

Regular Council meeting of July 19, 2011.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Spieth. Pledge of Allegiance given. Copies of the July 5th meeting minutes were read and approved.

Motion by Koepke and seconded by Hart Ed Naillon be granted a medical leave of absence. Motion carried.

David Castillo requested council consider changing the OMC regarding commercial activities in city parks, particularly Osoyoos Lake Veteran's Memorial Park. Castillo rents jet skis, and had been informed he couldn't park his trailer in the parking lot by the concession stand. While Castillo does have an Oroville Business Registration, it does not give authorization to conduct his business in the parks. Discussion about just allowing Castillo to go ahead and use the park, as he is asking, included: if the city allows him, we would need to let everyone and commercial activities at the parks could get out of control; the city needs to adopt an ordinance that would allow such operations and develop a process of "selecting" which and how many vendors to allow to use the park; and insurance coverage, hold-harmless agreements and liabilities of the city if we authorize such activities and someone gets hurt needs to be researched. Staff to try to have more information available at next meeting. David stated that the safety instruction portion of his renting of jet skis is more effective if done at the launch area, as he can demonstrate certain things and that the window for jet ski rentals is really only about two months of the summer. He has been in the business locally for about six years and has numerous returning renters.

Supt. Noel reported that Colville Tribes EMS Fire and Rescue has provided a loaner ambulance to the city while Unit 264 continues to be repaired. Both Donahue and Noel commented on how accommodating the Tribe was and it was agreed that the "loan" was a very generous gesture on their part.

Branch reported that the Quintell's (who purchased 25 acre ft. of the Curtis water right for use on the property known as BeeKay Orchards) have requested that in order to protect their water right, they be able to transfer (by deed of trust) their right into the city's name and that payment for the right be delayed until the city has recovered the funds and sold all the ERU's involved with the city's purchase of 55 acre ft. of the water right. The City has a 20 year development schedule for their portion but the Quintells only have until 2013 to put the water to beneficial use or be faced with possible forfeit of the 25 ac. Their other option would be to sell the water rights further downstream. Everyone agreed that additional water for the city is probably not something we'd want to lose, but entering into another purchase agreement before we sell what we are currently purchasing could be a financial burden. Branch to continue working on obtaining info and terms, and what type of "open-ended agreement" could be agreed to by both parties, as well as what DOE would need re: transfer of the right.

Chief Warnstaff discussed complaint he'd received regarding boats creating wakes in the Okanogan River and that because the properties on both sides of the river from OLVMP to the Cherry Street bridge are within the city limits, it means that the city has jurisdiction and the OPD would need to enforce regulations. Clay and Chris Branch will work on an ordinance regarding "no wake zones". Other discussion included additional "no wake" signage and possible surplus zodiac boat for use by both the PD (enforcement) and the Fire Dept. (search and rescue).

Branch discussed the fact that local railroad access property is getting scarce and that he would like to do a sub-area plan, which would include the Jennings loop area and south to HWY 97. Chris will explore funding options and determine key players that need to be involved. While the Burlington Northern Railroad still owns frontage along the railway, access is becoming limited, which could restrict large industry growth.

Letter of Interest to serve on the Library Board was received from Amy Hefker. Mayor Spieth appointed Amy to the vacancy. Council confirmed Hefker's appointment.

Clerk reported on new copier lease proposal from Xerox for both the Police Dept. and the City Hall, as the current lease expire the end of August. New proposal add scanning to the City Hall machine, and both monthly rental fees are less than current rates. Motion by Koepke, seconded by Hart that the Mayor be authorized to sign lease. Motion carried.

Noel gave update on the status of the water service for the proposed Border Patrol Complex north of town. Information received has been forwarded to Varela and Associates for their review of impacts to the city's distribution system.

Hart requested that since the city has annexed certain areas, the following road name signs currently misspelled be corrected, which includes: Sawtells Road (Sawtell); Emery Street (Emry) and Bob Neil (Neal) Road.

Hart also reported he's been getting a lot of "dog" complaints. Warnstaff reported the PD now has a facebook page with photos of dogs picked up and placed in the pound and two dogs have been euthanized. Will keep working on the dog problems.

Hart also asked for an update on some recent burglaries. Warnstaff reported that there were three that were reported in town and he had solved all three, and is still working on vandalism that occurred at the Oroville High School.

Motion by Koepke and seconded by Roley the vouchers #11676-11720, \$50,591.21 be paid, the July 15 payroll of \$45,012.20, #11640-11668 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 8:23 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk