

Regular Council Meeting of September 2, 2014

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 19th council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Salley Bull, Library Board Treasurer, was present to discuss the proposed remodeling at the library. The library board would like to stretch the remodel funds as far as possible, so they contact the Okanogan County PUD to have a library lighting inspection completed. Bull explained the PUD rebate and loan programs available. Review of inspection results. Lighting will be incorporated into the remodel. Packet of program forms was given to Clerk Jones with contact information.

Ginger Downs was present to discuss the letter she received from Building Official Johnson regarding boardinghouse zoning restrictions. Downs stated that she is having the council members watched and asked if that bothers them because it bothers her that they are watching her. Downs stated that she is not upset with the wording of the letter, she is upset with how it came about. She feels that she is being watched for anyone to know the difference between family and boarders. Downs stated that she had an apartment for rent sign and her current renter moved out because of the letter received from the City. Downs continued to discuss concern about being watched. Mayor Spieth stated that the sign drew attention to the use and there are rumors about the garage being rented out in addition to the apartment use. Mayor Spieth explained that when complaints are received, the council directs staff to investigate and this is not the first letter mailed out by the City; the letter was mailed to gather information and notify them if they need to meet certain requirements for the use. Chris Branch stated that a verbal complaint was received and by the time they responded, the sign had been taken down so he and Johnson were unsure if the sign said Room or Apartment for rent; letter was mailed to get use clarified. The use was determined as an apartment. Downs feels that it is an invasion of privacy. Branch stated that requirements need to be met for an apartment use; Downs stated that the public may not be aware that there are requirements. Branch stated that code requirements are available on-line and at City offices. Mayor Spieth stated that if changes are made, they need to meet the requirements.

Gary Reams, candidate for County Coroner position was present to introduce himself; background and qualifications were given.

Mayor Spieth presented City Clerk Kathy Jones with a Certificate of Appreciation for 40 years of dedicated service on July 15th; certificate should have been given earlier, but circumstances prevented it.

North End Reservoir Project update. Noel reported that he had contacted the engineer during the morning staff meeting and the holdup has been with the sub-contractor warranty. Staff agreed with the engineer's opinion that the general warranty for the reservoir would cover the City in the event of an issue. If there is an issue during the warranty period, the general contractor and sub-contractor would have to work it out; Noel does not anticipate any problems. Noel felt that there should be a final pay estimate by the end of the week and the project can get closed out.

Airport Runway Pavement Preservation Project update. Notice to proceed has been issued, pre-construction conference to be held and the contractor plans to start Monday, September 8th. Runway scheduled to be closed September 8th through the 12th.

Central and Cherry Street Project update; nothing new to report.

Kernan Street Trailhead discussion. Draft agreement for trailhead maintenance has been prepared and forwarded to the County for their review. The City received a letter from the County requesting that the City be assigned the WSDOT grant for the trailhead; letter of response signed by Mayor Spieth was given to the County. City would like the County to continue with the grant. Branch has talked with WSDOT and they are not interested in the transfer of the grant.

Mosquito District update given by Branch. As discussed previously, the hearing before the County Commissioners to get the issue on the ballot was postponed due to the Carlton Complex Fire and it did not get on the ballot. Branch explained that the committee is researching several issues, including the trapping of mosquitos to get a better idea of the types of mosquitos and to help better define boundaries. Discussion on purchasing traps; other communities will be purchasing and Branch would like permission to purchase a couple of traps for Oroville. Roley questioned who would identify the mosquitos and Branch stated that the Grant County Mosquito District would be willing to help. Mayor Spieth recommended approval that the City purchase a couple of traps and the council agreed.

Camis contract amendment #2 for campsite reservation and accounting system between the City of Oroville and Camis; extension of current contract through 2015. Noel stated that there are still issues that need to be addressed with the reservation system and he would like the item tabled until the next meeting. Branch stated that he has been looking into other options. Noel stated that Oroville is 1 of 3 users using the new system. City will need to extend the contract for the coming year, but needs to be looking into other options. Item tabled until the next meeting.

Department of Ecology Contract for Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Station located at 29 Kernan Road received; contract would cover September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015. Rental is \$300.00. Noel stated that the City may need to request that the station be relocated, but doesn't feel that would be an issue. Motion by Koepke, second by Naillon that the contract be approved; motion carried.

Jackie Daniels requested permission to reapply for the Car Seat Exchange Program grant; permission was granted by the Council.

Hart would like to compliment Noel and the City Crew for the improvements made to Well #1.

Meeting temporarily adjourned at 8:00 pm for a 20 minute executive session regarding personnel.

Meeting reconvened at 8:21 pm. No official action taken as result of the executive session.

Motion by Koepke and second by Neal the vouchers #17820-17840, \$14,173.01, be paid, manual checks #17728-17733 & 17761, \$886.00, be paid and the August 31, 2014 payroll of \$77,094.71, #17762-17819 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 8:22 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk