16802-16860 be approved and that vouchers #16861-16895, \$79,692.96 be paid and that the meeting be adjourned at 8:23 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk